



Century and Sesquicentennial Farm Applications

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): WAYNE FINNERN

Main contact phone number: 507-327-8498 waynefinnern@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: PO BOX 467 OKOBOJI IA 51355
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: WAYNE FINNERN RUTH FINNERN STEPHENS

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm ATZ FARM has been in
(name of farm)

continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 380th AVE (** SEE NEXT PAGE) OKABENA MN 56161
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 17 Farm township: WEST HERON LAKE Farm county: JACKSON
(T103N)

Number of acres in the farm now: 194 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when?

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SECTION 17, LESS 6 ACRES; and SW 1/4 SECTION 17 T103N (WEST HERON LAKE)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>HENRY ATZ</u>	<u>50</u>	
Next owner <u>HOWARD ATZ</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>SON</u>
Next owner <u>WAYNE FINNERN</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>GRANDSON</u>
Next owner <u>RUTH FINNERN STEPHENS</u>		<u>GRAND DAUGHTER</u>
Next owner		

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- ☐ Abstract of title ☐ Land patent ☐ Court file in registration proceedings
☒ Original deed ☐ County land record ☒ Other ESTATE DECREE

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

(signature of present owner)

(date)

9-10-24

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? HERMAN AHRENS

How many acres were in the original parcel? 200

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$125

Where was the first family owner born? ILLINOIS

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? (SEE BELOW*)

When was the present home built? 1947 (SEE BELOW*)

What were the farm's major crops or products? CORN, SOYBEANS, OATS, ALFALFA, FED CATTLE + HOGS

Additional comments: (*) The building site (6 acres) was sold upon the death of son Howard atg. (**) The original building site (now sold) is 85556 380th ave, Okabena MN; the farm is across the road from St Johns Cemetery, 85277 380th ave, Okabena MN; the farm is north and east of the junction of 380th ave and 850th st, Okabena MN

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Mail application to:

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St. Paul, MN 55108-3003**

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Theresa M. Herding

Main contact phone number: 320 243-7249 Maryherding@yahoo.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 28712 190TH ST NE Paynesville MN 56362
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Theresa M Herding

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm HERDING, MANZ FARM has been in
(name of farm)

continuous agricultural operation since 1895 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 28712 190TH ST NE Paynesville MN 56362
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 2 Farm township: Roseville Farm county: Kandiyohi

Number of acres in the farm now: 160 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1895

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SE quarter of section 2,
in township 122 N. of 33 West Containing 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Herman & Anna Manz</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>Great Grandparents</u>
Next owner <u>Arlic & Ernestine Manz</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Grandparents</u>
Next owner <u>Jerome & Leone (Manz) Herding</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Mark & Theresa Herding</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>Current Owner</u>
Next owner		

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 ☐ Other

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Theresa M. Herding
(signature of present owner)

2-22-2025
(date)

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Ronald Fossell

Main contact phone number: 218 674-4286 Ronfossell@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 1637 320th Ave Kennedy Mn 56733
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Ronald Fossell

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Ron Fossell Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 160th Street Kennedy Mn 56733
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 3 Farm township: Davis Farm county: Kittson

Number of acres in the farm now: 79 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): N1/2Nw1/4 T.159, R48, Davis Township

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Erik Fossell</u>	<u>33</u>	
Next owner <u>Roy Fossell</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Ronald Fossell</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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- ☒ Abstract of title ☐ Land patent ☐ Court file in registration proceedings
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I hereby certify that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. RF

Ronald Fossell
(signature of present owner)

1/10/2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Leonard and Anna Kirchner

How many acres were in the original parcel? 79

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$55.00/Acre

Where was the first family owner born? Sweden

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? No; bare land

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

When was the present home built? NA

What were the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, barley, oats, sunflowers, hay

Additional comments: First farmer (Kirchner) purchased the land in 1907 from the St Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad, for \$868 (\$11/acre).

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Kate Grussing

Main contact phone number: 612 245-1090 kate@grussing.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 16167 Crosby Cove Rd. Wayzata MN 55391
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Kleva Ltd. Partnership, LLLP - which is comprised of myself & my mother

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Kleva (name of farm) has been in

continuous agricultural operation since 1882 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 2423 341st Street Dawson MN 56232
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 19 & 20 Farm township: 118 Farm county: Lac Qui Parle

Number of acres in the farm now: 209 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1882

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 & NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 20

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): _____

and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Robert Christianson</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>my Great Great Grandfather - original owner</u>
Next owner <u>Theodore, Richard, Ida, Leonard, Anna, Mary, Cora, & Curtis Roberts Surviving Children Christianson</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Living children of Robert</u>
Next owner <u>Theodore Christianson</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>son of Robert (he bought his siblings out)</u>
Next owner <u>Robert & Theodore Christianson</u>	<u>33 years</u>	<u>grandsons of Robert</u>
Next owner <u>Louise B. Christianson & Dorothy Christianson</u>	<u>> 1 year</u>	<u>daughter in laws - Louise bought Dorothy</u>
<u>Louise B. Christianson</u>	<u>17 years</u>	<u>daughter in law - see attachment out</u>

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- ☒ Abstract of title
☐ Original deed

- ☐ Land patent
☒ County land record

- ☐ Court file in registration proceedings
☐ Other

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

Katherine M Grussing
(signature of present owner)

Feb. 6, 2025
(date)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

-Continued

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner		Great Great Great Grandfather
Next owner Robert Christianson & Jean Grussing	20	great grandchildren
Next owner Andrea Ebbert, Ted Christianson, Kelly Bent, Kate Grussing	5	great great grandchildrea
Next owner Kate Grussing & Jean Grussing	2	Kate is great great granddaughter Jean is great granddaughter
Next owner		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Adeline and Kittel Danielson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$2000.00

Where was the first family owner born? Lac Qui Parle County

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? Yes

When was the present home built? 1892

What were the farm's major crops or products? wheat, alfalfa, corn, oats, barley

Additional comments: Theodore Christianson who was the son of Robert bought all his siblings out in 1936. He served as the 21st Governor of MN from Jan. 6, 1925 - Jan. 6, 1931. He also served in the MN House of Representatives for 5 terms & the US House of Representatives from 1932-1937.

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Carmen Bamlett
 Main contact phone number: 612 770-3310 carmen@thebamletts.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 12442 Princeton Ave Eden Prairie MN 55347
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Robert and Karmin Goerger

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Bauler/Goerger has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1904 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 2232 Highway 212 Madison MN 56256
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 17 Farm township: 117 Farm county: 44

Number of acres in the farm now: 225 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1904

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SW1/4 & E1/2NW1/4 LESS MN DOT PARCEL

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	1904-1944	Martin and Mary Bauler
Next owner	1944-1977	Benjamin and Cecelia (daughter) Goerger
Next owner	1977-2000	Martin (grandson) and Annette Goerger
Next owner	2000-current	Robert (great-grandson) and Karmin Goerger
Next owner		

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 ☒ County land record
 ☐ Other

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Robert Goerger Karmin Goerger 2-28-2025
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Andrew J. and Mary G. Farnham

How many acres were in the original parcel? 240 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$7,920 for all 240 acres

Where was the first family owner born? Martin Bauler born May 8, 1869 in Rittersdorf, Germany

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

If so, please list: He helped organize the Madison Farmers Mercantile & Elevator, the Madison Creamery and Madison Cooperative. He served as Hamlin Township Treasurer, and clerk of the school boards.

Was this a homestead? No

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? Yes, original home and 2 barns

When was the present home built? approximately 1925

What were the farm's major crops or products? farming corn, soybeans, wheat, oats; raising cattle and sheep

Additional comments: Benjamin and Cecelia Goerger raised 7 children on this farm site (Paul, Rosann, Marie, Doris, Ruth, Martin and Bernadine). Martin and Annette Goerger raised 4 children on this farm site (Robert, Richard, Curtis, Carmen), and Robert and Karmin Goerger raised 2 children on this farm (Grant and Kendra).

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Robert + Beverly Hiepler

Main contact phone number: 320-568-2543 bhiepler@farmerstel.net
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 3235 171st Avenue Bellingham MN 56212
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Robert + Beverly Hiepler

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Hiepler Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 3235 171st Avenue Bellingham MN 56212
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 8 Farm township: Perry Farm county: Lac Qui Parle

Number of acres in the farm now: 238.92 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SE 1/4 SE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4
and SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 8 Township 119, Range 45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Minnie + Bernhard Hiepler</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner <u>Manfred + Mildred Hiepler</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Robert + Beverly Hiepler</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>myself</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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 ☐ Other

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

Robert S. Hiepler
(signature of present owner)

2-27-25
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? My Grandmas father purchased the farm in 1910 and give it to Grandma + Grandpa in 1925

How many acres were in the original parcel? 2, 240

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? (Below) in additional comments

Where was the first family owner born? Germany ?

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

If so, please list: My father Manfred custom corn shelled

Myself Robert sells corn + soybean seed for seed company

Was this a homestead? No not by a Hiepler

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

When was the present home built? 1943

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Oats, Cows, Pigs + Chicken

Additional comments: United States to John A Marisjaren in 1881 for consideration of \$200.00 and a homestead patent in 1883 on 160 acres. My Grandma Minnies father John Boehnke purchased the farm from John Marisjaren 1910 for \$14,000 and gave it to Minnie + Ben Hiepler in 1925 for \$1.00. My father Manfred Hiepler purchased the farm in 1973, and I purchased the farm in 1998.

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Kristine Streich

Main contact phone number: 320-226-2463 dstreich@farmerstel.net
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 1436 200th ST Marietta MN 56257
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Donn and Kristine Streich

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Kriese Family Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1919 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: Marietta MN 56257
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 28 Farm township: Augusta Farm county: Lac qui Parle

Number of acres in the farm now: 261 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1919

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): NW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 less gravel
pit, N 1/2 NE 1/4 less begcor, W 2310', S 333', E 837', S to S

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>John E. Kriese, Sr + Mary Kriese</u>	<u>33</u>	
Next owner <u>Willis A Kriese, Sr</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>son</u>
Next owner <u>Willis D Kriese Jr. + Diane J. Brandley</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>grandson and granddaughter</u>
Next owner <u>Kristine S. + Donn Streich</u>	<u>to present</u>	<u>great granddaughter</u>
Next owner		

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Kristine Streich February 24, 2025
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Henry C. Paulson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 268.08

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$ 140

Where was the first family owner born? Elkport, Clayton County, Iowa

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? The building site was separated from the land in 1998

What were the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, wheat, soybeans, and hay

Additional comments: _____

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Mike Jindra
 Main contact phone number: 612-756-1799 mjindra61@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 39317 185th Ave Le Center MN 56057
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Michael & Melinda Jindra

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Jindra Family Farms has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1903 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 39317 185th Ave Le Center MN 56057
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 31 Farm township: Montgomery Farm county: Le Sueur
 Number of acres in the farm now: 100 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1903

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of
Section 31 T111 R23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Anna Holey</u> ^(widow) <u>1903-1911</u>	<u>8 years</u>	<u>Great, Great, Great grandma</u>
Next owner <u>Jacob C & Louise A Holey</u> ¹⁹¹¹ <u>1911-1939</u>	<u>28 years</u>	<u>Great, Great Grandparents</u>
Next owner <u>Raymond A & Ann Holey</u> ¹⁹³⁹ <u>1939-1988</u>	<u>49 years</u>	<u>Great Grandparents</u>
Next owner <u>Thomas G. & Lori J. Jindra</u> ¹⁹⁸⁸⁻²⁰²⁴ <u>1988-2024</u>	<u>36 years</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Michael R & Melinda M Jindra</u> <u>2024-present</u>	<u>2024-present</u>	

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 ☐ Other

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Michael Jindra
 (signature of present owner)

2-3-2025
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? originally bought from Emil Rosenau in 1903

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$4200

Where was the first family owner born? I believe in MN but very little records on her

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? I don't believe so.

