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## Svein O. Homme.

Svein O. Homme was born March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1856 in Seterdalen, Norway near Christiansand. His parents were Ole O. Homme and Aase Dale.

Mr. Homme came to this country with his parents when he was fourteen years of age, and they made Granite Falls, Minnesota their home. In 1882 Svein Homme came to North Dakota because there was a great boom for going there at that time. He made <sup>the</sup> Sheyenne river his destination as some of his relatives had gone there the previous fall and came to what is now called Griggs county but was then called Steele county. Mayville was the nearest place he could <sup>reach</sup> get by train.

and he had then thirty-two miles to travel across the <sup>prairie</sup> prairie. It was in the month of March and the ground was covered with snow so he made himself a pair of <sup>skis</sup> skis when in Mayville. He started out in the direction pointed out to him, and the only guide he had was the general direction and the section stakes. He stayed at a farm about ten miles out of Mayville over night and then he had twenty-two miles left to travel across the wild <sup>prairie</sup> prairie which took him nearly all the next day. When he, at dusk reached his destination, he stayed with his relations who lived east of the river. Mr. Hommie's claim was the north-east  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 23, Range 58, town-

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ship 1/6. After he had stayed with his relatives a while he walked back to Mayville. The walking was very hard because there was lots of water in creeks and low places. He got to a sod shanty, his feet being so swollen that he could not remove his boots. He got to Mayville the next day and that same evening he left for Fargo. The train he left on was the last one that went down for three weeks on account of the high waters.

The latter part of May in that same spring, Mr. Homme and another man, hired an emigrant car from Benson, Minnesota to Portland, North Dakota. They took their farm machinery and cows out to their homesteads arriving there June, 1st, 1882. There had

just been a heavy frost so every-  
thing was black. Mr. Homme  
hauled lumber from Portland  
with oxen and built a house  
16 X 14, the walls being 8 feet high.  
An inland town by the name  
of Mardell was started that spring  
about one and a half miles from  
his claim where he then got his  
provisions. His neighbors there  
were, Sjuert Skagen, Livi Norgard  
and Armand Fluto. Mr. Ho

Mr. Homme used oxen the first  
five years he farmed and his mach-  
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drill, drag, self binder, mow  
and hay rake. He raised wheat  
and oats at first and later some  
barley, and he received 40¢<sup>75¢</sup> per  
bushel for wheat.

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Norgard September 11, 1881 in Yellow  
Medicine Co., Minnesota. They had  
two children, Willie Olaf, and Agnes.  
In the year 1905 he sold his  
homestead to Anton B. Carlson  
and moved to Granite Falls,  
Minnesota where he is now living.

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