

## Written Profile

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**Farm:** C.L. Reidy Family Escrow  
**Location:** Reedsville, Wisconsin  
**Date of Origination:** 1855  
**Industry Sector(s):** Corn, Wheat, Cattle



"We are very proud," shares James Curran, escrow agent and director of farm operations for the C.L. Reidy Family Escrow, when asked about his family farming history. The farm has been in the same family for over 150 years, and we are excited to share their journey of **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

The family farm story began in 1855 when Martin Reidy, great grandfather to James Curran, emigrated from Ireland to the United States. He purchased forty acres from the state of Wisconsin on February 21, 1858, and an additional forty acres on March 1st of the same year. According to Curran, "two Department of the Interior General Land Office Patents were sent and approved by President James Buchanan on February 22, 1858.

Echoing the story of many American farming and ranching families, the Reidy family has faced the challenge of transferring ownership of the farm purposefully, in order to maintain family involvement. Charles Reidy, previous farm owner-operator, suffered a severe stroke in October 2004. His brothers and sisters were not in a position to take over the operation, yet keeping the farm in the family was a priority. In a carefully planned process, Charles gifted the farm to his siblings, who in turn gifted the farm to the C.L. Reidy Family Escrow. James Curran, nephew of Charles Reidy, was then granted Power of Attorney and designated as the director of farm operations. "The escrow has worked well, as it provided for a living trust for Charles (while) having the farm remain in the Reidy family," shares Curran.

Today the farm consists of 55 acres in corn production. "The farm history confirms the dedication of farmers, as our farm has been in the Reidy family for 150 years," concludes Curran. We applaud the dedication, sacrifice, and foresight of the Reidy family, and congratulate them on their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.