

COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

CHISAGO COUNTY

Thelma A. Johnson, Auditor

CENTER CITY, MINNESOTA

This is to certify that these are the true and correct copies of the Petition, Resolution, Proofs of Posting and Publication and the Election Certificate relating to the incorporation of the Village of Branch on file in my office.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1961.

Thelma A. Johnson
County Auditor
Chisago County, Minnesota

DYGERT & GUNN
990 NORTHWESTERN BANK BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA
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ROBERT W. DYBERT

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MAR - 1 1961 - 1:00 p.m.

Secretary of State

PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BRANCH

To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Chisago, Minn.

We, the undersigned, residents of the territory hereinafter described, hereby petition your honorable board to fix a time and place when and where the resident voters within said territory may vote on the question of incorporating the same as a village, and for that purpose respectfully state:

1. All of your petitioners are qualified voters and residents within the territory hereinafter described, and each has resided continuously within said territory for at least two years prior to the date of this petition.
2. None of the territory hereinafter described is now a part of any incorporated city or village.
3. The territory which is proposed to be incorporated consists partly of lands which have been platted into lots and blocks, which plats have been duly and legally made and certified according to the laws of this State and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Chisago, Minnesota, and partly of unplatted lands which adjoin the platted area and are so conditioned as properly to be subjected to Village government. All of said lands, platted and unplatted, lie entirely within the County of Chisago, Minnesota, and

the description of said lands, both platted and unplatted, is as follows:

Sections 1 to 15 inclusive; all of Section 16, except the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) thereof; all of Section 17, except the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) thereof; Sections 18 and 19; all of Section 20, except the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) thereof; and all of Section 21, except the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) thereof; and Sections 22 through 36 inclusive, all in Township 35, Range 21, the same being all of Branch Township, except that portion now incorporated as the Village of North Branch.

4. The boundaries of the foregoing lands are identical to the boundaries of the Town of Branch, and are as follows:

External Boundaries: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 35, Range 21; thence westerly along the northerly line of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, said Township and Range, to the northwest corner of said Section 6; thence southerly along the westerly line of Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31, said Township and Range, to the southwest corner of said Section 31; thence easterly along the southerly line of Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, said Township and Range, to the southeast corner of said Section 36; thence northerly along the easterly line of Sections 36, 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1, said Township and Range, to the northeast corner of said Section 1, the point of beginning.

Internal Boundaries: Commencing at the southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 16, Township 35, Range 21; thence westerly along the southerly line of said Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 16, and along the southerly line of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 17, Township 35, Range 21, to the southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 17; thence southerly along the east line of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 17 and along the east line

of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 20, said Township and Range to the southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 20; thence easterly along the north line of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 20, and along the north line of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 21, said Township and Range, to the northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 21, thence northerly along the west line of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 21, and along the west line of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 16, said Township and Range to the point of beginning.

said external boundaries being the external boundaries of the Town of Branch and said internal boundaries being the external boundaries of the Village of North Branch.

5. The quantity of land, both platted and unplatted, embraced within the foregoing description, and bounded as described, is 22,400 acres, be the same more or less.
6. The foregoing lands, both platted and unplatted, and bounded as described, contain a resident population of 583 persons, as ascertained by a census which was commenced on the 1st day of February, 1961, and completed on the 3rd day of February, 1961, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
7. The name of the Village proposed to be incorporated is the Village of Branch, Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Phil Anderson, Lester Feaski

and Walter Peterson, three of the persons who signed the foregoing Petition, being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that he was one of the persons who took the census mentioned in the foregoing Petition, that the same was accurately taken, that the same was begun on the 1st day of February, 1961, and completed on the 3rd day of February, 1961, and that all of the statements in the Petition are true.

Phil Anderson
Lester Feaski
Walter Peterson

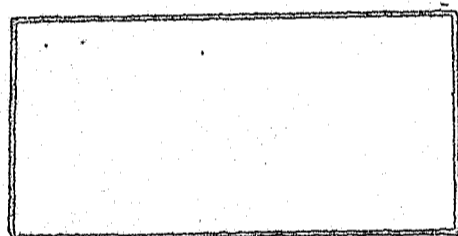
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 before me this 3rd day
 of February, 1961.

