

JOSEPH BUCHHEIT *From Compendium of N.D.*

The business interests of Binford have a worthy representative in Joseph Buchheit, who is at the head of one of the leading mercantile establishments of Griggs county and is also vice president of the First National Bank of Binford. He was born in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, May 2, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Buchheit) Buchheit, who were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and although of the same name were not related. It was about 1831 that the father crossed the Atlantic and settled in Ontario, Canada, becoming one of the pioneers of Waterloo, where in the midst of the wilderness he developed and improved a farm. About 1862 he removed to St. Joseph county, Indiana, and purchased a farm near South Bend, which had been partially improved and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies for many years. He cleared away the timber and converted the land into productive fields. He was over eighty-four years of age at the time of his death, and his wife died at the age of sixty-eight years.

In the family of this worthy couple were thirteen children, eight of whom reached maturity, and Joseph Buchheit of this review is the eighth in order of birth. He was about eight years of age when taken by his parents to Indiana, where he attended the district schools. In 1870 he began clerking in a store at Mishawaka, Indiana, and continued to follow that occupation for six years, at the end of which time he located upon a farm which his father had purchased in addition to the original tract.

In 1880 Mr. Buchheit came to North Dakota and after spending a short time in Cass County, located in Griggs county in the fall of 1882. He went to that county with R. C. Cooper and preempted a quarter section of land, but the following winter returned home on account of the death of his mother. In the spring of 1883 he located on his claim in Griggs county, becoming one of its earliest settlers, and he continued to follow farming until 1902, when he removed to Binford. He became the owner of sixteen hundred acres of valuable land and is still interested in farming to some extent although he does not actively engage in that occupation at the present time. He is a member of the Buchheit, Bakken Company, conducting a large general store at Binford and as previously stated is also serving as vice president of the First National Bank.

On the 9th of July, 1887, Mr. Buchheit was united in marriage to Miss Bella M. Minnick, of South Bend, Indiana, of which state her father, Jacob Minnick, was an early settler. Mr. and Mrs. Buchheit have spent much time in travel over this country, have visited the West Indies and now spend their winters either in California or Florida. Mr. Buchheit has taken a prominent part in local politics and at an early day was elected county commissioner in Griggs county, in which capacity he served so acceptably that he was retained in office for a quarter of a century. He was a well informed man, a student of men and affairs and has that broad general knowledge which only travel can bring.



## Joseph Buchheit

Joseph Buchheit of Sec 10, Willow trap, was born on a farm in Waterloo Co. Ontario, Canada, on May 2, 1854. He was 7th in a family of 13 children (6 boys - 7 girls) born to Jacob and Mary (Buchheit) Buchheit. His parents were born in Germany, later emigrated to America, and died at an advanced age in Indiana.

At 8 years of age Joseph Buchheit moved with his parents to St Joseph Co Indiana, on a farm near South Bend. At 16 years he took work with Clark, Whitson & Co of Mishawaka, Indiana for 5 years. In 1880 he went to Griggs Co. N.D., after looking over the county he returned to Mishawaka, clerked there about 1 year, and in the spring of 1882 returned to Griggs Co. N. Dak. Here he filed claim to NE 1/4 10 - Willow trap, as a pre-emption. It has been his home since.

Mr. Buchheit was married at Fargo N.D., 1887, to Miss Ella M. Minnick, a native of Indiana, and daughter of Jacob and Mary Minnick - farmers.

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