

Biography of Ole Knute Thune  
--George Hagberg

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He came to this country because he wished to see America and thought he could make a better living. He came to N. Dak. because he could get a free homestead. He came on a ship across the Atlantic ocean to New York, then by train and east by oxen to his home. He came to N. Dak. April 19, 1874.

N. Dak. was then a wild country. He filed on a homestead on section 14, township 147, range 61. His first building was a frame house. His provisions were hauled from Sanborn by oxen.

His nearest neighbor was A. B. Nass right across the road, another was Thorvel Dahl about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles northwest. His early machinery consisted of a walking plow and drill and oxen for farm power. He raised wheat and oats but the gophers got most of it. It only averaged about 1 bushel to the acre.

For fuel he hauled logs from Lake Jessie. They had many severe blizzards and prairie fires.

He was married to Carry Schotable at Sanborn on October 12, 1887. The descendants of the pioneer are Knute Thune, Mrs. Ole Knutson, Mrs. Louis Trelstad all of Binford, and Mrs. Melby of Minot.

Mr. Thune died March 17, 1904 at his home 3 miles southwest of Binford. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of Binford, N. Dak.

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