

Biography of Ole Skrain
--Arthur Larson

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Mr. and Mrs. John Olson are the names of the parents of the pioneer. The name of the pioneer is Ole G. Skrain. He was born in 1844 in Norway, Valley of Hallingdahl, city of Ness.

He left here because of hard times and came here to homestead. He came to North Dakota with a wagon and a team of oxen on June 15, 1880.

He homesteaded on Section 26. His first house was part dug-out and part log house. He went to Valley City twice a year for provisions. Prairie fires and blizzards were some of the hardships he had to endure. John Torphin and Otto Flutto were his nearest neighbors. His machinery and teams were a breaking plow and one team of oxen. Bolkan School was the name of the school. He used wood for fuel.

Ole Skrain was married to Carry A. Sindan at War County, Iowa in the year of 1878. Both are now living in Ulen, Minnesota. They had three children.

Torphin and Flutto both came to Section 26 about six months before Ole Skrain.

The family left Griggs County in 1890. Two children of Skrain's family went to the Bolkan School.