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Biography of Henry Scansen
--Lilah Scansen

The names of the parents of the pioneer were Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Scansen. The name of the pioneer was Mr. Henry Scansen. He was born April 24, 1867 in the country near Laneboro, Minnesota.

He left home to take up land. He came to North Dakota instead of any other state because there was lots of free land in North Dakota. He traveled with horses reaching North Dakota in 1899. Early experiences of pioneer days: He took up land in Foster Township. His first house was frame. Trips to town were made with a lumberwagon and horses. Some of the early hardships were blizzards and prairie fires. The nearest neighbor was Helmer Bonrude. Early farm machinery and teams were a walking plow and horses. Early school and church--Pastor, Rev. Frost. The fuel was coal, gotten in town by loads.

Henry Scansen married Ida Randklev in 1901 at Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. His present place of residence is Cooperstown, North Dakota.

The names and addresses of his descendents are:

1. Mable Scansen of Bowman, North Dakota, now Mrs. Langlie
2. Clara Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
3. Clarence Scansen of Sioux City, Iowa
4. Effie Scansen of Centerville, South Dakota, Now Mrs. Rooney
5. David Scansen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota
6. Florence Scansen of Chicago, Illinois
7. Gerald Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
8. Harry Scansen, of Cooperstown, North Dakota
9. Hazel Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
10. Frances Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
11. Lilah Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
12. Wallace Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
13. Bernice Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
14. Ruth Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota
15. Robert Scansen of Cooperstown, North Dakota

H. G. Scansen, Pekin, N. Dak

H. G. Scansen has a hardware store. He was born in Filmore Co, Minn. on Apr 24, 1866 of Norwegian ancestry. His father Guttorm Scansen was from Hallingdal and his mother Bergitte Domming was from Eidsvold. They are both dead.

He came to Carrington N.D. in 1899, moved to Bismarck, N.D. then went to Pekin in 1907, and has since lived there.

His wife, Ida Randklev, is born in America of Norse ancestry from Gulbrandsdalen. They have 10 children.

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