

Peter Larson

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Peter Larson : Son of Lars and Christence Hanson, was born at
Hemnes Norway, Dec 13th 1865.
He came to Griggs County in 1886.
He was Married to Miss Dorothea Ashland Nov. 11 1893.

Biography of Peter Larson
--Eleanor Larson

The names of the pioneer's parents were Lars Hanson and Christise Hendrickson. The name of the pioneer was Peter Larson. He was born on December 13, 1865 in Midstrom, Norway. Hemnes was the nearest city.

He left his former home because he wanted to see the United States. He came to North Dakota instead of some other state because there was lots of free land here. He thought it the best place to take up a homestead. He traveled by train, reaching North Dakota on April 5, 1886.

His early experiences as a pioneer were: He took up his land in 1887, section 4, range 59 in Ball Hill township. His first house was a frame house. He made trips to town about once a week with horses. His early hardships were prairie fires which bothered the first years in the fall and blizzards in the winter.

His nearest neighbors were Rev. M. Njust, Elling Johnson, Fred Williams. Early farm machinery and teams were plows, binder, harrow, horses to work with. The early school was the Michaelis school and there was no church. They held church in the schoolhouses around there with Rev. Njust as minister. The teacher was Louise Kaas, now living at Hannaford, North Dakota. The fuel of early days was trees bought and cut down at the river and hauled home.

Peter Larson was married to Dorothea Ashland on November 11, 1893 at Cooperstown, North Dakota.

His present residence is on the homestead Section 4, about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Cooperstown, North Dakota.