

Biography of David Sansburn
--Marie Sansburn

David Sansburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sansburn, was born at St. Marys, Ontario, Canada, March 25, 1863 and was the fifth child of thirteen children.

He lived on a farm in Blanchard township with his father for twenty-eight years, doing all kinds of farm work, and was especially interested in horses, cattle and sheep raising.

In 1888, he went to the Black Hills in South Dakota, expecting to file on land on the Brule Reservation, but it was not open for filing at that time. So he worked a year on the horse range. Getting tired of that kind of life, he came to Cooperstown, North Dakota in 1889, lived in town for three years learning the blacksmith trade with his brother, Sam, but being used to outdoor life, it didn't agree with his health. In 1892 he bought land in Tyrol township and erected buildings on it.

He batched with his brother for three years in Tyrol and in 1902 he married Josephine Carlson from Saltdalen, Norway. Five children were born to them, two boys and three girls, all of whom are living. In February, 1917 his wife died, but with the help of kind friends and neighbors, he was able to keep his family together, except one child, the youngest who made her home at his sister's.

In 1919 he married Belle Monson, a widow with four children, a boy and three girls, all of whom are living.