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Biography of Pioneer Gottfried Berchert

Gottfried Berchert was born on September 13, 1856, in Germany in a rural community.

Of the many relatives already across the Atlantic Ocean in the great and rich country of United States many letters were received by him telling of the easy living.

He went to school to the eighth grade and after a few years of working married and after making a go of it decided to go to America.

He came to United States mainly because of two reasons; he had relatives in the new country and he thought that living would be easier than in the part of Germany where he resided.

While going to William ~~and~~
the team of Ben stopped
in the middle of the slough
and would go no farther
so they had to turn around
and go home again.

Later on he purchased a
couple horses and with
the aid of the small ox
plowed the land.

The first school teacher
that my mother had was
August Retzlaff.

The pioneers of North
Dakota did not need to
worry about food but
the price fix and snow
storms were rather
hard to live through
the way it seemed.

In the "nineties" there
was a hard snow storm

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that covered the barn, the
house almost and was
rather difficult to get out
to feed the stock therefore
they went without for
a couple of days. After
the snow had let up
they hid with the aid
of the child sending
an underground passag-
way to the barn making
it easier to get there.

They had to dig steps
to get to the pump which
was hidden in the snow.

Work in the snow
was just beginning to
take away from the building.

As a result the wood
and they could remember
burned everything for
miles around except

the haytacks, which
were pulled around
before the fire got that
far. The barn and house
were of course saved because
event if it had happen^{ed}
at night a wild enough
pursuit was made with
the plow as to check
it at an opportunity.

Their nearest neighbors
were ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~roosts,~~ ^{Wandt,} and
A. Petzels

Church was held in
the nearest schoolhouse
which was three miles

A student usually preached
and then after a few years
Reverend Bohnhoff
was asked to come up
from Valley City and

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has been doing so ever since.
Their fuel was gotten
from the river and from
Gopess town's ~~fuel~~
Company;

After a few years
more people moved
in and then came the
death of his wife
he went to Germany
married again and
lived on the old homestead
ever since until his
death in December 18,
1926.

Of his descendants
are Frank Barchert
& family, Carl Barchert,
Walter Barchert and family,
Mrs. Fred Harendberg
and family, and Mrs. Mark
Sullivan & family.

About the latter have
the address of Casson town,
North Dakota which has
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Farrarchevan Canada.
His second wife lives
in Casson town, North
Dakota

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