

Knute O. Nesheim

Knute O. Nesheim of Sec. 8, Norway trap Nelson Co. claims to be the oldest settler on the Sheyenne River Valley within the limits of Nelson Co.

He was born in Bergenstift, Norway, near Vaassertraden on the farm of Nesheim, Mar. 8, 1859. He was the oldest of 11 children born to Ole and Betsey (Nesheim) Nesheim, the parents still living in Iowa. The father came first to Allamakee County, Iowa, and his family followed in 1873. When he was 17, Knute O. began work on a farm in Worth Co., Iowa. From there, in company with T. Mickelson, he started for the Sheyenne River in Dakota. They drove overland with ox-teams, and reached the Sheyenne River at Valley City. They followed up the stream and chose lands near each other in Nelson County. They were the first settlers in the Sheyenne river valley within the limits of Nelson Co., locating June 26, 1880. Mr. Mickelson sold out and removed from the county, thus leaving Mr. Nesheim the original first settler in the valley in the county. He was at that time the owner of 2 yoke of oxen and 2 cows.

He did part time breaking for others at \$4 or 5 per acre - He also raised crops each year. He spent some time in hunting and trapping.

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and shot many deer and some antelope.
He trapped beaver and other wild animals.

Fishing was good. He was one of the organizers
of Norway trap.

Mr. Nesheim was married 1884, to Miss
Minnie Arden. His children: Annie S.,
Oscar, Bennard, Bella, Matilda, Lena,
Edwin, Melvin, and Theodor, deceased.

Mr. Nesheim still lives in a log house
built in 1895.

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