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Devines' imprint on the land remains.

Morris and Cora (Gray) Devine have left footprints upon the rolling prairie on which they've lived and worked.

As a result, the farm—seven miles north of Gothenburg and nestled at the foot of the Sandhills near Custer County—was aptly named “Foothill Farm.”

The Devine family was recently honored as a Dawson County Pioneer Farm Family for having farm ground in the same family for more than 100 years.

The land has been in the family since 1889 when John and Tina Siemmering, who immigrated from Germany, set up a homestead on 320 acres. Cora, who is a granddaughter, still has a trunk from the old country filled with German papers.

“The only thing my grandparents told me about when they bought the farm was that it was originally railroad land,” she said.

Cora lived with her grandparents for a year when she was 5 after her father died from a kidney ailment. Her mother Grace stayed on the farm in Custer County until it was sold. The two then moved into Gothenburg where Grace cleaned houses and worked at Beath's Hotel on Lake Avenue.

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Mr & Mrs Margaret & Alan Barrett, 101st Anniversary Celebrations, 1909-2010. The couple are celebrating their 101st anniversary. The certificates are presented to them by the local community. The couple are very proud of their long marriage and the children they have raised. They are looking forward to the future and the many more years they will spend together. The couple are very grateful for the support and love of their family and friends. They are very happy to be celebrating this special occasion with everyone. The couple are very proud of their long marriage and the children they have raised. They are looking forward to the future and the many more years they will spend together. The couple are very grateful for the support and love of their family and friends. They are very happy to be celebrating this special occasion with everyone.