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Biography of Emanuel Long
--Marliss Swanson

Mr. Long was born at Preston, Minnesota on December 7, 1856.

His main reason for coming to North Dakota was to secure a better education for his children, and also for financial reasons. He came to this state by rail from the state of Oregon in 1894.

His occupation while here was that of a contractor. He lived at Minot, North Dakota while in the Flickertail State.

His first house was frame; that is, wooden. He lived in the city of Minot with his family, so had to make no trips to town. However, Minot at that date was not the city it is now and all the modern conveniences were lacking to city dwellers.

Early hardships were extreme cold spells, blizzards, and very hot summers.

They had a number of neighbors as Mr. Long and his family settled in the heart of the city then.

He did no farming, so used no farm machinery. His occupation, that of contracting, was mainly one of supervising lower brick and cement workers.

The fuel used by Mr. Long was lignite coal which practically everyone used during the "90's." This coal was mined some miles distant at a big lignite mine, and shipped to Minot.

In the year of 1877, Mr. Long passed through North Dakota on a trip. This was at the time when new railroads were being constructed, and then the farthest the Great Northern line extended was into eastern Montana. However, Mr. Long did not settle in North Dakota at this early date, but he went on to another state.

Mr. Long's present residence is at LaVerne, California, near Los Angeles. He is now 73 years old, but owing to California's wonderful climate, in very good health.

He was married in 1886 to Miss Minnie Wirtz, who lived in Canada. They were married at Ortonville, Minnesota.