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WHEN THE BREAKER PLOW WAS SET UP FIRST THING WE DID WAS TO BREAK UP GROUND FOR A GARDEN IT WAS A LITTLE LATE BUT WE DECIDED TO TAKE A CHANCE ALL WE DID WAS TO TAKE A SHARP STICK AND POKE A HOLE IN THE SOX AND DROP THE SEED. WE ALSO PLANTED POTATTOES. THE VIRGIN SOIL WAS SO RICH THAT WE WERE FORTUNATE IT WAS A LATE FALL SO WE HAD A BIG CROP OF CORN - POTATTOES PEAS BEANS A GOOD CROP OF WATER MELONS & MUSK MELONS.

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Wednesday, March 10, 1948

70th Day—296 days to follow

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

SURVAYING FOR SUITABLE BUILDING SPOTS

NEXT MORNING JULY 10TH WE ALL GOT UP EARLY HAD OUR BREAKFAST AND WE GOT AN EARLY START HITCHED UP OUR TEAM TO THE WAGON AND THE JAYNES BOYS HITCHED UP THEIR TEAM TO THEIR WAGON AND HAYRACK THEY DROVE AHEAD AND SHOWED US THE WAY AND AT 10 A.M. OF JULY 10TH WE SET FOOT ON OUR LAND. THE PROMISED LAND WE STOPPED AND THE JAYNES BOYS POINTED OUT THE DIFFERENT PLACES WHERE THERE IS A SPRING OF RUNNING WATER AND MANY GOOD NEIGHBORLY POINTERS. WE UNHITCHED OUR HORSES AND LET THEM EAT WHILE LOOKED AROUND FOR A SUITABLE PLACE WHERE TO BUILD THE HOME. AND WE ALL DECIDED TO BUILD IN THE SOUTH WESTERN CORNER OF THE LAND. CLOSE TO THE SCHAFER WILLISTON ROAD. OF WHICH OUR PLACE IS JUST THE HALF WAY MARK. WE MOVED OUR WAGON TO THE SPOT AND A SUITABLE PLACE WHERE TO COOK. THE JAYNES BOYS UNLOADED THE HAYRACK AND WALKS TO A WATER HOLE AND STRAINED 2 PAILS OF WATER AND CARRIED THEM 1/4 OF A MILE. THEN MOSQUITOES

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Thursday, March 11, 1948

71st Day—295 days to follow

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

SETTING UP TEMPORARY CAMP

IN COMING OVER TO THEIR PLACE TO ASK FOR HELP OR ANYTHING WE MIGHT NEED. AND THAT WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT CAN TO HELP US. AND THAT DID. GOD BLESS THEM. THEY WERE THE FINEST AND BEST NEIGHBORS. ANYBODY WOULD WISH TO HAVE NEIGHBORS LIKE THESE ARE A GOOD SENT. WE FIRST DECIDED TO SET UP A TEMPORARY CAMP. SO WE TOOK THE HAYRACK WHICH HAD A GOOD WOODEN TIGHT FLOOR AND TURNED INTO OUR SLEEPING QUARTERS WE PUT A LARGE CANVAS WATERPROOF TARP OVER IT WITH A GUIDEROPS AND STAKES WHICH MADE A NICE PLACE TO SLEEP AND THE NEXT ONE GROUP UNLOADED THE MATERIALS OF THE WAGON. ANOTHER SET UP AND GOT THE MOWER AND RAKE TOGETHER. AND NEXT WE HITCHED THE HORSES TO THE MOWER AND CUT SOME HAY FOR THE HORSES AND RAKED IT UP HAY FOR IMMEDIATE USE. NEXT WE DUG INTO A WASH OUT AND MADE A SUITABLE PLACE WHERE TO COOK. AND I TOOK 2 PAILS AND WALKS TO A WATER HOLE AND STRAINED 2 PAILS OF WATER AND CARRIED THEM 1/4 OF A MILE. THEN MOSQUITOES

WE HAD ONE MAN ON NIGHT WATCH, BECAUSE WE HAD A HORN AND A 3 WEEK OLD CALF AND WE WERE NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES. SO JOE AND I CHANGED OFF EVERY 2 HOURS. WHILE THE OTHER HAD A FULL NIGHT SLEEP BECAUSE THEY WORKED HARDE WHILE WE WERE ON NIGHT WATCH WITH A SHOT GUN,

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Friday, March 12, 1948

72nd Day—294 days to follow

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOME.

