

Biography of Minnie Arnt.

Minnie Arnt was born in Dattin, Germany Sept 19, 1848.

She lived in Dattin, Ger. until she married August Steinborn, June 3rd, 1869.

They came over to America in a may boat on may 11, 1881.

They made their home in Cleveland, Ohio for 2 yrs where she did sewing & knitting for a living. They then come on to N. Dak. by one of the early trains, and they could homestead here, and there was better land in N. Dak. then.

They came to Danburn N.D. 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 N.D. in 1883

They homesteaded a section & later bought a couple sections. They had to live on it 5 yrs. & make improvements or it was taken away from them.

Their 1st house was a sod shanty made of sod on the outside & wood on the inside. It was about 10 x 14 ft.

They covered the roof with straw to make it warmer. They went to town with their open + covered wagon and had to go to Danburn to get flour + 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, Fransers, Feske's, Gortmans + Michael's.

The school was a long ways from where they lived and was very small made of sod + wood. The children only had school about 2 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 + 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 was 7 children in the family

Those living now are:

Mrs J. E. Wells.

Hannaford N. Dak.

R.R. 3.

Mr George Steinborn

R.R. 3. Hannaford N. D.

Mr Herb Steinborn

Cooperstown, N. D.

Mr Charley Steinborn

508 - 3rd St. Fargo N. D.

Mr Edith Francis

City.

Mr Steinborn died in 1905.

Then Mrs Steinborn moved to Cooperstown 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 Feb. 28, 1928 when she happily passed away.

Beatrice Wells
Biography

The picture taken in Sac City, Iowa
is a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Asmus.
The picture of the "claim shack" was an
early pioneer neighbor of Carl Asmus. The
miniature photo is a modern farm barn
to contrast with the "claim shack". The
picture of the man taken in Cooperstown
N. Dak is "Carl F. W. Asmus".