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Dr. P. Fearing

Dr. P. Fearing was born January
6, 1846 near Beers, Norway.

His parents name was Fredric

Fearing; mother's name Fearing.

Came to America in 1863

He left Norway because of the

ruined condition there and also

he wanted to ~~also~~ look for

far better success and in

Norway at that time they

were having some very hard

times and they could not

make any headway.

He headed for Wisconsin

and he stayed H. A. Emerson

of Hardwick Creek in Wisconsin

County near Whitewater,

He came to North Dakota

in 1884

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His reason for coming to
North Dakota was, he heard
of the big land booms in
the west and therefore he came
here.

He first settled four miles
northwest of Hannaford.

He traveled from Wisconsin
to North Dakota by wagon and
horses. He had three horses
with him a cow and some
machinery.

He moved to a farm in
Mabel township.

Since 1893 he moved and settled
on a farm two miles northeast
of Cooperstown, section 22.

The experiences in the early
days! At that time they did not
have machinery to do things

with life they now have
 they cleared their old land
 with a walnut grove
 they lived in a little ten
 paper shack with just one room
 that enough room as they could
 about.
 their nearest neighbors
 Charles & Elizabeth and Jack
 Michael
 they held church services
 in the schoolhouse.
 the name of schoolhouse was
 William.
 their minister was P. A.
 Tharion.
 their first school teacher was
 Mrs. De laud Porter.
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He married Beatha Melby
in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin
in 1873.

He died Dec. 20, 1916, buried
the 23rd of Dec. in the Cooperstown
Cemetery.

Decedents are Oliver Furing
and Olga Furing which died
in Wisconsin at the age of four
and six. Mrs Julia Hoff also died
at Sutton N. Dak. Melvin
Furing of Cooperstown, Oscar
Furing Havelock, N. Dak. Mrs ~~Clara~~
Clara Spelt Cooperstown N. Dak.
Mrs Clara Hoff Leeds N. Dak.

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The Biography of Mattie E. Spickard
Name of Parents of Pioneer were
Evan E. Spencer and Elsie
E. Spencer.

Name of Pioneer - Mattie E. Spencer

Spickard

Mattie E. Spencer Spickard

was born March 30, 1848 at

Renecker County, Norway.

He left Norway at the age of

twenty-five in order to find

a more prosperous place to

work.

On June 24, 1863 he started

from Norway on the ship

Long Live. He was

made with no trouble and

in July? they landed in

New York. He went directly

from New York to Rochester!

Minnesota where he lived
for eight years. During the
fifth year at this place he
was married to Karen Ejlert.
They took up farming and
one year on account of their
crops being taken by a "Cham
bug" they sold out their
farm and moved to North
Dakota. With five other
families they took the train
to Valley City, where they left
their families while the men
went ahead to break land
for their farms. He settled
on section twenty-four in
Ball Hill township. For
many years they lived in
a sod house 12 x 16 feet.

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the prairie as they passed
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"Go and do" And they own
an automobile in three
days they would have that
that lightning and thunder
was falling over the prairie.
The big steam machinery
they had in these large
a kinder in which they used
were to kind the plows;
They also had plough and
harrows. The products
grown on the farms were
mainly wheat, oats, barley
& potatoes. The wheat was

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sold at the low price of
seventy-five cents a bushel.
The grain they raised was
chiefly for themselves and
they had very little to sell,
if any.

During the first year there
were very heavy storms in
sued by a dry spell.

For provisions they went
with their wagons and over
the long distance of thirty-
five miles over wild prairie
over which there were no
roads or signs to guide their
way to Valley City. For fuel
they chopped down and hauled
trees from the Sheyenne
valley.

