

Biography of Minnie Arnt (Mrs. August Steinborn)  
--Beatrice Wells; *grand daughter*

Minnie Arnt was born in Sattin, Germany, September 19, 1848. She lived in Sattin, Germany until she married August Steinborn, June 3, 1869.

They came over to America in a May boat on May 11, 1881. They made their home in Cleveland, Ohio for two years when she did sewing and knitting for a living. They then came on to North Dakota by one of the early trains. They could homestead here, and there was better land in North Dakota then.

They came to Sanborn, North Dakota and that was as far as the train went. They came the rest of the way then in a Red River cart made of wood. They arrived in North Dakota in 1883.

They homesteaded a section and later bought a couple of sections. They had to live on it five years and make improvements or it would be taken away from them. Their first house was a sod shanty made of sod on the outside and wood on the inside. It was about 10x14 feet. They covered the roof with straw to make it warmer. They went to town with their oxen and covered wagon and had to go to Sanborn to get flour and most of their supplies.

There were many severe blizzards, lots of snow and floods in the spring; also now and then a prairie fire.

Their nearest neighbors were: Fenners, Feskes, Gartmans, and Michaelis.

The school was a long way from where they lived and was very small and made of sod and wood. The children had school only about two months every year. The church was also far away and very small. It burned down in one of the sweeping prairie fires.

Their fuel was river wood, straw, and cow chips as coal was too expensive for a pioneer to buy. After they got started they built up a big barn, house, granary, chicken coop, and later a big grain elevator which burned down from heating grain.

There were seven children in the family. Those living now are:

Mrs. J. E. Wells  
Hannaford, North Dakota  
R.R. #3

Mr. George Steinborn  
Hannaford, North Dakota  
R.R. #3

Mr. Herb Steinborn  
Cooperstown, North Dakota

Mr. Charley Steinborn - *died 1958*  
508-3d St. So.  
Fargo, North Dakota

Mrs. Edith Francis  
City

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Mr. Steinborn died in 1905. Then Mrs. Steinborn moved to Coopers-  
town and built a house on the south side of the Commercial Hotel. She  
later moved to Fargo to live with her granddaughter. She lived there  
until February 28, 1928 when she happily passed away.