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 house no but house other buildings yes built in 1922 we are still in.

When was the present home built? 1922

What were the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, corn, wheat, oats, soy?

Additional comments: We have many of the original documents, ~~and~~ deeds, mortgage releases, contracts, agreements, original abstract of title, probate court documents that were found when cleaning the house last year. We still farm 400 acres + cattle and hogs along with hay ground. I am a Sixth Generation farmer in hopes for the next generation to reach the "Sesquicentennial Farm" in 20+ years.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Dan Heldberg

Main contact phone number: 612 756-2258 dlheldberg@yahoo.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 32956 Cherry Creek Rd. LeSueur MN 56058
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Dan Heldberg

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Rolling Acres Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1924 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 32956 Cherry Creek Rd. LeSueur MN 56058
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 35 Farm township: Ottawa Farm county: LeSueur

Number of acres in the farm now: 455 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1924

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Original - One-Third of the NE
quarter of the SW quarter of Section 35-111-26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>William Heldberg</u>	<u>24-32</u> <u>8 yrs.</u>	
Next owner <u>Walter Heldberg</u>	<u>32-56</u> <u>24 yrs.</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Kermit Heldberg</u>	<u>56-2020</u> <u>64 yrs.</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner <u>Dan Heldberg</u>	<u>20-present</u> <u>4 yrs.</u>	<u>Great-Grandson</u>
Next owner		

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 ☐ County land record
 ☐ Other

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

Dan Heldberg 2-18-2025
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? J.C. Fay & Wife - Victor P. Fay - Minn

How many acres were in the original parcel? 40 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$117.20

Where was the first family owner born? don't know

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? 1932-33

What were the farm's major crops or products? Oats, Alfalfa, Corn & Soybeans

Additional comments: Dairy cattle, hogs & chickens

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Andrew Krenik

Main contact phone number: 952-223-7959
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 41485 293rd Ave Le Sueur MN 56058
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Andrew Krenik

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Krenik Family Farm (name of farm) has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1925 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 41485 293rd Ave Le Sueur MN 56058
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 8 Farm township: Cleveland Farm county: Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm now: 164.2 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): 114 acres, Section 8, Cleveland Township
5.613 of E 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec 8 49.04 acres + 33.72 acres in NW 1/4 Sec 8
Le Sueur County 5.387 of W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec 8 30.96 acres + 1.16 acres in SE 1/4 Sec 8

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Wencel Krenik</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>July 27, 1925</u>
Next owner <u>Robert Krenik</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>Dec 17, 1958</u> <u>Son of Original</u>
Next owner <u>Robert Krenik Estate</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>January 5, 2019</u> <u>Grandsons and Granddaughters</u>
Next owner <u>Andy Krenik</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>April 8, 2020</u> <u>Grandson</u>
Next owner		

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 ☒ County land record
 ☐ Other

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

Andy J. Krenik
(signature of present owner)

2/20/25
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Edward Everett

How many acres were in the original parcel? 114.88

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$4455.00

Where was the first family owner born? Lanesburgh Township, Le Sueur County, MN 1/10/1894

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? 1936

What were the farm's major crops or products? Originally Dairy, small grains, corn & hay

Additional comments: Legal description of this property is very complex.

Please contact me with any questions. Andy Krenik 2/20/25

(952)-223-7959

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Cindi Shore
 Main contact phone number: 612 860 6118 Cindi_shore@yahoo.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 12833 Nightingale St. NW Coon Rapids, MN 55448
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Michelle Hunt, Denise Palmer, Cynthia Shore

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Triple T-MDC Farm has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1911 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 48788 State Hwy 13 Waterville, MN 56096
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 16 Farm township: 109 Farm county: LeSueur County

Number of acres in the farm now: 60 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1911

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): N. 60 acres of East 1/2 of Southeast 1/4, Sec 16-109-23 LeSueur county

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Peter + Margaret</u>	<u>4-10-1911</u>	
Next owner <u>Clyde + Agatha Boughton</u>	<u>12-14-1936</u> <u>8-30-1977</u>	<u>Son and daughter-in-law</u>
Next owner <u>Melvin Carl Boemhildt + Shirley</u>	<u>8-30-1977</u>	<u>Grand daughter + husband</u>
Next owner <u>Diane LeMon</u>	<u>May 2, 1988</u>	<u>Great grand daughter +</u>
Next owner <u>Michelle Hunt, Denise Palmer, Cynthia Shore</u>	<u>June 2022 to present</u>	<u>Great-great grand daughters</u>

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☐ Original deed ☐ County land record ☒ Other phone conversation with LeSueur county

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Cynthia K. Shore
 (signature of present owner)

2/16/2025
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Hiram D. Cram and Myrtle P. Cram

How many acres were in the original parcel? 60 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? not available

Where was the first family owner born? unsure

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? He had some livestock

If so, please list: Pigs, Horses, Steer.

Was this a homestead? unknown

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

When was the present home built? Late 1890's

What were the farm's major crops or products? mainly corn and soy beans.

Additional comments: The present house was moved from the top of the hill to the present location ^{after} ~~prior~~ to 1936. It did not have indoor plumbing until late 1970's.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): David Nelson

Main contact phone number: 218-201-0534 dsen32@yahoo.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 38117 260th ST NW Warren MN 56762
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: David Nelson

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm D-J Nelson Farms Inc. has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1881 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 38117 260th ST NW Warren MN 56762
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 18 Farm township: Warrenton Farm county: Marshall

Number of acres in the farm now: 1412 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1881

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SW1/4 Section 18 Warrenton township

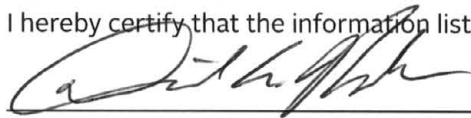
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	15	Anders Nilson <i>Owner</i>
Next owner	50	Andrew Nilson <i>Son</i>
Next owner	24	Oscar Nelson <i>Grandson</i>
Next owner	24	Donald Nelson <i>Great grandson</i>
Next owner	31+	David Nelson <i>Great Great Grandson</i>

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 ☐ Other

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 (signature of present owner)

4/6/2025
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Original Homestead

How many acres were in the original parcel? 151

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? 5 years of working the ground

Where was the first family owner born? Sweden

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? N/A

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? Just a few trees left there

When was the present home built? N/A

What were the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, Oats, Barley, Flax

Additional comments: Some where after 1910 Andrew changed the last name from Nilson to Nelson we cannot find any information as to why he did this. Guessing it was more American pronunciation of last name.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2024

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DEADLINE: MARCH 4, 2024

Main contact name(s): Darren & Tevi Maday
 Main contact phone number: 507-236-5802 507-236-5804 tevimaday@yahoo.com darmaday@bevcomm.net
 Main contact address: 207 NW 13th Street; PO Box 204; Granada, MN 56039
 Present owner of the farm: Darren & Tevi Maday

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm M^cNerney/Maday has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1894 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 2556 115th Street; Fairmont, MN 56031
 Farm section: 07 Farm township: 102 (Pleasant Prairie) Farm county: Martin

Number of acres in the farm now: 77 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1894

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? N/A

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 102 North, Range 29 West, Martin County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>(Anna C. M^cNerney)</u> <u>James T. M^cNerney</u>	<u>39</u>	
Next owner <u>Anna C. M^cNerney, et al.</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Widow (self) & her children & their spouses</u>
Next owner <u>Louis M. Maday & Marvis L. Maday</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>Granddaughter (& her husband)</u>
Next owner <u>Darren J. Maday & Tevi J. Maday</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Great grandson (& his wife)</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.

Darren J. Maday
 (signature of present owner)

4-17-2024
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Peter August Erickson & Christine Erickson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? _____

Where was the first family owner born? Martin County, Minnesota

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

If so, please list: N/A

Was this a homestead? Yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? NO (burnt down by arsonists)

When was the present home built? an existing home was moved from East Chain 1993

What were the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Rodney and Debra Laue

Main contact phone number: 507 399-9424 dlaue@yourstarnet.net
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 464 Cottonwood Road Fairmont MN 56031
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Rodney and Debra Laue

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Rodney and Debra Laue Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1884 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 353 190th Avenue Fairmont MN 56031
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 24 Farm township: 101 Farm county: Martin

Number of acres in the farm now: 160 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1894

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Twenty Four
(24), Township One Hundred One (101) North, Range Thirty One (31) West of Fifth Principal Meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	10-12-1894	Henry Laue, Great Grandfather
Next owner	9-4-1940	John C. Laue, Grandfather
Next owner	7-17-1950	Richard H. Laue, Father
Next owner	3-24-1992	Rodney and Debra Laue
Next owner		

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of title | <input type="checkbox"/> Land patent | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in registration proceedings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original deed | <input type="checkbox"/> County land record | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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

Rodney and Debra Laue

(signature of present owner)

July 5, 2024

(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Henry Rosenberg, Sr. and wife

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$32.50/acre, \$5200.00 total

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? 2011

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybean Rotation Crop

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Jaren + Tammy Howe

Main contact phone number: 507-430-9922 tamara_schueler@yahoo.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 19545 135th St. Hutchinson MN 55350
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Jaren + Tammy Howe

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Howe Holsteins has been in
(name of farm)

continuous agricultural operation since 1919 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 19336 135th St. Hutchinson MN 55350
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 36 Farm township: Lynn Farm county: McLeod

Number of acres in the farm now: 320 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1919

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): The East Half of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Elmer W. Howe 11/3/1919</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>Great - Grandpa of Jaren Howe</u>
Next owner <u>Elmer H. Howe + Emile M. Howe 2/20/1963</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>Grandpa + Grandma of Jaren Howe</u>
Next owner <u>Jaren + Tammy Howe 11/4/2011</u>	<u>14 +</u>	
Next owner		
Next owner		

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Jaren Howe 2/18/25
 (signature of present owner) (date)

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From whom was the farm purchased? Themselves, after they got married 11/4/1919

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$146/acre

Where was the first family owner born? Glencoe, MN

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No - dairy farm since its purchase.

