

Iver J. Seim

Iver J. Seim, of Sec 30, Bergen twp, Steele Co, and son of Iver and Betsey (Lillegraven) Seim, was born Mar 7, 1857 in Ladanger, Bergen (stift) Norway, after the death of his father.

At 15 years, he, his mother, and brother, came to Minnesiek Iowa and joined two of the children who had come before. He had one year schooling in English speaking schools after he came <sup>to U.S.</sup> ~~here~~. In May 1880 he went by team to Dakota. He had about \$100<sup>00</sup> in cash and a team of horses and after prospecting along the river for 20 miles selected his present location and established a "squatter" claim to it. His family was soon established in a log house 14x16, built on the banks of the river. This house has been moved about 1/4 mile from the river to where the modern house stands, the main part of which was built in 1883.

Mr. Seim raises Clydesdale horses and Short Horn cattle.

Mr. Seim was married, in 1877, to Miss Jennie Spilde, born in Norway. Their children: Bessie, Paul, Jens, Adolph, Ida, deceased; Ida, deceased and Melvin.

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IVER I. SEIM, a resident of section 30, in Bergen township, Steele county, is the owner of twelve hundred and eighty acres of land and has acquired his fortune single-handed. He is one of the pioneers of that region and has been eminently successful in diversified farming, his land, located in the eastern part of the Sheyenne river valley, being admirably adapted to that work. His farm evidences painstaking care in its operation and modern methods and improvements make it a home of more than usual comforts.

Our subject was born in Hadanger, Bergen (stift), Norway, March 7, 1857, and was the youngest in a family of five children. His father, Iver Seim, died prior to the birth of our subject and the mother, whose maiden name was Betsey Lillegraven, of necessity had the care of the family after the father's death. Our subject was put to work at herding when eleven years of age and when fifteen years of age he and his mother and brother came to America and joined two of the children who had preceded them to this country. Our subject was then able to earn his own livelihood and at once engaged in farm work in Winneshiek, Iowa. He secured one winter's schooling in the English speaking schools after his arrival in this country and in May, 1880, went by team to Dakota. His objective point was the Sheyenne river, in what was then Traill county, North Dakota. He had about one hundred dollars in cash and a team of horses and after prospecting along the river for a distance of twenty miles selected his present location and established a "squatter's claim" thereto. His family was soon established in a log house 14x16 feet, built on the banks of the river and this house has since been moved about a quarter of a mile from the river, to where the more modern house stands, the main part of which was built in 1883. Our subject has devoted himself to diversified farming from the first of his labors in Dakota and has been successful in his calling and enjoys a comfortable home. He raises Clydesdale horses and Short Horn cattle and his stock raising has contributed largely to his profits and his farm is one of the best located in the country for that purpose.

Mr. Seim was married, in 1877, to Miss Jennie Spilde, a native of Norway. Seven children have been born to this union as follows: Bessie, Paul, Jens, Adolph, Ida, deceased, Ida, deceased, and Melvin. Mr. Seim is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Politically, he is a Populist and was early identified with the movements of that party and took an active part in the organization of the same. He has attended county conventions and served on the Populist central committees and is prominent in local affairs and is deservedly popular with the people among whom he has resided since the early settlement of that region.