

# Biography of Christian Myers Jacobson

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*Written in 1927*

The parents of this pioneer were Jacob and Hannah Erickson. The name of this pioneer is Christian Myers Jacobson. He was born June 24, 1851 at Tronso, Northland in Norway. He came to America in the spring of 1880 because he thought he could do better in a new country and at that time people were moving to North Dakota to take up homesteads, so this pioneer came to this state because they could get free land by preemption and homesteading.

They came across in covered wagons drawn by oxen. Some had horses but very few. There were five wagons all together. He took up his homestead on the banks of the Sheyenne River during the spring of 1881. The winters were very bad and they had very many snowstorms. They also had great prairie fires sweep over the country. Once during a big prairie fire he was hurt quite badly almost losing one eye and was burned badly in the face while trying to save his grain.

The first home was a log house with bark and straw roof.

He went for provisions to Mayville or Portland. He usually made this trip on foot but sometimes drove with a team of oxen. He did not mind this trip because it was the nearest and only place to get the provisions.

His nearest neighbors were A. J. Hegna, Andrew Lee, Knut Moen, Sever Odegard, and Helge Olson.

The early farm machinery was the walking plow and reaper. The chief power was by oxen. He sowed his grain by hand.

He cut down wood and hauled it from the Sheyenne valley which was about one-fourth of a mile from the house.

In the fall, December 10, 1881, he was married to Ingeborg Hegna. There were seven children born on his farm in Griggs County, these being: Mrs. L. D. Carlson of Aneta, N. Dak., Mrs. R. O. Bailey of Galchutt, N. Dak., Mrs. N. R. Edland of Cooperstown, N. Dak., Mrs. S. K. Moen, of Aneta, N. Dak., Miss Ida Jacobson of Aneta, N. Dak., Miss Mable Jacobson of Aneta, N. Dak., and Mr. Henry John Jacobson of Aneta, N. Dak. The latter three still reside at his home nine miles west of Aneta, N. Dak., at Pilot Mound Township, Range twenty-four. There are also eight grandchildren.

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## Iver Jacobson

Iver Jacobson, of the firm of Jacobson and Serenungard, attorneys and counselors-at-law, was born in Norway 1851. He went to Wisconsin in 1867, and located in Waupun. After remaining there two years, he went to La Crosse, Wis. where he received his education, and studied law with Judge Mills, of Arcadia, and was admitted to the Bar in the same district. He came to Dakota March 29, 1882, and located at Valley City, being admitted to the Bar in that city, Sept. 27, 1882. He began the practice of law with a former partner from Arcadia Wis., under the firm name of Mills and Jacobson. Mr. Jacobson was married Mar 29, 1879 to Miss Julia M. Mills, the only daughter of Hon. Seth Mills of Valley City. They have had three children, only one of whom is living. Mr. Jacobson is a young man of good scholarship and experience in the law, and has a fine practice, besides dealing largely in loans and real estate.

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William C. Jameson

William C. Jameson was born Nov-29, 1834 at  
Hightstown New York. — Died Nov 1, 1916 at ~~Cooperstown~~.

He was married first to Alice H. Mainright, born  
Sept 13, 1835 <sup>in New Jersey</sup> — died Nov 13, 1895 at Cooperstown.

Mr. Jameson came to Grecco County in 1883  
and took land near Red Willow.

After the frost of 1888 he came to Cooperstown  
and started a store. This building was on the  
lot of the present Legion Hall. Later he was  
post master, had a store on site of Sayer's  
Salberg Co. and with Arnt Olson built ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup>  
store building <sup>later</sup> on used by Mr. Hildre.

Two granddaughters, Alice and Maggie  
Jameson — daughters of his son Joel — made  
their home with Mr. Jameson after the  
death of their mother the second time.

Mr. Jameson married Anna May Rest in 1908  
and shortly afterward he retired. (She died.)

His was the first store in Cooperstown to  
regularly stock fresh fruits in season.

→ Nov 11, 1915 at Media Pennsylvania



John N. Jorgensen

John N. Jorgenson, Clerk of the District Court, was born in Denmark; was well educated, and came to this country in 1878. He is a young man of good ability, and has been Clerk of the District Court since its organization in April, 1882. He married Miss C. Hicks in 1882

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