

World History

Quidia Truland

Biography of Elling Johnson.  
His parents were Mr. and  
Mrs. Jonas Truland.

Mr. Johnson was born in  
December, 26, 1850 in Stavanger  
Norway.

# He came to America <sup>in 1882</sup> to  
seek his fortune <sup>opportunities</sup> to find better  
for <sup>the</sup> future in 1882.

He came to North Dakota  
because other of his friends, from  
Norway, had settled here.

# He first came to Yellow  
Medicine, Minn., worked there  
for one year. Then he came  
to N. Dakota in 1883 bringing  
his family with him. He came  
in a covered wagon and <sup>drawn</sup> <sup>by</sup> oxen.

He took up his land in  
Sec. 10, Township 145, Range 59.  
He first had a sod house,  
then <sup>later</sup> he had a frame house.  
They got to town by foot of  
iceing oxen.

They had to drive 40 miles, to  
Valley City, to grind their flour.  
There were many large prairie  
fires and <sup>fiere</sup> fierce blizzards.

His nearest neighbors were  
J. J. Dugstad, Gus Bull, and  
Wes Williams.

His farm machinery  
was owned by another neighbor  
and himself. They were  
broadcast seeder, 6 ft. wide;  
peg toothed harrow, and a  
walking plow. The harvesting  
was hired by a neighbor.

They did not have any <sup>church</sup> church  
but they gathered in the homes and  
school houses. Their pastor  
was Rev. Nashim. <sup>Nashim</sup>

The school they had is  
the one called <sup>Soma</sup> school  
at all the present time.

They got the wood from  
down by the Snyman River.  
They did not have any coal.

He was married to  
Dorothy Johnson in Norway  
in 1875.

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He makes his home at  
his farm.

His descendants are  
Masper Javala - Hannaford  
Mrs. Christ Silda - Cooperstown  
Mrs. Jaga Anderson "  
Mr. Hans Froeland "

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Cooper Hi.