Their nearest neighbors

were Elizabeth Greenbank,
Christine Lee, Edward
Star and James Star.
The winter were very little
and severe. They emitted
of the most horrible stagnant
and stale. Also the heat
of some of the stagnant the
conduits were so high
that all the buildings and
near by places were covered
and only smoke seemingly
coming from the smoke
could be seen. Pat had
to be drag in order to get
to the bank and other buildings
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To this Union were born
five children, two of whom
are living, Mrs Conrad
Talberg who at present is
living on the old homestead
six miles south of Cooperstown.
Martin Ijelstad living
at Rawson, North Dakota.

The three deceased boys
are Anton, Nels and Nels. Nels
who was born in Minnesota
died at the age of one and a
half years and was also buried
there. Anton who was eight
years at his death and Nels
who was five years are
buried in the Union Church
graveyard, eight miles
south of Cooperstown.

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At present Mrs. Stewart is
living at Capetown with
her wife. On March 30, 1920
he celebrated his seventy-
seventh birthday and is
seemingly in good health
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By Robert Widlund ✓

Outline of a biography of a pioneer

- I. ^{the} Name of the parents of ^{the} pioneer ^{are} - Mr and Mrs Wyllie.
- II. ^{the} Name of pioneer ^{is} - Mrs. Martha Flick
- III. ^{she was born} Date of Birth - April 16, 1854 in New York
- IV. ^{the} How pioneer travelled - By open because ^{State} horses and buggies were very scarce.
- V. ^{her} First house was a log house.
- VI. Early hardships were Crops failing or freezing causing many people people to leave their homes.
- VII. Very few horses were used and wagon were used to ride in. Buggies were very scarce.
- VIII. ^{her} Nearest neighbors were Bill Rickford and Grating Andrew Knutson in Nelson County.
- IX. The fuel had to be hauled from Sanborns to Red Willow by Open. ^{Insert XIII here.}
- X. ^{the} Pioneer married Mr. Sylvester Flick
- XI. ^{their} Present place of residence is in Cooperstown.

XII Name of descendants - Mr. Roy Flick,
Cooperstown, Mr. Walter Flick, Cooperstown
Mr. Ray Flick, Montana, Mr. Perl
Flick, Cooperstown.

XIII. Where Pinford now is not one shock
could be seen in '82 and '83.

Robert Fidlund

Cooperstown

N, Dak.

May 28, 1930.

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John Fosholt ✓

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Life of John J. Frohelt.



John Frohelt was born Valda
Norway on February, 19, 1860. His
father's name was Abel J. Frohelt
and his mother Ragna Frohelt.
Mr. Frohelt left his home in
Norway Norway in the year of 1877
to seek better living conditions. He
came over the ocean on a steamer
and traveled by train inland. They
first settled in the state of Iowa
where they lived for three years.
Then in the spring of 1882 he came
along with his parents to North
Dakota. Upon their arrival to the
state they filed a preemption on
section fourteen of degree township
in the county of Sisseton.
When they had moved out
with a gate not connected with
the paper. From Marching

Consisted of a breaking plow, spring tooth harrow and a sledder.

* Trips to town were made with an open team, the nearest towns being Mayville to the east and Valley City on the Northern Pacific Railroad. They had as their neighbors - Hans J. Lund, and the Eikeland brothers who filed land in the same part of the County.

* They had many hardships in the early years but the worst were prairie fires which occurred every fall and did great damage to some of the property of the pioneers.

Blezzards were common in the winter but were not as discouraging as the prairie fires. They had as their fuel, timber, which was gathered along the banks of the Sheyenne river.

in Coopenstown where they have
a residence. Mr Fosholdt has a
brother, O. G. Fosholdt of County who
is a merchant and a sister, Mrs
Sarah Wald of this City.

