

PIONEER BIOGRAPHY  
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He was born in Norway the twenty third of September in 1884. He was born in Egersund. He came to North Dakota because he thought he could prosper better here than in Norway. His exact date when he came to North Dakota was June 11, 1904. He worked at Hans Helland's when he came to North Dakota. It was in Bryan Township and he lived in a frame house just like we do now. Their nearest town was Binford and it took three hours to go to town. They went to town about once a week.

The name of the nearest neighbor was Anton Miller.

His machinery was just like we have now but they had no tractors. They had about five or six teams and there were horses to work with. The early crops were wheat, oats, barley, and corn, and they got 15 to 25 bushels to the acre.

Their fuel was wood and coal from the woods along the rivers and coal from the coal mines of North Dakota.

Some particular snow storm was once when they had been over to my uncle's place. There came up an awful storm. When they reached the gate they could not see the house. They had two quite good horses but they were ~~not~~ very good horses. Papa tried to turn the horses but they would not go where he turned them so he let them go where they pleased, so they started to run, in a little while they were at home. The horses were standing in front of the barn door.

He married Miss Julia Aslakson the 15 of October in Cooperstown.

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