

Ole Serumgard

Ole Serumgard ^{is} registered in the United States land office at Devils Lake, N.D. He is also engaged in farm machinery business in Devils Lake in company with Mr. Prosser.

Mr. Serumgard was born in Parish of Lesje, Norway, Dec 22, 1856 and came to Watonwan Co Minn with his parents in 1868. Here he lived until 1881. He was educated in the common schools and at the State Normal at Mankato where he graduated in 1879.

In 1881 he went to N. Dak. and taught school one year in Cass Co where he took a homestead claim. He engaged in the land and loan business in Cooperstown, ^{until 1884} and went to Devils Lake following the same business for several years. He formed a partnership with Hon. F. H. Prosser in 1891, under the ^{firm} name of Prosser + Serumgard, and they have since engaged in the farm machinery business.

Mr. Serumgard was married at Mankato, Minnesota, to Miss Karen Thordahl who was also born in Norway. Their children: Pauline, Olga, Inez, and Harold. Mr. Serumgard taught the first school in Griggs County.

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Biography of Ole Serungard

(One of the two first teachers in Griggs County.)

Ole Serungard was born in the parish of Lesje, Norway, December 22, 1856, and came to America with his parents in 1868. They settled on a farm in Watonwan County, Minnesota, where he continued his residence until 1881. His education was received in the common schools and at the State Normal at Mankato, Minnesota, where he graduated in 1879. He was engaged in teaching and farming in Watonwan County until 1881, when he went to North Dakota and taught school one year in Cass County, afterward going to Griggs County, where he took a homestead claim. Ole Serungard was one of the two first school teachers in Griggs County after the school districts were organized. (The other teacher was S. C. Gunderson.) His first term of school was at Mardell, D. T. Later he engaged in the land and loan business at Cooperstown.

In the spring of 1884, he went to Devils Lake, where he engaged in the real estate business. In 1891 he formed a partnership in the machinery business with Hon. F. H. Prosser, under the firm name of Prosser and Serungard.

In July 1898, he was appointed Register of the U. S. Land Office at Devils Lake by President McKinley and held that position for nine years. He also served two terms as treasurer of Ramsey County in the late '90's. He was a member of the city council of Devils Lake for several years.

Mr. Serungard was married at Mankato, Minnesota to Miss Karen Throdahl, who was also a native of Norway. Four children were born to this union, namely: Pauline, Olga, Inez, and Harold.

From 1914 until his death in 1930, he was manager of the Farmers' Grain Company of Devils Lake. He served on the board of managers of the State Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks, being appointed to that position by former Governor Nestoss. He also served as a director of the Northwest Grain Association, a farm board co-operative organization.

Siver Serungard, a brother of Ole Serungard, was a teacher in Griggs County in the early '80s.

Ole Serungard died in 1930 at Devils Lake at the age of 74 years.

OLE SERUMGARD

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OLE SERUMGARD, register in the United States land office at Devils Lake, North Dakota, is one of the public spirited and enterprising citizens of his locality, and enjoys the highest esteem and confidence of his fellowmen. He is engaged in the farm machinery business in Devils Lake in company with Mr. Prosser, and has met with success in his business and is one of the substantial men of Ramsey county.

Our subject was born in the Parish of Lesje Norway, December 22, 1856, and came to America with his parents in 1868. They settled on a farm in Watonwan county, Minnesota, where our subject grew to manhood and continued his residence there until 1881. His education was received in the common schools and at the State Normal at Mankato, where he graduated in 1879. He was engaged in teaching and farming in Wantonwan county until 1881, when he went to North Dakota and taught school one year in Cass county, after ward going to Griggs county, where he took a homestead claim, He engaged in the land and loan business at Cooperstown and remained there till the spring of 1884, when he went to Devils Lake, following the same business there several years. He formed a partnership with Hon. F. H. Prosser in 1891, under the firm name of Prosser & Serumgard, and they have since engaged in the farm machinery business and have made a success of that line.

Mr. Serumgard was married at Mankato, Minnesota, to Miss Karen Throdahl, who was a native of Norway also. Mr. and Mrs. Serumgard are the parents of four children, named as follows: Pauline, Olga, Inez, and Harold. Mr. Serumgard taught the first school in Griggs county, and is a gentleman of excellent mind and systematic nature. He was elected treasurer of Ramsey county in 1886, and served two terms. He was appointed a trustee of the State Normal School by Governor Andrew H. Burke, and resigned after serving one year. He has been a member of the city council of Devils Lake for several years, and in July, 1898, was appointed by President McKinley as register of the United States land office at Devils Lake, assuming the duties of that office in September of that year. At the time of his appointment he was serving as mayor of Devils Lake, to which office he was elected in the spring of 1898.

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(the first teacher in Griggs County)
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Ole Serungard was married at Mankato, Minn. to Karin Throdahl, a native of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. O. Serungard are parents of four children, namely Pauline, Olga, Inez and Harold.

Siver Serungard, a brother of Ole Serungard was a teacher in Griggs County in the early days.

Ole Serungard died at Devils Lake in 1930.

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