Name Erwin Froiland

Subject History II a pioneer life of

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Elling Johnson Froiland

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A pioneer and his life
Elling Johnson of Norway

Born in Vik, Norway in 1850
Dec. 25. His parents name was
Mrs. Emma Fjelland and John Fjelland
They are both dead now.
Elling Johnson was married in Norway
in 1869 to Dorothy Martha Fjelland
there were 4 children born to them
in Norway all were girls and one
died when she was small child,
but the other three are still living
and all of them are in North Dakota.
Him and his wife and children
left Norway in 1891 on a steamship
and they had quite a bit of trouble
before they came to North Dakota. The
boat they sailed in broke down after
one day sailing so they turned back.

and they stopped in Denmark to get
the boat fixed which took them 2 weeks.
Then they did not have any trouble before
they came to New York when they
wanted to send him on one train to
Minn. and her and the children on
another, but they got it arranged so
that both could ~~catch on one boat~~ take
one train to Minn. were they had
some friends but, he only stayed there
one yr. then he got the North Dakota
fever and he made up his mind he
would leave Minn. because he
had to buy land there and go to
North Dakota and take up a homestead.

He came to North Dakota in the spring
of 1882 and settled in Griggs County,
Ball hill township N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 10
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more.

The first year he was on his

homestead he built a shed house

and barn. ~~The only thing he had to state~~

and the only thing he had to state

with were 2 teams, oxen and 3 cows

and a few sheep, some household

goods and a place and that all of

which he brought from Norway.

His only thing from the first year

was ^{about 10 years} ~~11~~ ¹² ~~13~~ ¹⁴ ~~15~~ ¹⁶ ~~17~~ ¹⁸ ~~19~~ ²⁰ ~~21~~ ²² ~~23~~ ²⁴ ~~25~~ ²⁶ ~~27~~ ²⁸ ~~29~~ ³⁰ ~~31~~ ³² ~~33~~ ³⁴ ~~35~~ ³⁶ ~~37~~ ³⁸ ~~39~~ ⁴⁰ ~~41~~ ⁴² ~~43~~ ⁴⁴ ~~45~~ ⁴⁶ ~~47~~ ⁴⁸ ~~49~~ ⁵⁰ ~~51~~ ⁵² ~~53~~ ⁵⁴ ~~55~~ ⁵⁶ ~~57~~ ⁵⁸ ~~59~~ ⁶⁰ ~~61~~ ⁶² ~~63~~ ⁶⁴ ~~65~~ ⁶⁶ ~~67~~ ⁶⁸ ~~69~~ ⁷⁰ ~~71~~ ⁷² ~~73~~ ⁷⁴ ~~75~~ ⁷⁶ ~~77~~ ⁷⁸ ~~79~~ ⁸⁰ ~~81~~ ⁸² ~~83~~ ⁸⁴ ~~85~~ ⁸⁶ ~~87~~ ⁸⁸ ~~89~~ ⁹⁰ ~~91~~ ⁹² ~~93~~ ⁹⁴ ~~95~~ ⁹⁶ ~~97~~ ⁹⁸ ~~99~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~101~~ ¹⁰² ~~103~~ ¹⁰⁴ ~~105~~ ¹⁰⁶ ~~107~~ ¹⁰⁸ ~~109~~ ¹¹⁰ ~~111~~ ¹¹² ~~113~~ ¹¹⁴ ~~115~~ ¹¹⁶ ~~117~~ ¹¹⁸ ~~119~~ ¹²⁰ ~~121~~ ¹²² ~~123~~ ¹²⁴ ~~125~~ ¹²⁶ ~~127~~ ¹²⁸ ~~129~~ ¹³⁰ ~~131~~ ¹³² ~~133~~ ¹³⁴ ~~135~~ ¹³⁶ ~~137~~ ¹³⁸ ~~139~~ ¹⁴⁰ ~~141~~ ¹⁴² ~~143~~ ¹⁴⁴ ~~145~~ ¹⁴⁶ ~~147~~ ¹⁴⁸ ~~149~~ ¹⁵⁰ ~~151~~ ¹⁵² ~~153~~ ¹⁵⁴ ~~155~~ ¹⁵⁶ ~~157~~ ¹⁵⁸ ~~159~~ ¹⁶⁰ ~~161~~ ¹⁶² ~~163~~ ¹⁶⁴ ~~165~~ ¹⁶⁶ ~~167~~ ¹⁶⁸ ~~169~~ ¹⁷⁰ ~~171~~ ¹⁷² ~~173~~ ¹⁷⁴ ~~175~~ ¹⁷⁶ ~~177~~ ¹⁷⁸ ~~179~~ ¹⁸⁰ ~~181~~ ¹⁸² ~~183~~ ¹⁸⁴ ~~185~~ ¹⁸⁶ ~~187~~ ¹⁸⁸ 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They had many hardships to go through the first 4 or 10 yrs. They had to bring their wheat to Valley City to get it ground into flour and they also bought most of their clothes there because there was hardly anything to get in Cooperstown then days. In the winter there was fierce snowstorms, and in the autumn there were prairie fires and they had to plow around the houses so they should not catch fire when a prairie fire came sweeping along and in the winter it was just as bad because of the snowstorms, and they were so bad that people could not go out and do their chores many times and many times Elling Johnson putty near got lost because of the snow

