

Mr. Elbridge Forest Horn

The subject of this sketch was born in Washington county, Penn., on February 1, 1849. For thirty-three years, with the exception of one winter spent in western Illinois, he lived in that part of the country and became familiar with all the conditions prevailing, not only in that immediate vicinity but all over the east.

In April of 1882 he landed in North Dakota and decided to locate and filed on a homestead three miles south of what is now Courtenay. He also took up a pre-emption and tree claim and it was not long until he was able to buy three quarters adjoining, thus making him the owner of a section and a half of as fine land as was ever turned up to the sun. He worked hard and raised an excellent family of four daughters and one son and in 1901 sold his farm and moved to Courtenay where he has since resided. He has built a fine residence in town, to which fact the accompanying cut bears evidence, and is in a position to enjoy life. He has seen the development of this section of the country from the beginning, being among the first to locate here, and has always been identified with the growth and upbuilding of the community. He was very

much interested in the work of education and to him can be ascribed much of the credit for the excellent schools of which the village of Courtenay is justly proud. He is one of the men who is in a position to give a fair estimate of the possibilities of

this country and he does not hesitate to say that for a man of limited means there is not a better place to locate anywhere that he knows anything about.

Mr. Horn has spent nearly all his winters in North Dakota since locating here more than twenty-three years ago and while there has been some very severe



The Home of E. F. Horn, Courtenay

weather during some of the winters, yet he would rather endure the cold of this latitude than that of the eastern states. As a rule the snow fall is light and it is much more pleasant to get about than in states where the snow is several feet deep on the level and remains in that condition all winter. He is a typical North Dakotan and loves to breathe the pure ozone of this state in preference to the damp atmosphere of the eastern states. He also enjoys the freedom and equality of the people here, where every man is just as good as his neighbor.

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