SORD YOU HAD TO STOP EVERY FEW STEPS TO CHASE THEM OF YOU. AND I FINALLY GOT BACK WITH THE WATER. THEN I WAS ELECTED TO GET THE COOK AND IMIDIATLY GATTERED UP SOME WOOD IN THE COMEES AND BUILT A FIRE PUT ON A KETTLE OF WATER. PEELED POTATOES AND WE HAD SOME EGGS AND DRY SAUSAGE. AND WITHIN AN HOUR I CALLED DINNER. AND I DID NOT HAVE TO CALL THEM THE SECOND TIME EVERYBODY WAS SATISFIED AND COMMENTED THAT I WAS PICKED FOR THE RIGHT JOB. THIS WAS OUR FIRST MEAL ON OUR OWN LAND. I WASHED UP THE FEW DISHES AND PROCEED TO HELP THE REST OF THE MEN WE MEASURED OFF THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE DROVE IN 4 CORNER STAKES AND PROCEEDED TO DIG A CELLAR ONE GROUP WERE DIGGING AND ANOTHER ATTACHED UP THE TERN TO A DRAINING PIPIN AND WENT DOWN TO A LEVEL LOW SPOT WHERE HEAVY THICK GRASS GROWS AND WE BROKE UP 10 FURROWS OF SOIL. THE SOIL TURNED OVER PERFECT

Saturday, March 13, 1948

73rd Day—293 days to follow

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

BUILDING THE NEW HOME

WE ALSO MADE WOODEN STONE BOATS BUILT JUST LIKE A HOME MADE SLED ONLY LARGER. WE NITEN THE HORSES TO THE STONE BOAT AND TAKE A SHARP SPADE AND CUT THE SOIL IN 24 INCH LENGTHS AND PUT A DOZEN OF THESE BLOCKS ON THE STONE BOAT WHICH MADE A LOAD FOR THE TEAM. ONE MAN WAS HAWLING ANOTHER WAS CUTTING AND 3 MEN WERE BUILDING. THE FIRST DAYS WORK WAS DONE BY LIVING UP EVERYTHING TO BE READY FOR A GOOD START THE NEXT DAY. ABOUT 5:30 PM I IMIDIATLY GOT BUSY AND WENT OVER AND GOT 2 PAILS FRESH WATER STARTED A FIRE AND ABOUT 6:30 I CALLED SUPPER. WE ALL HAD A LIONS APETITE. AFTER SUPPER WE POKED AROUND THE PLACE FIXING THINGS UP READY FOR THE NEXT DAY. THE WEATHER WAS VERY HOT THE MOSQUITOES WERE TERRIBLE. WE RETIRED WHEN IT GOT DARK ALL WE HAD WAS A KEROSENE LANTERN. AT NIGHT THE WOLVES USED TO HOWL IN THE COMEES AND ALL SIDES OF US IT USED TO GIVE YOU THE SHIVER LISTENING TO ALL THE HOWLING

Tuesday, March 16, 1948

76th Day—290 days to follow

PRICES MECHANICALS IN 1906
FOR ALL COMMODITIES

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

THINGS ARE THE PRICES WE PAID FOR LUMBER
 25° PER THOUSAND FOR ROUGH LUMBER
 30° FOR DEMENSION—SUCH AS 2X4—2X4—
 45° FOR FLOORING 6 INCHES WIDE BEST QUALITY
 35° FOR SHIP LAP AND RESAW.
 49¢ A LB FOR NAILS. 350 PER DAY FOR CARPENTERS
 200 PER DAY FOR COMMON LABOR. 400° FOR A GOOD
 TEAM OF HORSES 50° FOR A GOOD SET OF HACKS
 75° FOR A GOOD WAGON COMPLETE WITH
 BRAKES AND DOUBLE BOXES. 65° FOR A
 McCORMICK MOWER 20° FOR HAY RAKE
 68° FOR A SULKY EMERSON PLOW BY BRACKET
 35° FOR A GOOD MILK COW 35¢ PER CHICKENS
 BUTTER 18¢ EGGS W/IF. POTATOES 5¢ PER BUSHEL
 WHEAT 85¢ ABUSHEL OATS 30¢. BARLEY 40¢
 FLAX 125¢. HAY 250 TON. FLOUR 285. 1000
 PUMPKINS 10 1/2 CAN 2 FOR 25¢ PEAS 3 FOR 25
 SQUASH 4 FOR 25¢. ROAST BEEF 18¢
 SOUP MEAT 19¢ STEAK 22¢ CHICKEN 20¢
 BREID 25¢ Bologan sausage 15¢ HAMBURGER
 20¢ FOR 25¢ WORK SHOES 115¢ DRESS SHOES
 295—SUIT OF CLOTHES BEST 180° OVERCOAT
 1450 WORK SHIRT 50¢ OVERALLS 70¢ DRESS SUIT 150°