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? _____

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

When was the present home built? Was here with purchase of farm!

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, alfalfa

Additional comments: The dairy barn burnt down in 1984 + was rebuilt to its current location in 1985. A great place for generations to dairy farm!

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Don or Mary Tschida

Main contact phone number: 320-360-5422 dmccheetah1980@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 23647 118th St. Pierz MN 56364
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Don + Mary Tschida

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Tschida Family Farm has been in
(name of farm)

continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 23647 118th St. Pierz MN 56364
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 26 Farm township: Agram Farm county: Morrison

Number of acres in the farm now: 160 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): 160 Acres - Section 26,
Township 040, Range 031, W 1/2 of SE 1/4 + E 1/2 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Martin Tschida</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>self</u>
Next owner <u>Martin E. Tschida</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Donald C. Tschida</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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 ☐ Other

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

Donald C. Tschida 2/10/25
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Joseph + Sophia Duschner

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? _____

Where was the first family owner born? Austria

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? _____

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

When was the present home built? 1879

What were the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY, CORN, SMALL GRAIN, ALFALFA

Additional comments: 1993 the DAIRY part of the farm ended. 1990 a Golden Plump Broiler Barn was constructed with a second BARN built in 2018.

Calvin Tschida (Don + Mary's son) will be the 4th generation to own the farm.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): James Stangl
 Main contact phone number: 320 468 6494 james239@centurytel.net
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 30436 133rd St Pierz MN 56364
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: James & Patricia Stangl Family

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm James & Patricia Stangl Family has been in
(name of farm)

continuous agricultural operation since 1906 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 30436 133rd St Pierz MN 56364
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 13 Farm township: Pierz Farm county: Morrison

Number of acres in the farm now: 200 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1906

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.):
E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 13 Twp. 40 Rge. 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>CONRAD STANGL</u>	<u>11</u>	
Next owner <u>JOSEPH STANGL</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>URBAN STANGL</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Grand Son</u>
Next owner <u>JAMES STANGL</u>	<u>30+</u>	<u>Great Grand Son</u>
Next owner		

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 ☐ 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. _____

James D. Stangl
 (signature of present owner)

2-22-2025
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Northern Pacific Railroad Co.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$8.50

Where was the first family owner born? Imenschlag Lower Austria

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

If so, please list: Worked for parent's business in Austria as Secerary to Salesman, State Duty (Military) in 1875, Construction

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? 1908

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Oats, Hay, Soybeans

Additional comments: Conrad Stangl came to America in 1881 and became a US Citizen in 1897.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Donald & Marilyn Calkins
 Main contact phone number: 507-754-5414 480-984-0465 dncalkins@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 536 Elliot Dr SE Grand Meadow Mn 55936
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Donald Calkins

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Calkins Farm has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1920 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 26288 730 Ave Grand Meadow Mn 55936
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 12 Farm township: 103 (Range 15) Farm county: Mower
 Number of acres in the farm now: 116.5 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1920

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): W 1/2 SW 1/4 (EXC W 335 FT
S 460 FT N 1230 FT) + W 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Charles R Calkins</u>	<u>12</u>	
Next owner <u>Mary Calkins</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Wife of Charles</u>
Next owner <u>Leo & Effie Calkins</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Son of Charles</u>
Next owner <u>Effie Calkins</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>(wife of Leo) daughter in law of Charles</u>
Next owner <u>Don Calkins</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>grandson of Charles</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. _____

Donald Calkins
 (signature of present owner)

10-19-2024
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? My mother after her death

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$210⁰⁰ per acre

Where was the first family owner born? Iowa

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? Yes

When was the present home built? Built before bought in 1920 but added onto

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, hay & oats

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Steve Klask

Main contact phone number: 404-640-8308 steve.klask@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 3305 Southshore Cir Commung GA 30041
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Steve Klask, Daniel Klask, Peter Klask

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Klask Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 2930 210TH Ave Ada MN 56510
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 1 Farm township: McDonaldsville Farm county: NORMAN

Number of acres in the farm now: 322.10 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): 1-144-46 AC 322.10 W 1/2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Carl Klask</u>	<u>1925-1955</u> <u>30 yrs</u>	<u>Original</u>
Next owner <u>Marie Klask</u>	<u>1955-1967</u> <u>12 yrs</u>	<u>Wife</u>
Next owner <u>Walter Klask</u>	<u>1967-1997</u> <u>30 yrs</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Stewart Klask</u>	<u>1997-2022</u> <u>25 yrs</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner <u>Steve, Daniel, Peter Klask</u>	<u>2022-Present</u> <u>3 yrs</u>	<u>Great Grandsons</u>

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 ☐ 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. _____

Steve Klask 1/25/25
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Albert + Ethlen Clipson, Husband + Wife

How many acres were in the original parcel? 325 more or less

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? Total cost unknown but the Mortgage was for \$11,000. Approx \$34/Ac

Where was the first family owner born? WiegeseN, Germany 1873

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? He was a butcher in Germany and worked in the coal mines after coming to the US in 1902. He apparently

If so, please list: farmed the McDowaldsville Farm starting in 1917 or before and was able to purchase the farm in 1925

Was this a homestead? _____

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? The original home was replaced by the currently standing home in 1937. One photo indicates that they were living on the farm by 1918

When was the present home built? And family conversations suggested they lived on an adjacent farmstead prior to moving onto this section and farm.

What were the farm's major crops or products? Small grains + potatoes

Additional comments: Carl and Marie were Methodist church christians. This farm never saw work being done on Sundays as long as Carl was alive. There was no drinking, no dancing and no "Bad" language. Their first two children died before Carl and Marie came to the US and, once here, they raised seven children on the McDowaldsville Farm.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Darrell Luhmann, Travis Luhmann, Alyssa Luhmann

Main contact phone number: 507 272-4807 vrieze.alysa@mayo.edu
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 515 80th Street SE Rochester MN 55904
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Darrell Luhmann

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Luhmann Farms has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 2/15/1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 503 80th Street SE Rochester MN 55904
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 11 Farm township: High Forest Farm county: Olmsted

Number of acres in the farm now: 415 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? NA

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SE 1/4 of section 11 and the
west 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 12, all in township township 105 North range 14

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	1925-1941 (16yrs)	Emil J. Nietz & Herbert Nietz & Richard Nietz (brothers)
Next owner	1941-1947 (6yrs)	Otto Nietz, brother to above owners and husband to Minnie Nietz. Otto died 1946 records updated 1947
Next owner	1947-1957 (10yrs)	Minnie Nietz Wife of Otto Nietz & Mother to Elaine (Nietz) Luhmann
Next owner	1957-1979 (22yrs)	Wilmer & Elaine (Nietz) Luhmann. Wilmer died in 1973 leaving ownership to Elaine. Parents of Darrell Luhmann
Next owner	1979-present(46yrs)	Darrell & Delora Luhmann. Delora passed away 1996 and sole ownership went to Darrell Luhmann

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 ☐ 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. Yes

Darrell Luhmann 2/26/25
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? John & Bertha Acker

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? Collectively, the brothers paid \$1,289.35 which comes to around \$16/acre

Where was the first family owner born? Emil, Richard & Herbert were born in Olmsted, Minnesota

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

If so, please list: According to census records Emil & Herbert were also electricians and Richard Nietz

lists city police force

Was this a homestead? Yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? Yes - house, barn, well house

When was the present home built? 1910 (Zillow)

What were the farm's major crops or products? Oats and Hemp for rope production

Additional comments: Wilmer Luhmann died in a farming accident on the farm.

Darrell currently runs a dairy & crop farm operation with his son, Travis, who the farm will pass to.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Edith Korkowski

Main contact phone number: 218 639-2572 edith@salomfg.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 101 County Highway 19 Bluffton MN 56518
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Dean and Cheri Endres

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Endres Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1904 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 59830 Century Road Bluffton MN 56518
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 20 Farm township: Bluffton Farm county: Ottertail

Number of acres in the farm now: 350 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1904

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Sect 20 Twp 135 Range 36
the NE quarter of the SW quarter and the NW quarter of the SW quarter

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	32	John Endres - original family owner
Next owner	43	Alphonse Endres - son
Next owner	45	Dean Endres - grandson
Next owner		
Next owner		

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|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of title | <input type="checkbox"/> Land patent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court file in registration proceedings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original deed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County land record | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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

Dean Endres
(signature of present owner)

12/30/2024
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? C.W.H. Beyer of Poweshiek County in Iowa

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$100 per acre

Where was the first family owner born? Luxembourg Germany

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

If so, please list: Lumberjack during winter months

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? 1995

What were the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, hogs, chickens, eggs, produce

Additional comments: John Endres (original owner) helped dig original well for the creamery; the day it opened, was 6th patron to sign up. Family held that # until it closed in 2002. John signed the original articles of incorporation for City of Bluffton. Prior to ownership, farm was a RR holding corral for cattle being shipped by rail, as it had the only watering hole in the area. Original house was built with lumber from Bluffton lumberyard, present barn built 1959 with repurposed lumber from Bluffton grain elevator.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Lynell Wayne

Main contact phone number: 218-686-6661 rlwayne@live.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 11345 150th Ave NE Thief River Falls MN 56701
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Robert and Lynell Wayne

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Agassiz Acres (name of farm) has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1915 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 11345 150th Ave NE Thief River Falls MN 56701
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 27 Farm township: Rocksbury Farm county: Pennington
739 1915

Number of acres in the farm now: _____ Year of original purchase by a member of your family: _____

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): East 1/2 of the SE quarter of Section 27, Rocksbury Township of Pennington County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <small>Knud and Liv Finstad</small>	13	Original Family Owner
Next owner <small>Martin and Julia Finstad</small>	41	Son of Knud
Next owner <small>Joseph and Virginia Armstrong</small>	38	Granddaughter of Knud
Next owner <small>Robert and Lynell Wayne</small>	18	Great Granddaughter of Knud
Next owner		

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

Lynell Wayne Robert Wayne 2/10/2025
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Wesley J. Ott

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$26 per acre

Where was the first family owner born? Finstad Osterdalen, 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? No

When was the present home built? 1980

What were the farm's major crops or products? Oats, wheat, barley, soybeans, sunflowers, cattle and eggs

Additional comments: The farm has been passed down for 110 years, and will be passed down to our daughters.

