

EMIL KROGSGAARD  
by Elbjorg Krogsgaard.

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The early pioneers of his own nationality already here was the main reason for his coming to North Dakota. Starting from Filmore County Minn., where the first stop was made after coming to the U.S., he went by rail to Valley City and then traveled on foot to where he is now living. He arrived here the last part of March 1882 and took up land. In 1883 he filed on it.

His land was located in Bald Hill township Section 14. He bought a quarter of section 23 in 1888. Mr. Krogsgaard worked in Valley City the winter of 1882-82.

The first house was a frame house covered on the outside with sod. Provisions were obtained from Knud Thompson as a store had just been started by him in Cooperstown. Some of his neighbors here the year before brought their supplies from Valley City.

The near neighbors were Mathew Fjelstad, Andrew Benson, Andre Aarestad, Frithiof Greenland, and Christian Lee.

The first and second years after taking up land he hired breaking. The third year he bought two oxen, a plow and a seeder and put in the crop himself. Later he bought two more oxen. The crop put in was all wheat except a few potatoes for eating. The crops were good but the prices were very poor. Fuel was picked up down by the river.

The weather was fair most of the time especially the first years. However some bad storms were experienced. January 1888 there was a big snow storm. In 1896 the dug-out for the oxen snowed over. Water for the oxen had to be lowered in a bucket through a hole sawed in the roof.

One year a prairie fire destroyed the whole crop when it burned the wheat stacks. The house escaped because it was on the other side of the railroad which acted as a fire-break.

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