Wednesday, March 17, 1948

77th Day—289 days to follow

3 MEN LEAVE TO MAKE SOME CASH
I WAS LEFT HOME WITH
ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

AS WE CAME TO OUR LAND TOO LATE IN THE SEASON
 TO DO ANY PLANTING SO WE HAD TO BUY ALL OUR
 SUPPLIES, EVERYTHING WAS VERY REASONABLE
 NEXT MOVE WAS HAY FOR OUR LIVE STOCK.
 IT WAS NOW AUGUST 20TH. 1906
 MOSES—BEN—JOE. DECIDED TO GO OUT AND
 HELP IN HARVESTING AND THRESHING.
 AND LEAVE ME TO LOOK AFTER EVERYTHING
 SOON ON AUGUST 22ND. THE 3 LEFT HOME
 AND WENT TO ANAMOOSSE M.D.A.K. TO HELP
 IN GETTING THE CROP AND THE GOING WAYS
 WERE 5° PER DAY. THEY LEFT ON THE 23RD
 WHICH LEFT THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY
 ON MY SHOULDERS. I HAD TO HAWL WATER
 1 MILE AWAY. HAD TO BUILD A CHICKEN
 HOUSE AND ANOTHER BARN FOR THE CATTLE
 AND CUT WAYS SUFFICIENT TO TAKE
 CARE OF 3 HEAD HORSES AND CATTLE
 AND PREPARE WOOD AND COAL FOR
 BOTH FAMILIES FOR WINTER. AND FOR
 AND FOR A LONG WINTER. AND I
 KEPT ON PLANNING AND BUILDING
 AND BUILT THE CHICKEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 16, 1948

76th Day—290 days to follow

PRICES MECHANICALS IN 1906
FOR ALL COMMODITIES

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

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 20¢ FOR 25¢ WORK SHOES 115¢ DRESS SHOES
 295—SUIT OF CLOTHES BEST 180° OVERCOAT
 1450 WORK SHIRT 50¢ OVERALLS 70¢ DRESS SUIT 150°

Sunday, March 14, 1948.

74th Day—292 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

FINISHING THE HOMES

WE CONTINUALLY WORKED AT IT IN THIS WAY
 UNTIL WE BUILT UP THE HOUSE WAS
 20 X 30. THE FRONT OF THE WALL ON THE
 EAST WAS 10 FEET HIGH AND THE WEST
 WALL 8 FEET WHICH GAVE A GOOD SLANTING
 ROOF. WE FINISHED THE WALLS AND STARTED
 ON THE ROOF. INSIDE WE PARTITIONED OFF
 THE ROOMS. WHICH DIVIDED THE HOUSE IN
 2 LARGE ROOMS AND THE PARTITION INSIDE
 ACTED AS A SUPPORT FOR THE CENTER OF
 THE ROOF TO MAKE IT RIGID. WE LAID
 THE ROOF AND PUT HEAVY ROOFING ON
 NAILS AND CEMENTED ON. WHEN THE
 ROOF WAS FINISHED WE STARTED ON THE
 FLOOR INSIDE. 2 X 4 ON THE BOTTOM AND
 SHIP LAP ON THE TOP WITH INTENTIONS OF
 LATER ON TO PUT ON REGULAR FLOORING ON
 THE SHIP LAP. WE HUNG ALL THE DOORS
 AND WINDOWS. AND BY THE 20TH OF
 JULY MOSES AND BEN DROVE IN TO WILLISTON
 TO BRING LUMBER AND MATERIALS TO BUILD
 A HOUSE FOR BEN AND HIS FAMILY AND
 THEY CAME BACK NEXT DAY