Knud was married to his wife Liv in Crookston, Minnesota, prior to moving to their homestead in Rocksbury.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Betty Sikkink
 Main contact phone number: 320 384 6767 betty.sikkink@icloud.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 23767 Sikkink Rd Hinckley MN 55037
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Betty Sikkink Carlson

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Sikkink Farms has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 23767 Sikkink Rd Hinckley MN 55037
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 29 Farm township: Berry Farm county: Pine

Number of acres in the farm now: 150 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 80 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Sec 29 Twp 041 Range 020

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>J.A. - Hattie Sikkink</u>	<u>8 yrs</u>	
Next owner <u>Stuart Elizabeth Sikkink</u>	<u>67 yrs</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Betty Sikkink</u>	<u>25 yrs</u>	<u>Grand daughter</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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 ☐ Other

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

Betty Sikkink Carlson Jan 15, 2025
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Evaline Culmer

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$80

Where was the first family owner born? Wisconsin

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? Yes

When was the present home built? Present House 1950

What were the farm's major crops or products? Milk Cows, Beef Pigs + Sheep.

Additional comments: See attached.

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In 1896, JA Sikkink and his father, who had immigrated from Holland, arrived in Hinckley to find farmland. Most of JA's siblings were born in Holland, but he was the youngest, born in America. They sought land free of rocks, and a local agent directed them southeast of Hinckley. After digging and inspecting the soil, JA purchased his first piece of land that year. He expanded his holdings in 1925.

JA farmed with milk cows, sheep, and horses, annually selling workhorses to the railroad company in Duluth. In 1933, his son Stuart and his wife Elizabeth bought 80 acres from him, continuing the family tradition of farming with dairy cows, sheep, and chickens, while also raising feed for his livestock. Stuart farmed actively into the 1990s, after which his son Donal Sikkink took over and continues to farm the land to this day.

Donall

No. 38

Evaline Culmer (signed "Mrs.
Evaline Culmer"), widow of L. G.
Culmer.

To

J. A. Sikkink.

Free from all incumbrances except a mortgage of \$3500 to The Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul, upon which there is a balance of \$3365.90 principal due as of July 18, 1925, which mortgage second party hereby assumes and agrees to pay.

Sealed. 2 Witnesses. Acknowledged October 14, 1925 before Notary Public, DeKalb County, Minnesota.
Notarial Seal.

No. 39

J. A. Sikkink and Hattie R.
Sikkink, his wife,

To

Evaline Culmer.

WARRANTY DEED

Dated: October 1, 1925

Filed: December 21, 1925 at 4 P. M.

Recorded in Book 67 of Deeds, page 597

Consideration: \$6400.00

Covers: The E½ of SW¼ of Sec. 29 in
Twp. 41, Range 20, containing 80 acres,
more or less, according to the United States
Government survey thereof.

MORTGAGE DEED

Dated: October 20, 1925

Filed: December 21, 1925 at 4 P. M.

Recorded in Book 54 of Mtgs., page 191

Consideration: \$1400.00

Covers: The E½ of SW¼ of Sec. 29 in
Twp. 41, Range 20, containing eighty acres,
more or less, according to the United
States Government survey thereof.

Due two years.

Sealed. 2 Witnesses.

Acknowledged October 20, 1925 before
Notary Public, Pine County, Minnesota.
Notarial Seal.

No. 40

In Probate Court, Pine County.

FINAL DEED

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Jeffrey Walker

Main contact phone number: 320 554-6205 jcwalker5981@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 16449 110th St Villard MN 56385
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Jeffrey & Cynthia Walker

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Walker (name of farm) has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1925 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 16449 110th St Villard MN 56385
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 12 Farm township: Leven Farm county: Pope

Number of acres in the farm now: 119 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SECT-12 TWP-126-Rang 37 Gls 2 & 3

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Lawrence L. Walker & Mabel Walker</u>	<u>1925-1967</u>	
Next owner <u>Lawrence S. Walker & Marilyn Walker</u>	<u>1967-1992</u>	<u>son</u>
Next owner <u>Jeffrey & Cynthia Walker</u>	<u>1992-present</u>	<u>grandson</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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 ☐ Land patent
 ☐ Court file in registration proceedings
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 ☐ County land record
 ☐ Other

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

Jeffrey L Walker

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? James and Anne Adolphsen

How many acres were in the original parcel? 198

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$70/per acre \$14,000 for the farm

Where was the first family owner born? Correctionville, IA

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? worked at the elevator

If so, please list: in Villard

Was this a homestead? No

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

When was the present home built? 1952, after original house burned

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

Additional comments: milked cows and raised pigs and chickens.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Karen Tauber

Main contact phone number: 320 283-5837
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 12333 County Road 15 Lowry MN 56349
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Karen R Tauber Trust

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm _____ has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1892 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 12333 County Road 15 Lowry MN 56349
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 16 Farm township: Reno Farm county: Pope

Number of acres in the farm now: 130.05 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1892

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Sect -16, Twp-126 - Range-38
N 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 E 1/2 NW 1/4 EX PTNE 1/4 NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner		
Next owner <u>Joseph Chan</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>original family owner</u>
Next owner <u>Joseph T. Chan</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>son</u>
Next owner <u>Maynard & Rose Chan</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>grandson</u>
Next owner <u>Karen Tauber family trust</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Great grand daughter</u>

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? _____

How many acres were in the original parcel? _____

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? _____

Where was the first family owner born? _____

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? yes

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

When was the present home built? 1956

What were the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Hogs, Eggs, Corn, Oats, Alfalfa

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Tom Rothmeier
 Main contact phone number: 507-828-1974 toms69bee@yahoo.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 22414 Ocean Ave Clements MN 56224
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Tom Rothmeier

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Homeplace Farm has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1900 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 38666-240th St. (44.39262°N, 95.01244°W) Clements MN 56224
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 26 Farm township: 111 Farm county: Redwood

Number of acres in the farm now: 160 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1900

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): The Northwest Quarter of Section
Number Twenty-Six, in Township Number One Hundred Eleven North of Range Number
Thirty-five, West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, containing One Hundred Sixty acres, more or less,
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP according to the United States government.

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>John Rothmeier</u>	<u>65</u>	
Next owner <u>Annie Rothmeier</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>grandpa</u>
Next owner <u>Christine Schmoell (Rothmeier)</u> <u>Kathleen Johnson (Rothmeier)</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>great grandpa</u>
Next owner <u>Thomas Rothmeier</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>great grandpa</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. _____

Tom Rothmeier 2/24/25
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Joseph Kein

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? _____

Where was the first family owner born? ~~Germany~~ Austria

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? Yes

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

When was the present home built? 1920s

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Sugar beets

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Thomas L. Koeberl

Main contact phone number: 320 522-1495 tlkoeberl@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 89843 440th Street Hector MN 55342
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Thomas Koeberl

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Thomas Koeberl Farm has been in
(name of farm)

continuous agricultural operation since 1923 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 89843 440th Street Hector MN 55342
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 3 Farm township: Osceola Farm county: Renville

Number of acres in the farm now: 174.56 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1923

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): The Northeast Quarter of Section Three (3),
Township 116, Range 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Fredrick Koeberl</u>	<u>45</u>	
Next owner <u>Lloyd Koeberl</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>Son of Fredrick and Emma Koeberl</u>
Next owner <u>Thomas Koeberl</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Grandson of Fredrick and Emma Koeberl</u>
Next owner		
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. _____

Thomas L. Koeberl
(signature of present owner)

Feb 21, 2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Henry Wendorff

How many acres were in the original parcel? 174.56

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$61.26/acre

Where was the first family owner born? Fredrick was born in Pocahontas, Missouri

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

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? 1954

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, hay, laying hens, milked Gurnsey cows

Additional comments: Fredrick left Pocahontas, Missouri, in his late teens or early twenties looking for better land, finding jobs along the way using his carpentry skills to support himself. He settled in the area, through the kindness of some people in the neighborhood that he did carpentry work for. At one point he lived in a earthen house dug into the side of a hill near by the present farm. A caring neighbor took him in through the cold winter! Fred lost his left arm in a farm machinery (continued)

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(Comments continued from Century Farms Application)

accident in the Fall of 1930, at the age of 42. He continued to farm, milk cows and raised crops to feed them. In later years, up to retirement, he had laying hens feeding and collecting eggs daily.

The first son, Lloyd, was nine months old in the Fall of 1930. Fred and Emma had seven children, five daughters and two sons. Lloyd would help his father starting at a young age. He attended Country School through the 8th grade. Electing not to go onto high school, as to assist Fred with the farm and start farming crops, cattle and hogs himself. Lloyd purchased other farms besides the home farm through his career. He raised corn, soybeans, oats, wheat, canning crops and sugar beets, along with his farrow to finish hog operation.

Lloyd's first son, Thomas, joined the operation in 1978, after attending the University of Minnesota – Waseca for a two-year AAS degree in diversified agriculture. Tom and Lloyd farmed together up until Lloyd's partial retirement in 1993. Tom then began taking over the farm operations. While the hog operation ceased in 2008, crop raising continues today.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Rachel Kurth

Main contact phone number: 715 307 7847 rachelcoynekurth@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 10240 CSAH 10 Cosmos MN 56228
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Michael & Kacie Kurth

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Kurth Haven Farms has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1899 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 54174 890th Avenue Stewart MN 55385
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 4 Farm township: Boon Lake Farm county: Renville

Number of acres in the farm now: 118 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1899

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? —

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Northeast Quarter of the Southwest
Quarter (NE 1/4 of SW 1/4); Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of SW 1/4) and Government Lot 3 in
Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) All in section 4 (4) Township
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP One hundred sixteen (116) North, Range 31 (31)
West of the Fifth Principal Meridian

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Karl Pless</u>	<u>1906-1925</u>	<u>Original owner</u>
Next owner <u>Otto Pless</u>	<u>1925-1957</u>	<u>Son of original owner</u>
Next owner <u>Gladys Pless George Kurth</u>	<u>1957-1974</u>	<u>Son-in-law of original owner</u>
Next owner <u>Leroy Kurth</u>	<u>1974-2016</u>	<u>great grandson of original owner</u>
Next owner <u>Michael Kurth</u>	<u>2016-current</u>	<u>current owner / great great grandson of original</u>

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

[Signature]
(signature of present owner)

2/27/2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Rudolph Schmandt sold to Karl Pless Dec. 10th 1906

How many acres were in the original parcel? 100

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$14

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? Barn

When was the present home built? 1971

What were the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, wheat, barley, corn

Additional comments: See attached

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Karl Pless Farm to KurthHaven Farms: 126 Years of History

Like many others at the time, Karl Pless left Germany in 1891 to escape the political turmoil the country was facing. On May 1, 1891, Karl, his wife, Emilie, and their infant daughter arrived in America. They moved to Minnesota and had a son, Otto. Carl worked as a hired hand for one year in Acoma township and followed that by renting a farm in Boon Lake township for seven years.

Eight years after arriving in Minnesota, Karl purchased 100 acres in Boon Lake Township and founded what was then known as the Karl Pless Farm. The barn was built in 1912 and still stands today. When the time came for Karl's son, Otto, to purchase the farm in 1951, he and his wife, Mabel, continued to work the land, milk cows, and care for horses and hogs.

