

Biography of John Gunderson

--Miranda Gunderson - *grand daughter*

John Gunderson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Gunderson. He was born February 11, 1866 in ~~Ellamere~~ ^{Werners} County, Wisconsin.

His parents were poor and therefore left Wisconsin to settle a few years in Minnesota. Making no progress, they came to North Dakota in the year 1881 with horses drawing them in a covered wagon.

Mr. Gunderson bought land in Romness Township and settled down in a frame house. His trips to town were made by driving a team of horses pulling some kind of a wagon. His hardships were many, connected with blizzards and prairie fires.

Some of his nearest neighbors were: A. Rusten; Mr. Lynner; Andrew Idsvoog; G. Gudmundson; Pete Idsvoog; Mr. Michaelson; and R. H. Beldan.

His farm machinery was but little; a walking plow, shoe drill, and a wooden harrow. He had a team or so of oxen and also bronchos.

The education he received was very little and he went to church in the schoolhouse with Mr. Lundebj as minister, a very tall, large man with long whiskers.

His fuel was chiefly wood, which was obtained near the river in the forest, gotten by a method of horses and a wagon.

Mr. John Gunderson was married to Thea Sletten, January 17, 1893 at the home of his wife.

He died December 23, 1929 at his home in Cooperstown, North Dakota and was buried in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Five children were born to them, four of which are living. Five of his descendants are living and they are as follows:

Thorval Gunderson, Cooperstown, North Dakota
Pete Gunderson, Aneta, North Dakota
Mrs. Sophia Morse, Jessie, North Dakota
Mrs. Iver Anderson, Driscoll, North Dakota
Ed Gunderson, Saskatchewan, Canada