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The Life of Fritthiof Greenland.

Oliva and Christian Greenland were the parents of Fritthiof Greenland. Fritthiof Greenland was born near Tøten, Norway May 14, 1850.

Mr. Greenland married Nathalia Avenrud in 1874. After their marriage they left for America. It took them six weeks to cross the Atlantic. Their experience in crossing the ocean was about the same as that which most people had at that time.

They came to this ^{country} because of love of adventure. Also they thought they could better their financial condition.

In May 1881 they emigrated to North Dakota.

They came to North Dakota

instead of another state because
of the great land boom that
was taking place in North
Dakota at that time. Land in
North Dakota was fertile and
crops were raised that yielded
a large amount of grain.

Wheat was the grain that
was raised most and barley
and oats came next in rank.
Grain was sold for about
thirty-six (36[¢]) cents a bushel.

If a person plowed a few
furrows or left some lumber on
a piece of land, it was an indication
that he intended to claim it. Mr
Greenland decided that he wanted
to claim Section 12 of Ball Hill
Township, Biggs County, North Dakota.
He went to Valley City for lumber

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and when he got back, he found
that someone else had plowed a
couple of furrows on it. Mr Greenland
then claimed Section 24, Ball Hill
Township, Griggs County, North Dakota

Greenland's first house
was made of sod and had
a shingled roof. Only one room
had a floor in it and the other
had sod floor.

Some of the first neighbors
were Mathias Johnson, Mathias Fjelstad,
Christian Lee, Han Stai and Edward
Stai.

Their first machinery consisted
of a reaper and walking plow.
The teams were sometimes only
oxen or only an ox and a horse
and at other times two oxen and
a horse.

Logs which had been gotten from the Chyenne river were used for fuel.

Once when they were coming back from Valley City the Ball Hill Creek was so swollen that they had to wait a couple of days for the water to go down before they could go across.

Fritchie Greenland died at Binford June 1, 1932 and was buried at the Cooperstown cemetery, Cooperstown, North Dakota.

The living children of Mr. Greenland are Oscar of Binford, Magnus of Anita, Ingvald of Cooperstown, and Nora who is at the western coast at the present time.

The children of Oscar Greenland are: Mrs. Clifford Ciers, Florence,

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The children of Magnus Greenland
are, Philip, Elaine and Maxwell.

Children of Ingvald Greenland
are: Truman, Forrest and Viola.

This completes the life history
of Frithjof Greenland and gives
the names of his descendants.