Otto's daughter, Gladys, caught the eye of a young farmer down the road, George Kurth. In 1957, George and Gladys purchased the farm from her father. Together, they had ten kids and milked cows for a time at both Gladys' home farm, and George's home farm, where they raised their family. In 1965, their eldest child, Leroy graduated high school and entered the military in 1966, serving for two years. In the spring of 1969, he began renting the farm from his father and feeding hogs. By fall of 1969, Leroy had purchased a small group of cows and his maternal grandparents farm from his parents to begin his dairy herd. In 1971, Leroy married Susan Schiro, a local dairy girl, and together they founded the farm as we know it today, KurthHaven Farms.

Together Leroy and Sue have built a rich life, not necessarily in dollars, but in a strong faith, an extensive family, and a tremendous respect for the land and animals they were called to be the stewards of. Their four children grew up on the farm and the farm has celebrated several milestones since 1971.

1974: Leroy & Sue purchased the farm

1975: Addition to the original barn and the addition of a barn cleaner

1978: A milk pipeline was added throughout the barn

1982: The herd is now home to Registered Holsteins

1995: A second addition to the barn, a new silo erected, and a feed mixer was purchased

Leroy and Sue, their four kids, and nine grandchildren continued to run the farm together through the millennium.

In 2016, the farm was sold to Leroy's oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Kacie. With their three kids, they moved to the farm and took ownership, while Leroy moved just across the field and remains the feeder of cows. Today the farm is still fully family owned and operated, with three generations active every day on the farm. Upon graduation from college, Michael's son, Chandler, and his niece, Sierra, have taken on active roles on the farm. Michael's sister, Kari, is the main calf feeder. In addition to the dairy cows, the family harvests corn, hay, and beans. In 2024, KurthHaven Farms earned two All-American nominations for excellence showing Registered Holsteins, built a new calf barn, and has been named the Renville County Farm Family of the Year for 2025.

A legacy over 125 years in the making, the goal of the next generation of Kurths is to continue to build on the foundation their family laid for them in 1899.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Michelle Marie Gibbs

Main contact phone number: 507 430-1592 gibbsmn@hotmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 34800 Legrand Ave Redwood Falls MN 56283
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Donald and Edna Wertish

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Donald & Edna Wertish has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1918 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 32791 720th Ave / 32575 720th Ave Morton MN 56270
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 02 Farm township: Beaver Falls Farm county: Renville

Number of acres in the farm now: 320 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1918

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Sect-02 TWP-113 RANG-35 E2 of NE4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	53	Anton & Jenny Wertish
Next owner	6	Raymond & Irma Wertish
Next owner	3	Raymond & Irma Wertish Irrev Trust
Next owner	45	Donald & Edna Wertish
Next owner		

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☐ Other

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

Donald Wertish
(signature of present owner)

2/26/25
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Alfred Erickson & wife

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$10,000

Where was the first family owner born? Renville County

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

If so, please list: Jennie was a Homemaker. Anton was also a gas station owner.

Was this a homestead? Yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? Not the house, but a barn is

When was the present home built? 1971 / 2001

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Eggs, Milk, Pork, Beef, Chickens

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Michael J. Pesta

Main contact phone number: 612 756-2948 mjpesta@farmstgmaill.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 10390 150th St. West MONTGOMERY MN. 56069
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Michael J. Pesta

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Pesta Family Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 10390 150th St. West MONTGOMERY MN. 56069
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 4 Farm township: Shieldsville Farm county: Rice

Number of acres in the farm now: 160 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): NE 1/4 of section 4 in Township
110 N, Range 22 West Rice County MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Joseph + Mary Pesta</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>GRANDSON</u>
Next owner <u>John + Marcella Pesta</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>SON</u>
Next owner <u>Michael J. Pesta</u>	<u>43</u>	
Next owner		
Next owner		

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 ☐ Other

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

Michael J. Pesta
(signature of present owner)

01-19-2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Thomas and Katherine Ceplecha

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$ 24,200.00

Where was the first family owner born? Bohemia, Czechoslovakia

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? 1920

What were the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, hogs, chickens, ducks, corn, oats, Alfalfa

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Amy Swenson (owner's daughter)

Main contact phone number: 612 201-3176 amyswenson@comcast.net
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 16531 26th Ave N Plymouth MN 55447
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Hallie and Donna Paulson

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm The Paulson Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1906 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 1938 140th Ave Hardwick MN 56134
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 36 Farm township: 104 Farm county: Rock

Number of acres in the farm now: 170.78 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1906

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? NA

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): *

The W 1/2 of SW4 of Section 36, in township 104 N, of Range 45, W of the 5th PM.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	15	JL Tenderholt (1906) - Original Owner
Next owner	5	Christian Tinderholt (1921) - Son
Next owner	10	Agatha Paulson (1926) - Grand Daughter
Next owner	34	Hallie Adrian Paulson (1936) - Great Grandson
Next owner	54	Hallie Hale and Donna Paulson (1970) - Great Great Grandson - Current Owner

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

Hallie Paulson
(signature of present owner)

6/01/2024

(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? JL Tenderholt purchased the land from Angeline A Grant, Widow

How many acres were in the original parcel? 157.47 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$8308

Where was the first family owner born? Norway

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? No - Investment

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

When was the present home built? 1906; updated in 1937

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans, Alfalfa, Wheat

Additional comments: Currently farmed by Hallie and Donna Paulson; land in trust for their children.

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Mail application to:

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St. Paul, MN 55108-3003**

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Richard Opsata

Main contact phone number: 507 283.9376 rich.opsata@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 110 W. Luverne St. Luverne MN 56156
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Richard and Ruth (Kruse) Opsata

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Kruse has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1918 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 925 81st Street Luverne MN 56156
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 30 Farm township: 102 Farm county: Rock

Number of acres in the farm now: 140 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1918

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): The Southwest Quarter of Section 30
in Township 102 North, of Range 45 West of the 5th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	1918-1919	Henry Kruse
Next owner	1919-1957	Minnie (Borhcers) Kruse (widow of Henry) and their children
Next owner	1957-2002	Roy Kruse (son of Henry)
Next owner	2002-2012	Dan Kruse and Ruth (Kruse) Opsata (grandchildren of Henry)
Next owner	2012-present	Ruth (Kruse) and Richard Opsata (granddaughter of Henry and her husband)

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☒ Abstract of title
☐ Original deed

☐ Land patent
☐ County land record

☐ Court file in registration proceedings
☐ Other

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

Richard Opsata
(signature of present owner)

2/15/2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Arie G and Alida Roggen & Gerrit A and Johanna Roggen

How many acres were in the original parcel? 150.16 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$134.86 per acre

Where was the first family owner born? Iowa

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? 2014

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

Additional comments: Henry Kruse purchased this property in 1918 and died just a year later, a casualty of the 1918 influenza pandemic. The land was held in his estate until 1923 when it was finally probated to his widow Minnie and their 6 children (Hannah, Carl, Vernie, Amber, Roy, and Caroline) who were 4-20 years old at the time of his death. Minnie died in 1956 Roy was given sole ownership. Upon Roy's death, it passed to his daughter & son (Ruth and Dan). In 2012, Dan sold his half to Ruth.

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Mail application to:

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Eric L. Kukowski

Main contact phone number: 218-242-2135 cmkfarms22@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: P.O. Box 61 Greenbush MN 56726
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Carol Kukowski, Eric Kukowski & Savanah Kukowski Warne

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm CMK FARMS INC. has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1902 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 16857 County Road 102 Greenbush MN 56726
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 30 Farm township: 161 North Farm county: Roseau

Number of acres in the farm now: 2,147.96 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1902

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SE¹/₄ of Section 30, in Township 161
North, Range 43 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>August P. Kukowski</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>Original owner - Patentee</u>
Next owner <u>August A. Kukowski</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Marshall D. Kukowski</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner <u>Marshall & Carol Kukowski</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Grandson & his wife</u>
Next owner <u>Eric Kukowski & Savanah Kukowski</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Great Grandson & Great Great Granddaughter</u>

Warne

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 ☐ Other

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Eric Kukowski
(signature of present owner)

1-18-25
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead Patent - USA

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? Unknown - Patent

Where was the first family owner born? Winona, Winona County, Minnesota

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

If so, please list: Blacksmith shop on the property

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? 1994

What were the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, Oats, Flax, Cattle & Horses

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): ^{J.M.} JAMES Bernat

Main contact phone number: 218 242-1181 (area code) (phone number) jbernat@mn.cable.net (email address)

Main contact address: 1005 6TH ST SE. (street) ROSEAU (city) MN (state) 56751 (zip)

Present owner of the farm: ^{J.M.} JAMES AND JUDY Bernat

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Bernat (name of farm) has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1918 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: Rural Route (street) STRATHCONA (city) MN (state) 56751 (zip)

Farm section: 14 Farm township: POPULAR GROVE Farm county: ROSEAU

Number of acres in the farm now: 440 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1989

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when?

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SW 1/4 Sec 14 159N Range 41W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner John and Annie Bernat	33	
Next owner John and Ann Bernat	33	SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW
Next owner Ann Bernat	5	DAUGHTER IN LAW "SURVIVING SPOUSE"
Next owner JAMES AND JUDY Bernat	36	GRAND SON & WIFE
Next owner		

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 ☐ 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.

James Bernat
(signature of present owner)

2-11-25
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Alvin Johnson and Alma Johnson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 40

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? _____

Where was the first family owner born? Slovakia

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? GARAGE, GARAGE, QUON SET
Silo, Smoke House

When was the present home built? TRAILER HOUSE

What were the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY, HAY AND SMALL GRAINS

Additional comments: _____

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Scott Johnson
 Main contact phone number: (507) 317-4211 sojohnson22@hotmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 1912 Orchard Rdg. St. Peter MN 56082
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Ronald Harris Johnson

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Johnson Family Farms has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 51656 340TH St. Winthrop MN 55396
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 34 Farm township: 112 Alfsgborg Farm county: Sibley
 Number of acres in the farm now: 80 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925
 Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____
 Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): _____

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Maurits Johnson</u>	<u>1925-1973</u> <u>48</u>	
Next owner <u>Russell Johnson</u>	<u>1973-1983</u> <u>10</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Ronald Johnson</u>	<u>1983-current</u> <u>42</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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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. _____

Ronald Harris Johnson
 (signature of present owner)

1-21-2025
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Ida Larson, Franz Hed, Josephine Hed

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$106.25 per acre

Where was the first family owner born? Smaland, Sweden

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

If so, please list: Cattle Buyer

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? 1930

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, alfalfa, wheat

Additional comments: Also had Dairy & chickens

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): ORLIN KURTZWEG

Main contact phone number: 507 - 380-0844
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 43086 220th ARLINGTON MINN 55307
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: ORLIN KURTZWEG

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm ORLIN KURTZWEG (name of farm) has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1887 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 43086 220th ARLINGTON MINN 55307
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 36 Farm township: NEW AUBURN Farm county: Sibley

Number of acres in the farm now: 80 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: Yes

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of section 36
town 114 range 28 Sibley County Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>S.R. MARTIN KURTZWEG</u>	<u>1887</u>	
Next owner <u>WILLIAM KURTZWEG</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>SON</u>
Next owner <u>RALPH KURTZWEG</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>GRAND SON</u>
Next owner <u>ORLIN KURTZWEG</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND SON</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. _____

Orlin Kurtzweg
 (signature of present owner)

2-10-2025
 (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? RALPH KURTZWEG MY DAD

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? _____

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? BARN

When was the present home built? 1971

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

Additional comments: _____

Feel free to attach any additional files if you have run out of space above.

