

**The Harford-Gorham Farms
have been Family-Owned since 1849.**

*Mazon Township Sections 6 and 7
Vienna Township Section 1*

Gardner Gorham originally bought farm property in Grundy County, Mazon and Vienna Townships, in 1849.

The Family farm grounds in Mazon Township Sections 6 and 7 and Vienna Township Section 1 passed to his daughter, Jessie Gorham, and his son, Henry Gardner Gorham. Henry passed the farm to his daughter, Mabel Gorham, who married Aaron Clyde Harford in 1907.

Aaron and Mabel passed the two family farms to their children Bernard Harford and Katherine Harford Righter.

Bernard married Esther Zabel in 1943. When Bernard died, the family farm was placed into the Bernard Harford Trust. Bernard and Esther had four children: Susan Harford, Virginia Harford Halterman, Nina Harford Finch, and Douglas Harford. The Mazon Township and Vienna Township farms continued to be owned by the Bernard Harford Trust for a number of years. The farms then passed to the Douglas Harford Trust with some remaining in the Bernard Harford Trust for a period of time.

The farm is currently owned by the Douglas Harford Trust, Debra Willman Harford Trust, Virginia Harford Halterman, Christopher Harford, Rebecca Harford Thomas, Kristin Harford Crider, and Amanda Harford Simmons.

Christopher Harford is the sixth generation of the family farming the Harford-Gorham farms in Mazon and Vienna Townships.



The Harford-Gorham Family Farms
1849 – 2026

177 years of family-ownership
Mazon Township, Sections 6 and 7
Vienna Township, Section 1

Gardner and Elizabeth Newport Gorham

Jessie Idylia Gorham and Henry Gardner Gorham
Children of Gardner and Elizabeth Newport Gorham

Mabel Gorham Harford - wife of Aaron Clyde Harford
Daughter of Henry Gardner Gorham
Granddaughter of Gardner and Elizabeth Newport Gorham

Bernard Harford - husband of Esther Zabel
and Katherine Harford Righter
Children of Aaron Clyde and Mabel Gorham Harford
Great-grandchildren of Gardner and Elizabeth Newport Gorham

Bernard Harford Trust
Susan Harford
Virginia Harford Halterman
Nina Harford Finch
Douglas Harford
Children of Bernard and Esther Zabel Harford
Great-great-grandchildren of Gardner and Elizabeth Newport Gorham

Douglas Harford Trust and Bernard Harford Trust

Douglas Harford Trust and Debra Willman Harford Trust
Christopher Harford – Rebecca Harford Thomas
Kristin Harford Crider – Amanda Harford Simmons
Children of Douglas and Debra Willman Harford
Great-great-great-grandchildren of Gardner and Elizabeth Newport Gorham