Monday, March 15, 1948

75th Day—291 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

MOVING THE FAMILIES
TO THE NEW HOMES

AND WE IMMEDIATELY STARTED ON BENS HOUSE
 WE DECIDE TO BUILD A SMALL HOUSE ALL
 LUMBER 14 X 18. WITH A CAR ROOF.
 AND BY THE FIRST OF AUGUST WE FINISHED
 BENS HOUSE.
 AUG 2ND MOSES DROVE IN TO WILLISTON
 TO MOVE THE FAMILY OUT. JOE WENT ALONG
 WITH HIM, THEY HAD TO MAKE 2 TRIPS TO
 TAKE EVERYTHING. WHILE THEY WERE
 MAKING THE TRIPS I PUT EVERYTHING IN
 ORDER.
 AND THE 6TH OF AUGUST. BEN AND MOSES
 DROVE IN AND MOVED OUR ^{3 CHILDREN WITH THEM} ANNA AND THE
 KIDS AND BELONGINGS.
 BY AUGUST THE TENTH WE WERE
 ALL SETTLED IN OUR NEW HOMES.
 NEXT MOVE WAS SHELTER FOR THE COW
 AND HORSES, SO WE MADE ANOTHER TRIP
 TO WILLISTON AND BOUGHT LUMBER FOR
 A BARN 18 X 30. WITH A CAR ROOF. WHICH
 MADE A NICE BARN. AND WE HAD A
 GOOD PLACE TO LIVE IN AND A NICE
 PLACE AND GOOD PLACE FOR THE HORSES

WHEN MOSES BEN & JOE RETURNED HOME THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE PLACES WITH THE MANY ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS AND THE STACKS OF HAY AND THE PILE OF COAL PILED UP I WORKED FROM 12 TO 14 HOURS EVERY DAY AND HAD THE RESPONSABILITY OF 2 FAMILIES

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Thursday, March 18, 1948

78th Day—288 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

JAKE WAS LEFT WITH THE GREENHANDS TO START SCHOOL

MADE OUT OF SOD. COVERED WITH POLES HAY AND SOD ON TOP WITH THE GRASSY SIDE UP WHICH MADE IT WATER PROOF AND WARM I PUT UP 100 TONS OF HAY IN 3 STACKS AND BUILT AN EXTRA BARN FOR THE CATTLE 18 X 40 MADE OUT OF POLES. I DROVE TO THE WOODS MADE 15 MILE ROUND TRIP AND CUT THE POLE HAWED THEM HOME. I PILED UP 15 TONS OF LIGNITE COAL AND PILED UP WOOD TO GET STARTED FOR THE WINTER. IN OCTOBER 12TH - MOSES - BEN - AND JOE CAME BACK. THEY MADE SOME MONEY WHICH WILL HELP TO PROVIDE FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR THE WINTER.

WHEN WE FIRST MOVED TO THE HOME STED JAKE OUR YOUNGEST BROTHER WAS ONLY A YOUNG BOY AND VERY FRAIL SO THE GREENHANDS SUGGESTED THAT JAKE BETTER STAY WITH THEM AND START TO SCHOOL AND FOR HIS BOARD AND ROOM HE CAN HELP AROUND THE HOUSE AND HELP MRS. JOE GREENHAND WITH HER THINGS. FULTON WELLEN, WHICH WERE ONLY 6 MONTHS OLD THEN.

Friday, March 19, 1948

79th Day—287 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

BEN ANNA & KIDS MOVE TO WILLISTON FOR THE WINTER

WHEN BEN GOT BACK FROM THRESHING. AND AS THEY WERE EXPECTING A NEW ARRIVAL. SO THEY DECIDED THE SAFEST THING TO DO WAS TO MOVE IN TO WILLISTON FOR THE WINTER. SO ON OCT. 15TH WE MOVED THE GOLDMAN FAMILY INTO WILLISTON. WHERE THEY RENTED A LUGG. HAD A NICE WARM PLACE. AND BEN GOT A JOB IN THE ROUNDHOUSE AS MACHINIST HELPER. GETTING 275 FOR A 3 HOUR DAYS WORK. AFTER WE MOVED BEN TO WILLISTON. WE DECIDED THE WATER HAWLING WAS A NUISANCE AND WE DECIDED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF WE HAD A WELL AND WE DROVE OVER TO A NEIGHBOR ABOUT 49 MILES SOUTH OF US. HE WANTED AN EXPERIENCED WELL-DIGGER WE WANTED TO HIRE HIM TO DIG OUR WELL. HE REFUSED BECAUSE HE HAD TOO MUCH WORK AT HOME. BUT IF WE WANTED WE CAN HAVE HIS CURVE AND WHEEL ATTACHMENT AND BUCKET AND DO OUR OWN DIGGING. SO WE DECIDED AND TOOK HIS OUTFIT AND GOT HOME AND NEXT DAY WE DECIDED ON A SPOT WHERE WE WANTED TO DIG NEAR THE BARN