Mail application to:

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2024

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DEADLINE: MARCH 4, 2024

Main contact name(s): Aaron & Rachel Braun
Main contact phone number: 320-260-6960 320-293-1760 rbestgen@hotmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
Main contact address: 21177 368th Ave Belgrade MN 56312
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
Present owner of the farm: Aaron & Rachel Braun

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Braun Family farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 2024 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 21177 368th Ave Belgrade MN 56312
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
Farm section: 30 Farm township: Lake Henry Farm county: Stearns

Number of acres in the farm now: 169.6 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1887
Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): 196.12A SA 4 of Sec 155
SE48EA Sec 30 & E2NE4 Sec 31 or parcel 16.05765.0000

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner: <u>John Braun</u>	<u>2024</u>	
Next owner: <u>Mike Braun</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner: <u>Greg Braun</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner: <u>Aaron Braun</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Great Grandson</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. _____

Rachel B
(signature of present owner)

1-16-24
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? John Peterson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 169.9

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? ?

Where was the first family owner born? Spring Hill township

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? Barn

When was the present home built? 2002

What were the farm's major crops or products? Milk, Corn, Soy beans, Hay

Additional comments: _____

Feel free to attach any additional files if you have run out of space above.

Mail application to:

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Bob Zierden + Lisa Zierden

Main contact phone number: 320-260-1059 allenbradly1@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 33656 Co Rd. 41 Albany MN 56307
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Clarence Zierden

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Zierden Farm has been in
(name of farm)

continuous agricultural operation since 1896 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 33638-315th Ave Melrose MN 56352
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 30 Farm township: Oak Farm county: Stearns

Number of acres in the farm now: 171 acres Year of original purchase by a member of your family: Home

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): NW 1/4 + the West 22 acres
of the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sect 30 + the West 26.84 rods of the South
17.91 rods of the SW 1/4 + SW 1/4 of Sect 19 All in township 125 North Range 32W
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Casper Zierden</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
Next owner <u>George Zierden</u>		<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Clarence Zierden</u>		<u>Present owner</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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 ☐ County land record
 ☐ Other

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Clarence Zierden
(signature of present owner)

2/16/25
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Grandfather was original owner

How many acres were in the original parcel? 105 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? Donated by Grandfather

Where was the first family owner born? Twin Cities

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 - Farm house - Barn + Sheds

When was the present home built? 1924 Farm house Built

What were the farm's major crops or products? corn and oats

Additional comments: _____

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Filed for Record the 24th day of December
A. D. 1896, at 11 o'clock P. M.
John H. Gurnea
Register of Deeds.
By _____ Deputy.

Benard and Kenneth of the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, of the first part, of the second part,
 WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of \$500.00, Dollars, in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby GRANT, RAVENHILL, ELLA, and CONFEY unto the said party of the second part, all that certain lot or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Stearns, and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The North East quarter of the North East quarter (NE¹ NE¹ NE¹) of Section
Thirty one (31) Township One (1) Range One (1) Twp. 1 N. R. 1 E. S. 26
County Thirty two (32) West (W) Range Forty (40) Area
more or less, subject to a reservation made in a De-
claration of the Pitt River Indian Reservation, which is
located in Section 31, Twp. 1 N. R. 1 E. S. 26, and the Right of Way etc.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said part of the second part heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said

part and of the first part, for himself, heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said party of the second part,
heirs and assigns, that he well intend in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and has good right to SELL
and CONVEY the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all incumbrances.

and ~~had~~ above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part ~~of~~ of the second part, ~~heirs~~ heirs and assigns, against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said part ~~of~~ of the first part will WARRANT and DEFEND.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said part ~~of~~ of the first part, ha ~~ve~~ hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sent and Delivered in Presence of

<u>W. Schaefer</u>	}	<u>John B. Schaefer</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>W. J. Bohner</u>		<u>John B. Schaefer</u>	<u>32</u>
			<u>32</u>
			<u>32</u>

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss. On this 22nd day of December, A. D. 1896, before me,
County of Stearns } a Notary Public within and for said County.

On this 22nd day of December, A. D. 1896, before me,
a Notary Public within and for said County.

John French and Anna French
his wife and I with
to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument,
and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

W. C. Schreiner
Notary Public
#229

Filed for Record the 26th day of December
A. D. 1896, at 12 o'clock A. M.
[Signature]
Register of Deeds.
By _____ Deputy.

This Indenture, Made this third day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Ninety Two Between
Wm. A. Gorden Sr. and Elisabeth Gorden wife
of the County of Nebraska and State of Nebraska
part-her of the first part) and

Charles Goodman fr. of the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota
WITNESSETH, That the said part ^{of} the first part, in consideration of the sum of \$2000.⁰⁰ part of the second part,
to the said *Charles Goodman*,
has been in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby GIVE, SELL and CONVEY unto the said part of the second part, all the right title and interest which I have in and to the above described tract or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The North West quarter (121, 441) and that part of the North West quarter of the North east quarter by the south of the North quarter fall in section 140. Thirty (30) township one (1) and twenty five (25) of Range thirty two (32) and two acres in the North West corner of the south West quarter of the south west quarter of section nineteen (19) of Range (32) containing one hundred and two (102) acres or more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said

Matthews Jordan Esq. and Elizabeth Jordan his wife
part. srs. of the first part, for themselves, heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said part 7 of the second part,
his heirs and assigns, that they are well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and have good right to SELL
and CONVEY the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all incumbrances

and the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part ⁷ of the second part, ^{his} heirs and assigns, against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said part ⁷ of the first part will WARRANT and DEFEND.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part, ha^{ve} hereunto set their hands and seal^d the day and year first above written.


Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
 Henry Bernackher
 Joe Buttner

Mathias Gierden
 Elisabeth Gierden

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
County of Stearns ss. On this third day of December A. D. 1896, before me,
Notary Public

Village of Greerfort

personally appeared Matthew J. Jenden and Elizabeth Jenden his wife within and for said County,

 to me known to the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that the above named Elizabeth Jenden is the wife of the above named Matthew J. Jenden.

particulars of the same as they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Henry Denvelken
Notary Public

WARRANTY DEED No. 95.

Jen. D. Burdick & Co., Pks., St. Louis

John French and
Bernard Remacher

Filed for Record the 24th day of December
A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Jen. D. Burdick
Register of Deeds.
By _____ Deputy.

This Indenture, Made this 21st day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Six (1896) between John French and Bernard Remacher of the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, of the first part, and Bernard Remacher of the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said part of the first part, in consideration of the sum of _____ DOLLARS, to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The North East quarter of the North West quarter (N¹/₄ N¹/₄ S¹/₄ E¹/₄) of Section Thirty-one (31) Township One North Range Forty-two (42) East containing Forty (40) acres, more or less, that is to say, a recreation ground on a town lot of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, bounded as follows: Col. dated Nov 12th 1887, as to Right of Way etc.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said

John French and Bernard Remacher do hereby covenant with the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, that they are well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and have good right to SELL and CONVEY the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all incumbrances.

and the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said part of the first part will WARRANT and DEFEND.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said part of the first part, has hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Ol. Schaefer
W. J. Bohmer

John French
Bernard Remacher

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
County of Stearns } ss.

On this 22nd day of December, A. D. 1896, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County,

John French and Bernard Remacher
do hereby appear and acknowledge that they executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.
Ol. Schaefer
Notary Public



WARRANTY DEED No. 95.

Jen. D. Burdick & Co., Pks., St. Louis

Mathias Jorden and
Elizabeth Jorden

Filed for Record the 26th day of December
A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Jen. D. Burdick
Register of Deeds.
By _____ Deputy.

This Indenture, Made this 21st day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Six (1896) between Mathias Jorden and Elizabeth Jorden of the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, of the first part, and _____ of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said part of the first part, in consideration of the sum of _____ DOLLARS, to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The North West quarter (N¹/₄ S¹/₄ E¹/₄) and that part of the North East quarter of the North West quarter lying south of the said quarter, all in section 31 of Township One North Range Forty-two (42) East containing one hundred and twenty-five (125) acres, more or less, that is to say, a recreation ground on a town lot of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, bounded as follows: Col. dated Nov 12th 1887, as to Right of Way etc.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said

Mathias Jorden and Elizabeth Jorden do hereby covenant with the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, that they are well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and have good right to SELL and CONVEY the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all incumbrances.

and the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part of the second part, _____ heirs and assigns, against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said part of the first part will WARRANT and DEFEND.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said part of the first part, has hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Henry Remacher
Jos. Buttner

Mathias Jorden
Elizabeth Jorden

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
County of Stearns } ss.

On this 26th day of December, A. D. 1896, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County,

Mathias Jorden and Elizabeth Jorden
do hereby appear and acknowledge that they executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.
Henry Remacher
Notary Public



WARRANTY DEED No. 95.

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., Pks. St. Louis

John Grevel and
Bernard Remmeher

Filed for Record the 24th day of December
A. D. 1896, at 2:41 o'clock P. M.

By John M. Grinnel Register of Deeds.
Deputy.

