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*Biography
William Howden*

Examination Booklet

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William Howden was the
son of Mr. and Mrs. John
Howden, they came from
Enniskillian, Ireland about the
year, 1847, and settled in
Lampton county, Ontario,
Canada. Their son, William
Howden, was born in May,
1851. About 1873 he married
Sarah A. Rutledge, she
was from the same place in
Canada.

In 1883 William Howden
left for Sandborn and arrived
there March 24, 1883. He hom-
esteaded on section 32, town
146, range 60. Three years later
he went back to Ontario to get
his wife and family.

He left Ontario because
the times were poor, it was
hard to get work, also he
didn't like the woods, or that
part of the country. He came
to North Dakota because N.D.
had just been opened up
and it was advertised a lot,
also because he thought it
was a good country and it
seemed the best place to go.

On coming here with
his family, they left Ontario
by train and went over the
St. Clair River on a ferry.
they then took a train west to
Landborn. from Landborn
they went 36 miles by team
to their new home.

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a sod house it was built
by the neighbors, then John
Nichols and Robert Bailey
they lived the closest one
four miles and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
The farm machinery consisted
of a walking plow, a waggon
and two horses.

The first year William
Howden farmed, he got his seed
oats from Sandborn, the nearest
town, at cost him 80¢ a bushel.
Most of the crops raised were
oats and wheat. The wheat
sold between 30¢ and \$1.00 per
Bushel. The fuel was hauled
from the L'Angeonne River.

Some of the hardships were
getting fuel in the winter, one
winter there was over 3 feet of

snow on the level, Also one summer about 1885, there was a large prairie fire that did considerable harm.

William Howden lived on that homestead until the later part of 1918 when he moved to Sutton^{N.D.} He died April 28, 1919 at Sutton^{N.D.} His wife died in 1904.

A list of the direct descendants are as follows
Edith + M. W. A. Ormstead there children are Cecil, Violet, Richard, William and Catholine
Richard Howden + M. Agnes Everson. There children are Zupper, and Jean Howden.
Frank Howden + M. Mary Thornton there child is William

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Blanch, Charles, Patricia, Florence
and Loraine.

George Howden + M. + Sarah Kock
There children are Ethel, Edward,
Leland, Ralph, Georgine, Jean,
Philis and James.

This is the History of
William Howden and the
names of his decendents till
May 27, 1926.