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The parents of the pioneer were
Torkel C Fuglistad.

Inga Fuglistad.

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

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

He came to north Dakota because there
was a man by the name a Paul ^{Hjeltn} Myelm
Hanson who had just ~~been~~ traveling along
the Red River valley before it was settled.
He ^{wrote} ~~in~~ the ^{Norwegian} 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,
Andren ^{Arvestad} Arvestad had come to north
Dakota a year before.

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

afboard an ocean liner. After about three weeks on the ocean they reached New York City. Here all the ^{immigrants} emigrants were shosed 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} 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
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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 should 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} reach Duluth and
from ^{there} there they took the train to Valley
City where their father-in-law had come
to meet them. They again took the train that
came as far as two miles ^{Hamroford} north east of Hamroford.
They came to Cooperstown August 13th 1893.
* On the sixteenth of August when he

2. Went to Cooperstown to file his ^{homestead} homestead,
He had to show a ten yr. old girl who
could ^{talk} both ^{the Norwegian} Norwegian and ^{American} American
language fairly well, to interpret for him.
He could neither talk nor understand
the American language. When they asked
Mr. Englistad what section his land was
in, he didn't know. He asked the little girl.
She knew the section their land was in,
as she lived in the same section.

His homestead is in range ⁵⁹ 145 ¹⁴⁵ and township one hundred and forty five.

His first house was a sod house.
When they went to town for pro-
visions, they had to use oxen and
a rough wagon. His ^{nearest} nearest neighbors
were Elling Troiland, Jens Bul, and
Andren aarestad. The early farm
machinery consisted of a walking
plow, drag, and some sort of a hand seeder.
His teams were oxen. His first crops
^{was} were only wheat and yielded from 5 to 40 bu. an acre.

They used only ^{wood} for fuel. He had to work
for his fuel. ^{#9} In October, 1888 Mr. Fuglistad
was working with the Søren Algard ^{breaking} Drashing
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. Fuglistad 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 full 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 all
straw and hay.

It was a 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
Aarstad a couple days before Christmas he and
his brother in law next ^{came} town to buy provisions
for Xmas. They started out walking but luckily
they ^{caught} a ride with their ^{neighbor} Elling Froiland
who had the biggest pair of oxen that Gorkel had ever
seen. When they started for home, it started ^{to} ~~to~~
^{snow} snow so Elling Froiland 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 through
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 and when they reached home they found
that their wives had also led a sleepless night

Thinking that their husbands had been
frozen to death. [†] Torkel Fuglistad
was married to Miss Abigaeland in
Sjerkness to Vanger, Norway June 21st
1880. Nine children filled the family. ^{They}
are - Stephen F. Fuglistad, Inga, Gudrun,
Lisa, Bjorn, ~~Howard~~, Ralph, Edwin
and Thelma.

Torkel Fuglistad still lives on
his homestead near Cooperstown.