

PIONEER BIOGRAPHY
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He, just like so many others, left the old country because there were so many hard times. He had heard of the vast opportunities that this country offered, easier to earn money and much better lands!

He came to North Dakota instead of some other state because he had friends here in N. Dak.

The trip from pioneer's home to N. Dak. was beset with obstacles and hardships. One thing was he couldn't speak English. Of course over the ocean wasn't so hard, but it was discouraging after he came to New York.

He came over to N. Dak. in 1902. He took up his land in Williams County. The nearest town was Ambros. Hans Kvanne was his nearest neighbor. The house he lived in was a little shanty. It was made of boards and was 12 by 14 feet. The team he had was two oxen. The machinery was a walking plow. He borrowed the other necessary machinery.

The crops raised were wheat, oats, barley and flax. That year the crops all dried out.

The fuel of early days was lignite. They got it from the mines. They had to drive it home in wagons with oxen.

The hardships they had were pretty hard. They had snowstorms, hail storms, dirt storms and prairie fires.

The pioneer is a single man. Present home of pioneer is in Alberta, Canada in the southern part. The nearest town is Loyalist. He was here nine years. Then he sold his homestead here in N. Dak. and went to Alberta, Canada where he took homestead. He left here because the land was so stony. He went to Canada to see how it was there and it being satisfactory he located on a homestead there. He started out with four oxen. The machinery that he had did not amount to much. The four first years were discouraging being hailed out and dried out every year.

He had eighty miles to town. It took him from 8 to 10 days to make the trip forth and back, but after there was more settled he came nearer and nearer to market. Now he was only four and a half miles to town.

When he first came there he had a shanty just as in N. Dak. It was built out of boards. The shanty was 12 by 14 feet. Now he has a big house and barn. He has a half section of land. Last year he bought his first automobile. He is now well fixed.

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