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and a big shipyard began to repair

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told him he had better not go home

because he would get lost, but

he insisted on going and he went.

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he out in a snowstorm then it is

now because there were no houses

to follow and no trees, but, only wind

blowing. He walked towards home

or rather the direction he thought

home were in. When he was a few

rock past the place he thought he

knew himself back in thought the

were close to home, but he could

not see and soon at home or away

so he began to call for the dog
they had and the dog was in the house,
but, he heard him call a he began
to paw on the door and wanted
to come out. The rest of the people
in the house were surprised at
the dog because he had not acted
like that before, and they let
him out and it ran towards
where he heard the calling and when

he got to Elting Johnson he found
him sitting down, but, the dog
got him up by barking at him,
and he showed him the way home,
and he had many other experiences
like that.

In them days they got awful
good crops because the soil was
good and there was no weeds.

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again they got a lot or 30 each
some time.
for 14 qd his wife died the young
child was 11 yrs by this time and
the oldest was 20 yrs and 2 * others
that age. By this time there were
many new neighbors and the country
was getting settled fast, and by
this time he had also built a new
town and house. In 1900 he got
married the second time to Mrs
Anna Hagen from Chicago. and
by this time they had built to
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to ~~x~~ Fred Anderson, and they lived
in St Cloud where he was foreman
in a granite quarry but, when
he got killed in the quarry she
moved to Cooperstown. The next
oldest daughter got married to
Jasper Gaddal and they farm by
Hannaford, the youngest daughter
married Christ Seldal and they
live in Cooperstown, and in
1907 the youngest one which
was the boy got married his
name was Hans Johnson, but
he changed his name to Hans
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to farm ~~x~~ Elting Johnson's farm
then Elting Johnson ^{and his wife} went to
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Iverland. In ~~1912~~ 1914 they built
a kitchen on the farm and moved
the barn and in 1923 they built a
new house. In 1925 they finished
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The parents of the pioneer were
Torkel C Englistad.

Inga Englistad.

The pioneer is Torkel T Englistad.
He was born in Bjerkrem Stavanger,
Norway March 13, 1856.

* Mr Englistad left home because he
wanted to become rich quick.

He came to North Dakota because there
was a man by the name a Paul ^{Hjelm} ~~Hjelm~~
Hanson who had just ~~been~~ traveling along
the Red River valley before it was settled.
He ^{wrote} ~~in~~ in the ^{Norwegian} ~~known~~ papers
telling of the rich soil and the great
opportunities of that new territory.

Another reason why he came to North
Dakota was because his brother-in-law,
Anders ^{Arrestad} ~~Arrestad~~ had come to North
Dakota a year before.

* Mr and Mrs Englistad left Norway
the last part of June, 1883. They took a
small boat to ^{Germany} ~~Germany~~ where they went.

aboard an ocean liner. After about three weeks on the ocean they reached New York City. Here all the ^{immigrants} emigrants were shored into a room where there were ^{benches} benches all along the wall. Mr. Fuglistad had bought a loaf of barley bread which they were sitting eating.

