Biography of John Feske --Clara Anderson

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Their closest neighbor was John Pitty.

They did not have very much machinery. They had a walking plow, a broadcast seeder, and used oxen for teams. They raised very very good crops but they did not have many acres under cultivation. They went out on the prairies and gathered buffalo chips and used them for fuel.

He was married at Cooperstown to Hanna Helmer, March 25, 1899. His descendants are Violet Feske, Rudolph Feske and Pearl Feske, all of Cooperstown, N. Dak.

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