In 1896, Instrument
No. 36785

This Indenture, Made this 21st day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Ninety-six (1896) between John Grevel and Anna Grevel his wife of the County
of Stearns and State of Minnesota

part 1st of the first part, and Bernard Remmeher of the County of Stearns and State
of Minnesota

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred part 7 of the second part,
to them in hand paid by the said part 7 of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby GRANT,
BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto the said part 7 of the second part, heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all those
tract or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, described as
follows, to-wit:

The North East quarter of the North West quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section
Thirty one (31) Township One hundred twenty Six (126)
Range Thirty two (32) West containing Forty (40) Acres
more or less subject to a reservation of right in a
Deed of the St Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba
Railroad Co. dated Nov 12th 1889 - as to Right of Way etc.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise
appertaining, to the said part 7 of the second part, heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said

John Grevel and Anna Grevel his wife
part 1st of the first part, for themselves, heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said part 7 of the second part,
heirs and assigns, that they and well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and have good right to SELL
and CONVEY the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all incumbrances

and the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part 7 of the second part,

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise
appertaining to the said part of the second part, heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said
Mathias Gjerden & Elizabeth Gjerden his wife
part of the first part, for themselves, heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said part of the second part,
heirs and assigns, that they are well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and have good right to SELL
and CONVEY the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all incumbrances

and the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part of the second part,
heirs and assigns, against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said part of the
first part will WARRANT and DEFEND.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part, have hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year
first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
Henry Remmelken
Jos Buttnerler

Mathias Gjerden
Elizabeth Gjerden
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STATE OF MINNESOTA,
County of Stearns ss.
Village of Freeport
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On this third day of December, A. D. 1896, before me,
a Notary Public within and for said County,
personally appeared
Mathias Gjerden and Elizabeth
Gjerden his wife
to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument,
and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.
Henry Remmelken
Notary Public
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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Tom & Melissa Czeck

Main contact phone number: 320 290-3951 czeckfarm@yahoo.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 43967 125th Ave Holdingford MN 56340
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Tom & Melissa Czeck

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Czeck (name of farm) has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1883 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 43981 125th Ave Holdingford MN 56340
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 31 & 6 Farm township: Brockway Farm county: Stearns

Number of acres in the farm now: 177.33 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1883

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? yes Stearns Historical Society (but done incorrectly) If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): _____

See attached sheet

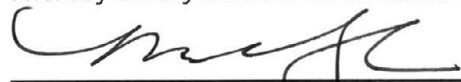
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner	1883-1920	Frank P & Katherine Czech
Next owner	1920-1955	Frank W Czech
Next owner	1955-2004	Milo & Maryann Czeck
Next owner	2004-current	Tom & Melissa Czeck
Next owner		

Please do not send originals or copies of records. Continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records (mark all that apply):

- ☒ 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)

2-26-2025
 (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.

From whom was the farm purchased? Originally Theobald & Rosa Rabischung

How many acres were in the original parcel? 37

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? &550 for 37 acres was the warranty deed

Where was the first family owner born? Poland

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? yes I believe so

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? Center is the original log hous

When was the present home built? 1851

What were the farm's major crops or products? corn,oats, wheat clover seed, dairy cattle

Additional comments: _____

See attached copy of Quick Claim Deed between Katerine Czech & Frank W. Czech

Purchase was \$1 plus a list of yearly provisions.

Feel free to attach any additional files if you have run out of space above.

Mail application to:

**Minnesota State Fair
Century Farm Program
1265 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55108-3003**

Questions? Email: centuryfarms@mnstatefair.org or call: 651-288-4417



Tom & Melissa Czeck

Legal Description (3 parcels)

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140.00 A. S2NW4SE4 & S2SE4 & NE4 SE4 TRACT NWSE; S2SE; NESE SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 127
RANGE 029

04.01825.0000

34.18 A. N2N2NE4 LESS S 362' OF E 380' THEREOF TRACT N2NE SECTION 06 TOWNSHIP 126
RANGE 029

04.01825.0010

3.15 A. OF N4NE; DAS: BEGINNING ON E LINE, 250' S NE CORNER, THEN W 380', THEN S 362',
THEN E 380', THEN N 362' TO POB TRACT N4NE SECTION 06 TOWNSHIP 126 RANGE 029

Frank Czech, a single
man

And
Catharina Czech, widow

Agreement. Dated. Aug. 24, 1920

Filed. Oct. 9, 1920 at 4 P. M.

Recorded in Book K of A & A, page 414

Two witnesses. Acknowledged Aug. 24, 1920
by Frank Czech, single and Catharina Czech,
widow before C. Rosenmeier, N. P., Morrison
Co., Minn. Sealed.

In consideration of the conveying to party of the first part by party of the second part of all her right, title and interest in and to the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 31, Twp. 127, Rge. 29 and N 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 6, Twp. 126, Rge. 29 by a quit-claim deed dated Aug. 24, 1920, as a part of the purchase price for said real estate, the said party of the first part herein agrees to and with the said party of the second part as follows: 1. That said party of the first part shall furnish to said party of the second part 35 bu. of good, marketable wheat each year, and also provide and furnish a place for said wheat in a granary located on said premises above described, on or before Nov. 1, of each. 2. That said party of the first part shall furnish to said party of the second part 20 bu. of corn each year, and provide a place for it in the granary as aforesaid, on or before Nov. 1, each year.

3. That said party of the first part shall furnish to second party 10 bu. of oats each year and provide a place for them in the granery, as aforesaid, on or before Nov. 1, each year.

4. That said party of the first part shall furnish to said second party 10 bu. of potatoes each year, said potatoes to be delivered at the residence of party of the second party on or before Nov. 1, each year.

5. That said party of the first part shall furnish to said party of the second part 150 pounds of dressed pork each year, said pork to be delivered at the residence of second party, on or before Nov. 1, each year.

6. That said party of the first part shall furnish to said party of the second part 5 cords of good hard wood, cut ready for the stove, each year, said wood to be delivered at the residence of party of the second part, on or before Nov. 1, each year.

7. That said party of the first part shall furnish to said party of the second part 1 ton of good hay each year, said hay to be delivered at residence of second party on or before Nov. 1, each year.

8. That said party of the first part shall furnish to said party of the second part 3 lbs of butter and three dozen fresh eggs, to be delivered at the residence of said party of the second part every two weeks beginning March 1, 1921.

9. Party of the first part also agrees to plow a piece of ground located on said premises and now used by party of the second part for a garden, free of charge to second party and prepare same for planting, each year.

10. Party of the first part also agrees to furnish one room downstairs and one room upstairs in the house now located on said premises, for the use of party of the second part and also room in the basement of said house for party of second party to store vegetables and other foodstuffs.

11. Party of the first part also agrees to furnish party of the second part with two cows, and to keep and care for same for the benefit of said party of the second part.

12. Party of the first part also agrees to convey party of the second part to town as often as she may reasonably request him to do, wither in an automobile or other vehicle, according to the season of the year, and condition of the road.

All of said commodities above mentioned to be furnished each year during the lifetime of said party of the second part, and it is distinctly

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All of said commodities above mentioned to be furnished each year during the lifetime of said party of the second part, and it is distinctly understood and agreed that all of the covenants, obligations and agreement herein mentioned made by party of the first part shall be and constitute a specific lien upon said property, and failure to comply with the terms thereof shall operate as a failure of the consideration, and title to said land shall re-invest in party of the second part the same as if this deed had never been given.

Signed: Frank W. Czech
Katscharina Zeek

Katherine Czech

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Thomas & Karen Partridge
 Main contact phone number: 507-720-6616 cappreserve@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 101 Woodhill Trail Mankato MN 56001
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Thomas J. & Karen L. Partridge

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Partridge Farm has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1905 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)

community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: East School St. by Partridge Ave Owatonna MN 55060
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 11 Farm township: Owatonna Farm county: Steele
 Farm Township - 107 Range 20
 Number of acres in the farm now: 112 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1905

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SECT-11 TWP-107 RANG-20 E 1/2 of
SE 1/4 AND 33' X 33' IN NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Except Com NE COR of E 1/2 of SE 1/4
TH S 45° 39' W 205' N 150' E 205' to BEG and Except PART of Com 75.82 Acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Harry C. Partridge & Mabel</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>Grand Father & Grand Mother</u>
Next owner <u>Joseph A. & Lorraine Partridge</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Thomas J. & Karen L. Partridge</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Father & Mother</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

Please do not send originals or copies of records. Continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records (mark all that apply):

- ☒ 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. TJP, KLP
Thomas J. Partridge Karen Partridge
(signature of present owner) (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.

From whom was the farm purchased? _____

How many acres were in the original parcel? 60 Acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? _____

Where was the first family owner born? _____

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Horticulture & Food Crops

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? 1918

What were the farm's major crops or products? _____

Additional comments: 2.) SECT 11 TWP-107 RANG-20 NW 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Except
COM NW COR There of S 21' E 233' N 21' W 233' to Beg 19.99 acres
3.) SECT-11 TWP 107 RANG-20 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Except BEG NE
COR of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 S 82.5' W 33' N 82.5' E 33' to BEG - Except
BEG SW COR of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 N 196.8' E 233' S 217.8' W 233' 16.94 Acres

Feel free to attach any additional files if you have run out of space above.

Mail application to:

**Minnesota State Fair
Century Farm Program
1265 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55108-3003**

Questions? Email: centuryfarms@mnstatefair.org or call: 651-288-4417



MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Aaron Armstrong

Main contact phone number: 507 475-0724
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 3791 NE 84th Ave Owatonna MN 55060
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Aaron & Amanda Armstrong

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Armstrong Farm has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1895 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.
(name of farm)
(year of original purchase by family)

Farm address: 5070 Ne 60th St Owatonna MN 55060
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 17 Farm township: Merton Farm county: Steele

Number of acres in the farm now: 80 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1896

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when?

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of
Sec. 17-108-19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>George Lennon</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>great great grandfather</u>
Next owner <u>Bertha & Roy Miner</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>great grand parents</u>
Next owner <u>Mary & Lyle Walker</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>grand parents</u>
Next owner <u>Sandra & Charles Armstrong</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>parents</u>
Next owner <u>Aaron & Amanda Armstrong</u>	<u>24</u>	

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 ☐ 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.

Aaron Armstrong
(signature of present owner)

2-28-25
(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.

From whom was the farm purchased? Cornelia R Wheeler

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$2500.⁰⁰

Where was the first family owner born? _____

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? _____

Is the original home, 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? _____

Additional comments: _____

Feel free to attach any additional files if you have run out of space above.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Eric Turnquist

Main contact phone number: 320 760-5333 ekturnquist@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 1260 20th St NE Murdock MN 56271
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: George S. & Mary Larson

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Larson (name of farm) has been in continuous agricultural operation since 1886 (year of original purchase by family) signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 120th Ave Murdock MN 56271
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 1 Farm township: Kildare Farm county: Swift

Number of acres in the farm now: 172.15 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1886

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SE1/4(except building site)Sect. 1, T121N, R38W
S1/2 of SW1/4 of SW1/4, Sect. 6 T121N, R37W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Claus Larson</u>	<u>1886-1928</u>	Grandfather
Next owner <u>George E. Larson</u>	<u>1928-1985</u>	Father
Next owner <u>George S. Larson</u>	<u>1985-present</u>	
Next owner		
Next owner		

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☐ 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. _____

George S. Larson

2-27-2025

(signature of present owner)

(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Railroad

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$400 total price.

Where was the first family owner born? _____

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? _____

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? A gainery only original building

When was the present home built? 1950's

What were the farm's major crops or products? _____

Additional comments: The building sit was sold off in the 1980's after George's mother passed.