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CENSUS LIST

Buildings South of
Highway 95 and East
of Highway 61:

Buildings Used for
Residences

Number of Persons
Living Therein

Albert Anderson	2
John Speiker	5
Malvin Fairbanks	3
Bernard Olson	2
Elton Benson	4
Joe Frenzel	3
Edwin A. Gustafson	2
Harley Nelson	4 6
Ralph Bocklind	3
Glen Anderson	4 3
Charles Hals	2
Kenneth Robbins	4
Harry Christenson	4
Emil Swanson	2
Carl Nordin	3
Duane Widell	5
Lloyd Stamm	3
Edward Sirknen	5
Kenneth Henricks	4
Allen Ekstrom	4
Albert Ekstrom	2
David Erlandson	4
Russell Hammond	0
Dallas Nelson	4
Herman White	7
Emil Larson	0
Robert Lee	4
Arthur Foster	5
Martin Gustafson	1
Ralph Carlson	4
Robert Edwardson	3
Ronald Johnson	2
Walter Aho	7
Milfred Stevens	5
Clayton Anderson	7
Art Engdehl	5
Clyde Humble	4
Leon Ekstrom	4
William Magnison	2
George Erlandson	2
Esther Johnson	1
Ed Paulno	6
Malda Magnison	4
Joseph Kohn	3

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Residences Number of Persons
Living Therein

Harry Magnuson	3
Luther Scheerer	2
Harold Magnuson	4
Oscar Johnson	6
Ervin Lindberg	4
Manda Johnson	3
Walter Clauson	6
Albert Magnuson	3
Clifford Sederberg	4
Ray Jenkins	6
Green Acres Nursing Home	78
Phil Anderson	3
Elmer Boettcher	5
Oliver Benson	7
Charles Anderson	4
Enoch Benson	2
Helmer Benson	4
Arvid Benson	2

Buildings North of
Highway 95 and East
of Highway 61:

Ronald Brakow	7
Allen Wilcox	5
Richard Wilcox	4
Tim Lambert	5
Gordon Elmstrand	9
Henry Johnson	4
Charlie Peterson	2
Bob Schultz	4
Dora Johnson	3
August Magnuson	2
Manfred Carlson	4
Elias Skoog	2
Bruce Larson	2
Elmer Schmidt	5
Wayne Anderson	5
Leo Harder	2
Carl Bergstrald	1
Louie Loose	10
F. J. Johnson	4
Walter Peterson	3
Harvey Schmidt	4
Andrew Edstrom	5
Alton Erlandson	4
Harvey Hutchins	1
George Walters	2
Robert Larson	3
Allen Robinson	3
George Schmidt	2
Lloyd Davis	3

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<u>Buildings Used for Residences</u>	<u>Number of Persons Living Therein</u>
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Arnie Olson	1
W. E. Cheeney	3
D. E. Cheeney	5
Carroll Olson, Jr.	4 3
Marvin Nelson	3
Axel Stromquist	2
Dick Alvin	6
Byron Leland	6
Dale Carlson	4

Buildings North of Highway 95 and West of Highway 61:

Harry Thomson	1
Arlie Sederberg	2
Herbert Sederberg & Manfred Sederberg	2
Ray Sallnow	5
E. Gasperline	7
Clarence Anderson	3
Emil & Leonard Samuelson	3
Arvid Samuelson	1
Gil & Bert Sederberg	2
Ed Lindberg	2
Harold Stream	1
William Kearns	2
Ed Youngquist	3
Valez	4
Erick Koepke	3
Reginaldo Bergren	4
Carlson & Thunstrom(2 families)	8
Ernest Olson	3
Ervin Koepke	0
Ted Olson	2
Arnold Johnson	0
Harold Flodquist	0
Clifford Carlson	3
Carl Nordeen	1
Jack Uttermold	2
Ed Flinks	2
M. Kerr	1
Rudolph Yppers	5
Henry Larson	2

Buildings South of Highway 95 and West of Highway 61:

Walter Brown	3
Maurice Sjoquist	4
Edwin Kruger	0
Mrs. Art. Miller	1

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<u>Buildings Used for Residences</u>	<u>Number of Persons Living Therein</u>
Ollie Carlson	4
Lester Feaski	5
D. C. Robinson	3
Rose Elling	1
Clifford Lindquist	3
Mrs. A. Bye	1
Maynard Edstrom	5
Marion Lyftog	0
George Erickson	1
Henry Connor	2
Victor Hansen	2
Mrs. John Preibe	1
Robert McCann	2
Vic Peterson	3
John Nelson	3
Chas. Peterson	3
Chas. Holmberg	2
Albert Nelson	4
Edson Fairbanks	6
John Whitaker	3
Kenneth Carlson	3
Total	583

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 Secretary of State

We, the undersigned, three qualified voters residing within the area described in the Petition to which this list is attached, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete list of all buildings within said area used for residence purposes and of the number of persons living in each building.

