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Life of John J. Fosholdt.

John Fosholdt was born Valdres Norway on February, 19, 1860. His father's name was Torbelg Fosholdt and his mother Rorvig Fosholdt.

Mr Fosholdt left his home in Walders Norway in the year of 1877 to seek better living conditions. They 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 Tynol township in the county of Higgins.

His home was dug out with a gable roof covered with tin paper. Farm machinery

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.
Blizzards were common in the
winter but were not as discour-
aging as the prairie fires. They
had as their fuel, timber, which
was gathered along the banks
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John Ascholdt had his schooling
in the Henry Detwiller home which
was in Lynel township. He had
as his first teacher, the first wife
of Judge Carleton who is our present
county judge. Later he had
Miss Hegerty, the mother of Mrs
Glen Lyson. His schooling was
in the English language and ^{only} a
short term.

There were no churches and
meetings were held in the
different homes by Rev. Lundby
an inland missionary.

Mr John Ascholdt lived his
pioneer days as a bachelor. In
1912 he went over to Norway for
a visit. Then in 1914 he was
married to Miss ^{Olava} Teigen
in Minneapolis in the fall.

Mr and Mrs Ascholdt are living

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.