

No. 1. C. F. Hamilton whose parents ^{were}
sailors & fisherman out
of Halifax Nova Scotia,
Father going aboard at the
age of 9 years & became
captain or master of the ship
at the age of 17.

My mother's name was Elizabeth
Ann Damm whose parents
were lumberman on the
obscoot river cutting the logs
manufacturing the lumber
taking it to the ocean by rafting
it to gather & run by ship
to Bangor Maine for sail
There is at the present time a
house, I think near Enfield
^{Maine} which I believe is about 120
years old made from the trees
back lumber & brick they
burned from the clay & plaster
they made from the limestone
My Father lost his parents

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when he was a baby & was raised
by his grand parents until he
became 9 years of age when
he took Shipboard.

My mother's parents came
to Minnesota In 58 taking
a homestead 75 miles north ^{west} of
St Anthony. (Now Mpls) where
they spent the remainder of
their days Grandfather living
to be a hundred or more.

My Father & Mother were ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} State of
Maine where they lived for
5 or 9 years then emigrating
to Minnesota & settled near
my Grandfather where they
spent the remainder of their
lives both living to ripe old ages.

No 2 E. S. Hamilton
No 3 Cape Elizabeth Depot near
Portland Maine.

No 4 May. 31st 1861 State of Maine
U.S.A. At the age of 2 years
& two later to ~~at~~ what is now

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St Cloud Minnesota by my parents
where I was raised until of
the age of twenty one.

No 5 came to North Dakota
as I was of age & starting
out for my self

No 6, while working in the
logging woods in Northern
Minnesota was told of oportu-
nity of getting free land in
N.D.

No 7, I came from the woods
straight to Sanburn N.D. & in
crossing the Red River at
Fargo saw large buildings
with only the top or roof
out of the water & many small
er buildings floating down
the river or lodged against
the bridge & we had a man
to walk a head of the train
with hip boots to see if the
track was in place for 6
miles in the vicinity of

At Eastleton

No. 5^{and No. 9} landed in Sandburn

March - 28th 1882, where we had fine weather & people hauled their goods as far as Bald Hill Creek where they left them

on the bank because the creek was too deep to ford & later coming to find the water had raised & floated their goods away. Another

Man hauled his goods which were many & piled them on the prairie with a big tent spread over them, went & staked his claim & on his return

found nothing but a pile of ashes caused by the prairie fires. I drove for a living the first year out of Sandburn

Locating Settlers. John Fero, Charles Masley, John Byington, Dr. Knapp & many others & carried robes & wheels

Night-came would peek at one
 horse & crawl under the buggy
 until h. M. Eating lunch
 which I carried antelope
 & deer were very thick at that
 time I can remember being
 a herd of 16 antelope one
 h. M. near where the town of
 Daisy stands ~~now~~. The Spring
 of 1852 was very cold & stormy
 we had a very bad blizzard for
 3 days beginning the 20th of May
 & another the 22nd of May.
 (Nov) About the 20th of June ¹⁸⁵² 13 of
 us started out with lumber
 & provision to find some land
 or claims as we called them
 then. I believe there was 8 teams
 we got out to the 20 Mile camp
 the first day the next day
 to Lake Jessie where we found
 a little shanty with a light
 roof & we were glad for it

was raining & we all got inside
 to sleep, on a little bunk in
 the corner & 11 of us side by side
 on the floor & we covered it com-
 pletly. when we wanted to turn
 over one had to stand while
 the others turned & then lie down
 again on the other side. The
 next day however was clear
 & we got to what
 was called the big slow a-
 bout 6 miles N.W. of Jessielabor
 called the Myre Slough &
 there seemed to be no place to
 cross we had been stuck many
 times & we got so when we came
 to a slough & there may it was
 so wet, we would fire in
 as far as possible & with one
 team then put on another
 & if they could not pull it
 put on another & so on un-
 till we got across, & so on

Each load until we were all
 across, but this slough was
 one of those with - no bottom
 & it took us most of the next
 day to get all loads across
 but we did then struck camp
 for dinner & started out &
 No (2) struck our location on
 section 2-12-11-14-16-148-60
 or willow T.P. we struck there
 about 4 o'clock & had a house
 up with roof on to sleep in
 that night making 4 days
 from Saurbun.