Phil Anderson
Lester Feaski
Walter Peterson

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Phil Anderson, Lester Feaski
and Walter Peterson, being each first duly sworn,
deposes and says, each for himself, that the statements contained
in the foregoing certificate are true.

Phil Anderson
Lester Feaski
Walter Peterson

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 3rd day
of February, 1961.

Robert W. Duggan

Notary Public for Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission Expires Feb. 26, 1961.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joseph K. Almon
Secretary of State

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This 7th day of Feb.

1961.

Richard G. Johnson

Attest: Shirley Buckley.

RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF CHISAGO COUNTY
CALLING INCORPORATION ELECTION AND
DESIGNATING ELECTION JUDGES

WHEREAS, a certain Petition dated February 3, 1961, requesting that an election be held on the question of incorporating certain territory described therein as the Village of Branch, Minnesota, was duly presented to this board on the 7th day of February, 1961; and

WHEREAS, said Petition is in proper form and it appears therefrom that the same was signed by the requisite number of qualified persons and that the territory described therein contains a resident population of 563 persons,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Chisago, Minnesota,

1. An election is hereby called and directed to be held on the 28 day of February, 1961, at Clayton Anderson Residence at which election all qualified voters residing within the territory described in said Petition may vote for or against the incorporation of said territory as the Village of Branch, Minnesota.

2. The polls at said election shall be open from 12:00 o'clock noon until 8:00 P.M. of said day.

3. Frank Anderson, Alton Erlandson, and Oscar Johnson, all residing within said territory, are hereby appointed to be the judges at said election, which they shall conduct so far as practicable in accordance with the laws regulating the election of town

officers.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the County Auditor cause notice of said election to be given in the manner provided by law.

Adopted and approved by the County Board of Chicago County, Minnesota, this 7th day of February, 1961.

Russell H. Peterson

Chairman of the Board

Attest:

Thelma A. Johnson

County Auditor

(Official Seal)

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Charles J. Johnson
Secretary of State

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Thelma A. Johnson
Co. Auditor

Ernest H. Peterson

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Printer's Affidavit of Publication

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State of Minnesota, ss
County of Chicago

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON INCORPORATION OF TOWN OF BRANCH AS A VILLAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with a certain petition dated February 3, 1961 on file in the office of the County Auditor of Chicago County, Minnesota, copies of which have also been posted in Branch Township, and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Chicago, Minnesota, duly adopted on the 7th day of February, 1961, an election will be held at Clayton Anderson Building in the Township of Branch on the 20th day of February, 1961, at which time and place all qualified voters residing within the Township of Branch may vote for or against the incorporation of said territory as the Village of Branch, Minnesota, and that the polls will be open at said time and place from 12:00 o'clock noon until 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of Chicago County, Minnesota
By William A. Johnson
County Auditor

being duly sworn, on oath says that he now is and during all the times herein stated has been one of the publishers and printers of the newspaper known as the North Branch Review and has full knowledge of the facts herein stated.

That for more than one year immediately prior to the publication

thereof of the *North Branch Review* newspaper hereto attached, said newspaper was printed and published in the English language from its known office of publication within the Village of North Branch in the County of Chicago, State of Minnesota, on Thursdays, once each week, on a page approximately 10 1/2 inches running inches or single column two inches wide; has been issued from a known office established in said place of publication equipped with skilled workmen and the necessary material for preparing and printing the same, has had in its makeup not less than twenty-five per cent of its news columns devoted to local news of interest to said community it purports to serve, the presswork of which has been done in its known office of publication, has contained general news, comments and miscellany, has not duplicated any other publication; has not been entirely made up of patents, plate matter and advertisements; has been circulated at and near its said place of publication to the extent of 240 copies regularly delivered to paying subscribers; has been entered as second class mail matter in the local post office of its said place of publication; that there has been on file in the office of the County Auditor of said county the affidavit of a person having first hand knowledge of the facts constituting its qualification as a newspaper for publication of legal notices and that its publishers have complied with all demands of said County Auditor for proofs of its said qualification.

That the printed *North Branch Review* newspaper hereto attached as a part hereof was cut from the columns of said newspaper, was published therein in the English language once each week

for successive weeks; that it was first so published on the

day of February, 1961, and thereafter on Thursday of each week to and including the 20th day of

February, 1961; and that the following is a copy of the lower case which is acknowledged to have been the size and kind of type used in the publication of said *North Branch Review* newspaper.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of February, 1961

Notary Public, Chicago County, Minnesota.

