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Pioneer Sketch of my father.

In 1876 Mr. & Mrs Peter Julius Baltz came across from Germany with a family of four, one which died on the way over and was buried in the ocean. It took them one month to come across.

Mr. Baltz was a Lutheran minister, and he came over to the United States for a bigger field to work in. When they had arrived in this country, they settled in Muskegon, Michigan and then two boys was born which ^{one} was my father in 1880. They had bad luck in Muskegon because Mrs. Baltz died and then the children had to be scattered into different homes as orphans, & Mr. Baltz went back to Germany. When father was of age,

he wanted to get away from Michigan because he thought that he would do better in the west, and also he did not like the damp climate of Michigan. He was on his way to the state of Washington, but as he was going thru North Dakota, he noticed the Golden wheat fields and he liked the looks of the country so he thought he would try this country. In 1901 he settled near Aneta, North Dakota about 1/2 mile from Aneta, so he did not have such a hard time to get provisions as some of the pioneers. He stayed for about seven years. Then he moved to the Herb Chamblin Homestead, in Griggs County, lived

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west that was in 1908 was married
at the Palmage home ^{in Cooperstown} where Mrs
Charlie Cooper now lives. They
lived on Chamblin for about four years
and in 1909, I was born and then
afterwards mother was taken to the
hospital and stay there for four months
and that with poor crops was a
hard pull on father, but he kept
right on. In 1910 my sister Florence
was born, and in that year there
was no crops at all which was
very hard on him.

In 1914 we moved over to
Charlie Hall's place still in Triggs
County, and we lived there ten years
In 1915 my other sister, Marian was born
But in 1919 our poor little Marian died

which was ~~very~~ hard on mother and father.

While we were there we had some very Good crops, and some very poor crops. In 1924 we moved down South of town in Griggs County where he is still living. With dairying and Raising Police dogs, they have kept there head above the level. He would not leave North Dakota with the great opportunity for education etc. He thinks there is no healthful climate than there is in North Dakota and has made fairly well since he has been here. and of course he has had drawbacks, but he says you can always have a living & someday he will reach the Goal by the clong of the Dakota Peoples.

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I tramped, one summer day.

The breeze was free and merry -

white lamb - clouds were at play

with Golden weath was teeming

The farmers paddock full;

and ripened grain stood gleaming

Like lakes of melted gold;

when, richer, sweeter, deeper

than a distant music strain,

Came the Clang of the Dakota reapers

on this Dakota plain!

As when the heart is weeping
'neath slowly crushing hours,
The fragrance soft came creeping
Of memory wild rose flowers.

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