

## Howard Wilson

Howard Wilson, of Sec 6, Dover trap, Griggs Co, was born on a farm in York County Canada, May 18, 1860, the 3rd child and eldest son in a family of 5 sons and 4 daughters. His father Samuel L. Wilson, born in York Co, married Jane Walks. He was a farmer and carpenter. He died in 1898.

At 18 years Howard Wilson began to work for others, and in 1883 went to Barnes County, and on June 8, 1883 filed on his homestead in Dover trap. He now owns 9 quarters of land in Griggs and  $\frac{1}{4}$  section in Stutsman Co. He worked in the pineries of Minn. during the winters of 1883, 1884, & 1885 and in 1886 carried mail each Saturday, from Uxbridge, (now Leal) to Sanborn and returns and spent the balance of the week attending school in Leal.

When he went to live on his farm, he was alone for 3 years and then hired a house keeper for 3 years. His first wheat crop was from 10 acres, and after hauling it 5 miles to be threshed and put into a granary, it was destroyed by prairie fire.

Mr. Wilson was married in Cooperstown, June 19, 1893 to Miss Mary E. Hilborn who was born in York Co. Canada. She is daughter of Henry & Elizabeth Hilborn, farmers of Barnes Co. They had 3 children; Milton H.; Clifford H.; and Fred S. In point of residence he is oldest settler of Dover trap.  
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