

Biography of William Tweed, Pioneer
--Donald Tweed

The pioneers names were Mr. and Mrs. Tollef Tweed. The name of the pioneer was Mr. William Tweed. They were born in Bergen, Norway.

They came to Madison, Wisconsin first, and they lived there six months before they came to Belgrade, Minnesota. They came to North Dakota because they thought they would do better here. They came to North Dakota in 1885 in the spring. The times were very hard. They would have to go around Mayville and work. They were on the point of moving away when they had a very good crop after two bad years crop.

They were homesteaders. They lived between Binford and Jessie. The nearest town at the time was Cooperstown. The neighbors were Eric Watne, McCullough, and Ole Thorne.

Their first team was oxen. Anytime they wanted to have fuel, they would go to Sheyenne Valley for it which was about 15 miles. They had to dry it in the oven first. Some years they had good crops and some years they had bad crops. Grain was worth about 40¢ a bushel.

There were also many snowstorms which would cover buildings, and the teachers and school children would have to sleep in schoolhouses.

The descendants of the pioneers are:

- (4 children) Louis B. Tweed, lives near Pekin, N. D.
- (3 children) Joseph Tweed, lives near Pekin, N. D.
- (3 children) Carl O. Tweed, lives at or near Crosby, N. D.
- Alfred Tweed, lives near Glenfield
- (1 child) Oscar Tweed, lives near Jessie
- Maynard Tweed, lives at Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Bertha Tweed, lives at Crosby, N. D.
- Dinah Tweed, lives at Miami, Florida
- Toralph Tweed, lives at Finley, N. D.
- (4 children) W. G. Tweed, lives at Cooperstown, N. D.

The present home of pioneer is at Binford, North Dakota.