

Lars O. Bue

Lars O. Bue is postmaster and general merchant at Bue post office, Nelson Co. He was born in Bergenstift, Norway, Apr 4, 1861, the youngest of 5 children born to Ole and Christe (Davidson) Bue. The father still lives on the farm in Winnishiek County Iowa where he first located on coming to U.S. in 1866.

At 19, Lars O. Bue began clerking in a store. In the spring of 1881, he landed at Valley City and then started on foot for the "Big Bend" of the Sheyenne River. About 60 miles north he located the land he now owns and built a 6x6 loghouse and held the land as a squatter. During the fall of 1881 he worked in the Red River valley, and in 1882 in Goose River valley. By the spring of 1883 he had a yoke of oxen and filed on his land and began farming.

In May 1882 a post office was established and named Bue in his honor and he became the first post master. In 1890 he started his store.

Mr. Bue married in 1883, Miss Olina Mikkelsen. Their children: Clara, Oscar Gilbert, Albert, Nels, Clarence, Oliver and Ludvig, twins, and Oliver. Clara, Clarence and Oliver (one of the twins) are now deceased.

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