

Ole C. Bjingstad

Ole C. Bjingstad, of Sec 32 Bergen, trap, Steele Co, was born in Vardal, Kristian(stift) Norway, June 16, 1835. He was the only son born to Peter ~~A~~ and Anne M. (Bjingstad) Bjingstad. His maternal grand father was part owner of the Bjingstad farm. The family, came to Trempealeau County Wisc, in 1866, where the father took a homestead. ^{Ole C.} He went to Dakota in the spring of 1881, with a party of homesteaders, and selected his homestead, which he took as a "squatter's claim" and the following fall filed thereon, and in the spring of 1882 took his parents to Dakota and they were established in a sod shanty 12X16 feet which with a small board shanty attached provided them shelter for 5 or 6 years.

Ole C. Bjingstad was married, 1888, to Miss Carrie L. Hillstad. Their children; Paul M., Laura M., Maria deceased Anna M., and Mabel C.

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