

Arne Lukassen, Aneta, N.D.

Arne Lukassen, President of Aneta Supply Co.
Aneta was born in Nes on Dec 6, 1858, came
to America in 1877 ^(?) ^{probably 1867} To North Co. Iowa. He was
there 13 years, moved to near Cooperstown
and has a farm in Sverdrup Township. He has
been a business man in Aneta since 1901
and has the towns largest business place -

His wife, Hansine Brekke, is daughter
of Thomas Brekke of Aneta N.D.

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Biography of Arne Luckason
--Garfield Olson

Arne Luckason is one of the early pioneers of Griggs County, born December 6, 1858 in Ness Halingdall, Norway.

He came to America on April 25, 1877. He came to America for the purpose of bettering himself; and for better prospects of making a good living for himself and his mother. He left his home in Norway because he was the strongest in the family and had to get out and support the family for his father died when Arne was twelve years old. He thought he would come to this country. On the steamer he was sick almost all the time. He was fourteen days on the ocean. When about half way across there came a terrible storm. It lasted for four days. He landed at Quebec, Canada. From there he went by train to Iowa where he had a brother.

At that time Iowa was a prairie, too, and people residing in town had cattle and hired a herder at so much a head to herd them out in the country. Mr. Luckason being only 17 years, got such a job and good wages by securing a large number of cattle to herd each day. He stayed at a farm just outside of town, and milked two cows morning and night for his room and board. During the day time he herded the cattle for the people in town. He remained here for three years; then he went to Minnesota. There he worked for a homesteader and finally started to buy and sell oxen and horses.

Later he immigrated to North Dakota, still continuing to trade and buy. He was then known as a peddler, selling all kinds of commodities to the homesteaders. This was of great service to them because there were no cars and railroads and the closest town was Valley City; they had only oxen and lumber wagons to drive in.

On June 10, 1881 he squatted on a homestead the northwest half of section 10, range 58 in Griggs County, six miles southeast of Cooperstown but was too young to file. He lived in a dugout at first. His neighbors were Cle Halvorson, John Dahl, and Christ Bolkan.

The farm implements were few. He sold his oxen and bought a breaking plow and some other younger oxen. They sowed only wheat and feed oats.

He later in the summer built a log house just across the Sheyenne River in the woods. He cut down trees and built his one room house. He had a straw shed for a barn. There were times when they hauled grain and cord wood that they cut to Cooperstown when the snow was falling so fast and it was storming so hard that they could not see ten feet ahead of them. There were times when snow storms lasted for six days at the time. They never went to bed before the sun went down and they were up at sunrise.

In the fall of 1884, his mother and sister came from Norway to keep house for him. His mother was 66 years and his sister was 13. They built a larger house and barn.

The next year he bought more land. In 1902 he moved to Aneta where he built a store and lived for 16 years. He then sold his store.

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He was married February 25, 1905 to Geniveda Brekke of Aneta, North Dakota. They were married by Rev. Lund. To them were born two children, Lillian and Wilfred Luckason, now of Church's Ferry, North Dakota where they live with their father, 9 miles east and one mile north of Church's Ferry. His wife died of pneumonia on April 20, 1927 at Devils Lake.