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Arvid LeeMain contact phone number: 952 894 -3643 Alee294208@aol.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)Main contact address: 13180 Irving Ave S Burnsville MN 55337
(street) (city) (state) (zip)Present owner of the farm: Lake Hassel Lee Farm, LLC

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Lake Hassel Lee Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1901 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

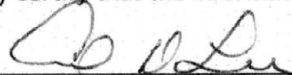
Farm address: Benson MN 55337
(street) (city) (state) (zip)Farm section: 16 Farm township: Benson Township (122) Farm county: SwiftNumber of acres in the farm now: 163.19 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1901Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Twp 122, Rge 39, Sect 16 gov lots 3, 4,
5 and part of lot 2.**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner		Amund T. Lee and his wife Christine
Next owner		Christian A. Lee and his wife Inga
Next owner		Chester A. Lee and his wife Audrey
Next owner		Lake Hassel Lee Farm, LLC (Chester and Audrey Lee's children)
Next owner		

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- ☒ Abstract of title ☐ Land patent ☐ Court file in registration proceedings
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(signature of present owner)3 Mar 2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Lorentine Johnson (widow), William B. Johnson and Mary Johnson, I

How many acres were in the original parcel? 210.4 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$32

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? Garage / shop still standing

When was the present home built? 1920s

What were the farm's major crops or products? Oats, Corn, Soybeans, Alfalfa

Additional comments: _____

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Attachment: Minnesota Century Farm Application

Lake Hassel Lee Farm Legal Description

Description				
Sect	Twp	Range	Lot	Block
16	122	39	0	0
GOV LOTS 2, 3, 4, & 5 OF SEC 16 EXCEPT: PT GOV LOT 2 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BEGIN AT N 1/4 COR OF SAID SEC 16 THEN S 90° 00' 00" E ALONG N LINE OF SAID SEC 447.70 FT THEN S 14° 44' 17" W 819.21 FT THEN N 37° 41' 37" W 484.86 FT THEN N 7° 57' 57" E 412.57 FT TO PT OF BEGIN AND EXCEPT: PT GOV LOT 2, 4, & 5 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT N 1/4 COR OF SAID SEC 16 THEN S 7° 57' 57" W ASSUMED BEARING BASED ON N LINE OF SAID GOV LOT 2 HAVING A BEARING OF S 90° 00' 00" E 412.57 FT THEN S 37° 41' 37" E 484.86 FT THEN S 89° 28' 57" W 167.16 FT THEN S 55° 11' 38" W 77.23 FT THEN S 60° 39' 49" W 288.50 FT THEN S 45° 06' 32" W 734.06 FT THEN S 33° 46' 14" W 230.80 FT THEN N 69° 41' 19" W 974.25 FT THEN N 00° 29' 10" E TO SHORELINE OF LAKE HASSEL THE IN AN ELY & NLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID SHORELINE TO N LINE OF SAID SEC 16 THEN S 90° 00' 00" E TO PT OF BEGIN				

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Louis Leroy Gray
 Main contact phone number: 320-305-4401 Sherrygray998@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)
 Main contact address: 19142 COUNTY RD. 37 OSAKIS MINNESOTA 56360
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Present owner of the farm: Louis Leroy Gray

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm McKINDLEY - GRAY has been in
(name of farm)
 continuous agricultural operation since 1917 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
 community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 19142, COUNTY RD. 37 OSAKIS Minn. 56360
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
 Farm section: 9 Farm township: Gordon Farm county: Todd 56360

Number of acres in the farm now: 59 ACRES Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1917

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): SECT-09 TWP-128 Rang-35
N60 AC. OF E2 SE4 EX E8 RDS. N 20 RDS 59.00 ACRES

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>J. N. & Hattie McKINDLEY</u>	<u>1917</u>	<u>I Louis Leroy Gray am the</u>
Next owner <u>H. N. GRAY</u>	<u>5 YRS. 4 mos</u>	<u>Grandson of Both J. N. & Hattie</u>
Next owner <u>J. N. McKINDLEY</u>	<u>2 YRS</u>	<u>McKindley and H. N. & MYRTLE GRAY</u>
Next owner <u>Uncle Ray Gray</u>	<u>2 YRS</u>	<u>I am also the Nephew of</u>
Next owner <u>HERBERT N. GRAY</u>	<u>69 years</u>	<u>Ray Gray.</u>
<u>Bernard & Louise Gray</u>		

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☐ Other

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

Louis Leroy Gray
(signature of present owner)

February 19/2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? J. N. McKindley & Hattie McKindley

From whom was the farm purchased? W. H. HARRIS

How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~60 ACRES~~ 60 ACRES

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$1,385.00 or \$2308 + per ACRE

Where was the first family owner born? J. N. McKindley - Benton Harbor Michigan

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

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

If so, please list: He was a master woodcutter. My My

If so, please list: He was a Farmer
he was my grandpa Jack. Dear Grandma Hattie was
SEAMSTRESS

Was this a homestead? YES

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? 1937-38-SPRING

When was the present home built? 1957-58 Spring

What were the farm's major crops or products? Alfalfa Hay, Clover, Corn, Oats

What were the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, Hay, Corn
 + Dairy Milk, Chickens - Eggs, Veals.
 Additional comments: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

Additional comments: This was parcel N. 60 ACRES of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9 Twp. 128, Range 35. Acknowledged Feb. 27, 1917 by GRANTERS, before

Clyde W. Long NOTARY PUBLIC, Douglas County Minn.

SEAL COMS, exp. 8/10/1921. Registration Tax paid 2.10.

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Farm purchased by my paternal Grandfather HERBERT N. GRAY

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Lawrence + Patricia Nelson

Main contact phone number: 320-443-5601 dismalcr@hotmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 12858 280th St. Eagle Bend MN 56446
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Lawrence + Patricia Nelson

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Nelson Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 5/17/1919 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 12858 280th St. Eagle Bend MN 56446
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 28 Farm township: 130 Farm county: Todd

Number of acres in the farm now: 780 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1919

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? —

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): Section 28, Township 130
Range 35, E2 SW4 80 Acres, 80 Acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Andrew + Alice Nelson</u>	<u>21</u>	
Next owner <u>Merrill + Wilma Nelson</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Lawrence + Patricia Nelson</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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Lawrence E Nelson 2-1-25
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? George Meirs - Single man

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? # 30 Acre / 2000⁰⁰ total price

Where was the first family owner born? Iowa

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? School teacher near Moorhead MN until 1906

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? 1985

What were the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Corn, Oats, alfalfa

Additional comments: Last Dairy sold off in 2010. Farm has been grain ever since. It was Dairy from 1919-2010.

Lawrence + Patricia added our acreage five times from neighboring farms.

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Lyndon & Brenda Gerdt

Main contact phone number: 507 420-0382 or 380-2507 lbgerdts@hotmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 3636 250th Ave Waldorf MN 56091
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Lyndon & Brenda Gerdt

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Gerdt Family Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1924 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 3636 250th Ave Waldorf MN 56091
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 10 Farm township: (105) Vivian Farm county: Waseca

Number of acres in the farm now: 680 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1924

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? no If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 in section
10 township 105, North of range 24, Containing 80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Adolph & Emma Gerdt</u>	<u>14</u>	
Next owner <u>Walter Gerdt</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>son</u>
Next owner <u>Willard & Marilyn Gerdt</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>grandson</u>
Next owner <u>Lyndon & Brenda Gerdt</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>great grandson</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. _____

Lynd Gerdt
(signature of present owner)

4-2-2024
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Mary & William Schultz

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$ 150.00 /acre \$12,000 total

Where was the first family owner born? 3 miles north in Freedom Township

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? part of the house is the orginial house

What were the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Corn, soybeans

Additional comments: Also included in the purchase price of \$12,000 was personal property of: 1 wagon

1 buggy, 1 cream seperator, 1 sleigh & cutter, 1 drag, 1 gas engine, 2 horses, 2 cows and all hay

that is left.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2025

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Dale R. Joecks Judith K. Joecks

Main contact phone number: 507 317 1345 judyjoecks@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 6471 250th Avenue New Richland, MN 56072
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Dale R. Joecks Judith K. Joecks

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Joecks Family Farm has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1925 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm address: 6382 250th Avenue New Richland MN 56072
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 7 Farm township: Byron Farm county: Waseca

Number of acres in the farm now: 161.80 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1925

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? NO If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): _____

NW 1/4 of Section 7, T-105-N, R-23-W/Byron

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>Erick & Elizabeth Joecks</u>	<u>1925-1972</u>	
Next owner <u>Dale R. Joecks & Judith K. Joecks</u>	<u>1972 - Present</u>	<u>Son, Operator 1960-2014</u>
Next owner <u>Todd D. Joecks - Building Site</u>	<u>2004 - Present</u>	<u>Grandson, Operator 2014 - Present</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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Dale R. Joecks Judith K. Joecks 5-22-2024
(signature of present owner) (date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? Bertha Dobberstein

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$ 45.00

Where was the first family owner born? Waseca County, New Richland Township

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? 1926

What were the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, oats, beef, pork, poultry

Additional comments: Dale Joecks was born + raised on this farm, married + was away for 2 years, then in 1960, Dale + his wife, Judith, moved back to the farm + raised their family there, Becky, Todd + Gail. In 2004, Dale + Judy moved across the road, and Todd Joecks moved to the farm where he lives with his wife, Denise, + son, Luca

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DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025

Main contact name(s): Isaac Eaton

Main contact phone number: 507-521-2368 eatonbros1@gmail.com
(area code) (phone number) (email address)

Main contact address: 15790 320th Ave Waseca MN 56093
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present owner of the farm: Isaac & Melissa Eaton & Doreen Eaton-Borchert

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm Eaton Farms has been in
(name of farm)
continuous agricultural operation since 1880 signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the
(year of original purchase by family)
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Farm address: 15790 320th Ave Waseca MN 56093
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm section: 03 Farm township: 106 Farm county: Waseca

Number of acres in the farm now: 750 Year of original purchase by a member of your family: 1880

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? No If so, when? _____

Legal description of land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section
3 in township 106, north range 22 West of the 5th principal meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to original owner
Original family owner <u>William F. Eaton Jr.</u>	<u>1880</u>	
Next owner <u>Oscar Eaton</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Harold Eaton</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
Next owner <u>James & Doreen Eaton</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Great Grandson & wife</u>
Next owner <u>Isaac & Melissa Eaton</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Great, Great Grandson & wife</u>

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

Isaac Eaton
(signature of present owner)

2/12/2025
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased? The Winona & St. Peter Land Company

How many acres were in the original parcel? 40.88

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \$8.50/acre

Where was the first family owner born? Unknown

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

If so, please list: _____

Was this a homestead? Yes

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

When was the present home built? 1998

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

Additional comments: The current "Home" Farm is made up of 151.77 acres w/ 5 different parcels.

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