

Frank Sanford

Frank Sanford, Barnes County's Reg. of Deeds - was born in Liberty Township, Jackson Co. Mich, Sept 25, 1860, a son of Jas. P. and Cornelia (Nutter) Sanford. The mother, who was born at Tan Yan New York died at 32 years, Jas Sanford married 2nd to Alice Mc Cormick of Rochester N. Y. Mr. Jas Sanford was born in 1830 in New York, but moved to Mich in 1834 and is now living on the farm that that his father Abraham Sanford, took up from the government, Abraham Sanford moved to Mich while it was still a territory and helped build the old state road from Detroit to Chicago. He died in Jackson Co. Mich, in 1880 at 77 years + 5 Mo.

Frank Sanford attended the country schools near his home and also the high school at Hillsdale Mich. From there he went to Smithson College at Logansport Ind. and took a course in ^{higher} mathematics and stayed there until the school was abandoned. On his return to Mich he taught school for a number of terms, besides one term at Momence, Wankakee Co. Ill.

On Mar 18, 1882, Mr. Sanford arrived at Valley City N. Dak and at once located land on Sec 20-742 as a homestead. He also took a tree claim and a pre-emption. He now owns $2\frac{3}{4}$ sections of land in one body, and his wife has a section of very

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land in Gregg County N. Dak.

He was first married Nov 20, 1879 to Miss Esther Rhoads a native of Jackson Co, Mich, who died on the homestead in Barnes County June 26, 1882. On Oct 13, 1886 he married Miss Helen S. Kingsley, born in New York State -

Mr. Sanford, active in politics has represented his district on board of County Commissioners in 1891, and in 1894 was first elected Reg. of Deeds, and is now serving his 3rd term. He is a Mason, a member of El. Logel Temple of Fargo. During his early years here he would return to Michigan during the winter and teach school to get money to help improve his land.

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