No (3) The next was plowing the load
 & cutting it up in 2 foot
 lengths & putting up my shanty
 I had lumber to cover the roof
 a bunk that covered most of
 the floor & a tin camp stove
 I could build my fire in the
 a.m. with out getting out
 of my bed. could serve my

under the wagon but the horses
 seemed to be very uneasy all night.
 When it got light enough
 enough to see we found we
 had camped on one side of the
 creek and the house or shack
 + stable was just across on
 the other side

No(5) Joe Buchheit, Chas Johnson
 Herbert Safford Lehard Safford
 Bollis Bound Joe McCullough
 Earnest Johnson Gary Clark
 Gid Sheldon Mrs Root Mrs Ruth
 A.D. Ellis So West Fick Paul
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 monson Willie Anderson
 Mr H B Serton Pete Cameron
 Ora Reed Bob Withrow
 Emit Willson, Richard
 Davis, Frank Walker, Arthur
 Knorr E.W. Bagerty were
 neighbours.

No 6 The machinery of my early N.D. life was similar to that of to day only not as large at that time. A plow, Drag, Disk, Harrow, Seeder & harvester was about all that was necessary. All things I used 2 Mules 1 Horse and 4 oxen as a team on a 2 bottom breaking gang plow.

No. 7, wheat and Oats was about all the crops raised at that time, very little barley.

No 8. The fuel for the first 2 years was from dead willows from Willow Lake. One man, Gilbertson, who lived on the South side of Willow Lake allowed us to cut the dry or dead willows. It took some time to get them and sometime to cut them into stove wood, but it did not take long to burn them. One burned his front & froze.

My father lost his parents

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his back while firing with
St. Labor I bought an acre
of Elm + Oak on the river
hauling + lent it in the win-
ter for the next summer.
No. 9, I was out in a good many
storms, one of which was in
returning from ^{Cooperstown} Cobpecolow
a blizzard came up which was
quite common when we got
out to miles. There was about
8 or 10 of us but a man by
the name of St. B. Sactor +
I were the only ones of the
party that got home some
got into haystacks some
walked around all night but
we kept on by keeping our
direction by the wind + got
in about 2:30 A.M. Some
others were frozen very
badly.

My father lost his papers

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#10 The Schools were mostly held
in Shacks around the
County, where the Settlers
would furnish the room
and of Scholars. The district
was obliged to furnish, ^{teacher}
Speaking further of blizzards
I went out with a Dr one winter
when there was a bad storm
and we traveled many miles
& a long time but it finally
cleared & I told the Dr we must
be near the place so we got out
and was kicking around to keep
warm and the Dr struck his
foot against something which
proved to be the stove pipe of the
very place we were trying to
find it was 3 o'clock 4 o'clock
in the a. M. and I should
judge about 60 or 70 below
zero & we were all standing
right on top of the man's res-
idence, which was a dugout

My father lost his pig--

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The team & Ring Dr & Myself all
standing on the roof which
was all draped with snow
may feet but he had kept putting
on pipe to keep above the snow.
Suffice to say I laid out
morning.

No 11- We had a church service
& Sunday school conducted
by the Rev Will Gimblett deceased
who drew out from Cooperstown
once each month, which the
people attended very well.

10 Married Feb 27. 18th 1892. to Miss
Ella Le Hagerty, An Chatfield
Minnesota.

11- Previously answered

12 Cooperstown N. D.

You will please excuse
our writing errors & the 2 kinds
of paper but this is the only
time I had to write could
write may I suppose but

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Biography of Peter J. Tang
--Oscar Tang

Peter J. Tang was born in 1875 in Sogan, Norway, not far from Bergen. He came to Minnesota with his parents when he was eleven years old, and settled at Lake Kormont. Here he stayed for twelve years. He went to school, and worked for the farmers around Kormont.

When he was twenty-three years of age, he came to North Dakota and secured a homestead. In the winter he returned to Lake Kormont and stayed there over winter. In spring of the year 1899, he started out to his homest.

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