They put the barley bread between them.

Torkel was about to take a slice of bread.

but lo --- the bread was gone. Yes, it had been stolen right under their noses.

A while later Mrs. Fuglistad was sitting knitting with a big ball of woolen yarn at her side. All of a sudden she noticed that the yarn was gone. That had been stolen also.

These were the first experiences they had in the wonderful land of America.

They next took a train to Buffalo where they took a ^{steamer} steamer on the Great Lakes to Duluth.

They were ^{shown} shown to a baggage room ^{in which} in which they ^{were to} should stay during their trip. It was very uncomfortable for most of the night while they were sleeping, they were awakened and had to move.

Their beds to another corner because their ship had
come into port and they had to load or unload
some baggage. When they reached Cleveland on Lake
Superior, there was a lady on board who was very sick.
Mr. Fuglistad ^{called} for a doctor and a doctor
came ^{instantly} and let the sick woman ^{into} town.
She left her ^{baby} who was ^{about} one year old
on board with out anyone to care for him.

No one seemed to pay any attention to him
so Mrs. Fuglistad took the child. ^{She bathed and} fed her. They thought they would have to
take the child with them to North Dakota,
but luckily the father of the child happened to
be in a town where the ship anchored. The
father came aboard and claimed his child.
It took five days to ^{reach Duluth} Duluth and
from ^{there} there they took the train to Valley
City where their brother-in-law had come
to meet them. They again took the train that
came as far as two miles ^{near} east of Hannaford.
They came to Cooperstown August 13th 1893.
On the sixteenth of August when he

They used only ^{wood} for fuel. He had to work for his fuel. ^{#9} In October, 1888 Mr. Englistad was working with the Sven Algard ^{threshing} Machine seven miles away. For three days it had been blowing from the ^{west} and the air was filled with smoke. The third day the wind increased, so Mr. Englistad decided to go home for he believed that a prairie fire was coming. By the time he had reached home he could see the flames. He hurried to one of the neighbors to borrow a plow for he wished to save his wheat stacks by plowing around them. Before he had time to ^{start} plowing, the fire was there so he ran into the house for protection. His house was built of sod so it didn't burn. In this way he lost that year's crop.

In ^{on August 12, 1888,} 1888 August 12th they received warning from St. Paul that they ^{must try} must try to save their crops from the frost that was coming from the north-west. It came the 16th of August.

They were up all night and put fire to old straw and hay.

It was of no use for the frost was so heavy
that it destroyed all the crops in North Dakota and
part of Minnesota. In 1883 while they
were staying with their brother-in-law, Andrew
Aarestad a couple days before Christmas he and
his brother-in-law went ^{out} to buy provisions
for Xmas. They started out walking but luckily
they ^{caught} a ride with their ^{neighbor} Elling Troiland
who had the biggest pair of oxen that Gorkel had ever
seen. When they started for home, it ^{began to} ~~start~~
^{snow} ~~draining~~ so Elling Troiland invited them
into his home for supper. After supper they started
for home again, but it was snowing so hard
that they lost their way. After several hours
walking, they came upon an old shack which
was so warped that the wind blew right over
it. They went in and broke the floor up for a bon-
fire, which they say was the only thing that
saved their lives. In the morning the
snow storm had ceased, so they started
home. When they reached home, they found
that their wives had also led a sleepless night

Thinking that their husbands had been
frozen to death. ⁴ Torkel Fuglistad
was married to Miss Abigail Oxland in
Sjerkness to Vanger, Norway June 21st
1880. Nine children filled the family. ^{They}
are - Stephen T Fuglistad, Inga, Gudrun,
Lisa, Bjorn, Thorvald, Ralph, Edwin
and Thelma.

Torkel Fuglistad still lives on
his homestead near Cooperstown.