My Commission Expires February 27, 1962

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This 27th day of Feb

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William A. Johnson
Auditor, Chicago County.

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Joseph R. Johnson
Secretary of State

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHISAGO)

Wilfred E. Cheeney, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says, that on the 7th day of February, 1961, at the direction of Thelma A. Johnson, County Auditor of Chisago County, Minnesota, he posted true and correct copies of the within Notice of Incorporation Election and Petition for Incorporation of the Village of Branch, in a manner likely to attract attention, in three of the most public places in the territory proposed to be incorporated in said County, to-wit:

- 1. One copy of said Notice and Petition on the west side of Highway 61, south of the line between the town of Branch and the village of Harris.
- 2. One copy of said Notice and Petition on Highway 95 southeast of the Byron Leland residence.
- 3. One copy of said Notice and Petition on the Green Acres sign on the North Branch - Lindstrom road.

Wilfred E. Cheeney
Wilfred E. Cheeney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of February, 1961.

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This 27th day of Feb

GLEN A. ANDERSON
Notary Public, Chisago County, Minn.
My Commission Expires October 18, 1967.

Glen A. Anderson
GLEN A. ANDERSON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Thelma A. Johnson
Thelma A. Johnson
Auditor, Chisago County.

Joseph P. Anderson
Secretary of State

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with a certain petition dated February 3, 1961, a copy of which is attached hereto, and a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Chicago, Minnesota, duly adopted on the 7th day of February, 1961, an election will be held at Clayton Anderson Residence on the 28th day of February, 1961, at which time and place all qualified voters residing within the territory described in said petition may vote for or against the incorporation of said territory as the Village of Branch, Minnesota, and that the polls will be open at said time and place from 12:00 o'clock noon until 7:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners
of Chicago County, Minnesota.

By A. Helma G. Johnson
County Auditor

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Joseph H. Henneman
Secretary of State

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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Thelma A. Johnson, Auditor of Chisago County, Minnesota, does hereby certify and report that pursuant to the Resolution of the County Board of Chisago County, calling an incorporation election, adopted and approved by said board on the 7th day of February, 1961, she has caused a notice of said incorporation election to be published as set forth in the within Affidavit of Publication, and has caused a notice of said incorporation election, and copies of the Petition for incorporation of the village of Branch to be posted, all as set forth in the within Affidavit of Wilfred E. Sheeney.

Thelma A. Johnson
County Auditor of Chisago County

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Thelma A. Johnson
Auditor, Chisago County.

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Secretary of State

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ELECTION CERTIFICATE AND RETURN
OF ELECTION JUDGES

We, the undersigned Judges of Election, certify that we have canvassed the ballots cast at an election held at the Clayton Anderson residence, within the area proposed to be incorporated, in the County of Chisago, Minnesota on the 28th day of February, 1961, the time and place specified in the election notice, to vote for or against incorporation of the proposed village of Branch, Minnesota, and that at such election there were 217 votes cast for incorporation and 12 votes cast against incorporation.

Frank R. Anderson

Alton E. Erlendsen

Oscar T. Johnson

Judges of Election

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHISAGO)

Frank^R Anderson, Alton^E Erlendsen and Oscar^{A.T.} Johnson, being each duly sworn, depose and say each for himself that the statements contained in the foregoing certificate and return are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 1961.

Frank R. Anderson

Alton E. Erlendsen

Oscar T. Johnson

Glen A. Anderson

GLEN A. ANDERSON
Notary Public, Chisago County, Minn.
My Commission Expires October 10, 1967.

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Joseph R. Cannon
Secretary of State

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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This 12th day of March

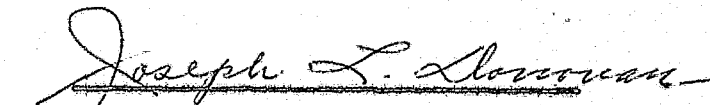
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John A. Johnson
Special Agent in Charge

I, JOSEPH L. DONOVAN, Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, and keeper of the Great Seal of the State, do hereby certify:

That on March 1, 1961 at 1:00 o'clock p.m., there was filed in this office, a certified copy of certain papers in connection with the incorporation of the Village of Branch, Chisago County, Minnesota, i.e., Petition for Incorporation stating the resident population to be 583 persons, Resolution of County Board, Proofs of Posting and Publication and the Election Certificate, all contained in our Official Document File No. 15035.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be hereunto affixed this first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.


SECRETARY OF STATE.

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