Monday, March 22, 1948

82nd Day—284 days to follow

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

WINTER APPROACHING
3000 RANGE CATTLE COME IN

AND THE NEXT YEAR WE HIRED A REGULAR WELL DRILLER AND HE WENT DOWN 62 FEET AND FOUND LOTS OF WATER. SO WERE ONLY 7 FEET FROM THE WATER LINE. ON THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER WE GOT RAIN AND IT TURNED INTO A LIGHT SNOW IN A FEW DAYS IT CLEARED OF AND IT FROZE UP HARD AND IT WAS NICE FOR ABOUT 2 WEEKS AND ABOUT NOVEMBER 15TH. WE GOT UP ONE MORNING AND LOOKED OUT AND NOTICED THE WHOLE FLAT WAS COVERED WITH CATTLE. AND WE ASKED SOME RIDERS WHO WERE WITH THEM TAYLOR TOLD US THERE IS 3000 HEAD OF CATTLE COMING DOWN FROM THE INDIAN RESERVATION TO THE BIRDHEAD RANCH FOR THEIR WINTER QUARTERS. IT SURE WAS A SIGHT TO SEE 3000 HEAD OF CATTLE IN ONE RANCH. AND THE CORDELLS TOLD US THAT WE CAN EXPECT MOST ANY PART OF WINTER WEATHER TO SET IN AND STAY UNTIL NEXT APRIL. AND SURE AS SHOOTING GUNNOR. THE ICE THING GOT OUR

Tuesday, March 23, 1948

83rd Day—283 days to follow

83rd Day—283 days to follow
BURNS TOO SMALL NAD TV BUILD
ON MORE BARN ROOM

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

FIRST REAL SNOW STORM IT PILED UP SNOW AND FILLED UP EVERY COW LIE. AND WE SO HAPPENED TO BE RIGHT ON THE SCHAFER WILLISTON STRAGE ROAD. MANY PEOPLE WERE FORCED TO STOP OVER NIGHT. OR TO FEED THEIR HORSES AND THE EXTRA BARN I BUILT AND THE EXTRA NAY I PUT UP CAME IN VERY HANDY. IN 2 DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS FIRST IT WAS A LIFE SAVER FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE AND SECOND IT GAVE MOSES A CHANCE TO TAKE IN A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS EVERY WEEK. ONE EVENING IN ^{8TH} OF DECEMBER WE HAD 16 TEAMS OF HORSES AND 20 MEN IN THE HOUSE THAT ALL FOUND PLACE FOR THE HORSES. AND THEY ALL SLEPT ON THE FLOOR AND WERE WELL PLEASED TO GET SHELTER OVER NIGHT. AFTER SEEN WHATS HAPPENING SO WE GOT BUSY AND BUILT ANOTHER BARN. AND PLANTY POSTS ALL WE NEEDED WAS LONG TIMBERS FOR THE ROOF SOME DOORS TO THE WOODS AND CHOPPED A LOAD OF THE KIND WE NEEDED. 2 MEN AND 2000 FORK TIMBERS AND 2 LONG HAY CROSS TIES.

Saturday, March 20, 1948

80th Day—286 days to follow

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

DIGGING OUR WELL BY HAND

IN NOVEMBER 1947 WE STARTED TO DIG OUR WELL WHICH WAS STARTED OUT 4 FEET SQUARE THE FIRST 10 FEET WAS EASY. ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TO TROW THE DIRT OUT WHEN WE GOT DOWN TO 10 FEET THEN WE SET UP THE SPECIAL DERRICK AND THE BEARED WHEELS AND ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TO TURN A CRANK AND THE BUCKET CAME UP. AND EMPTIED AND SENT BACK DOWN TO BE FILLED AGAIN. WE KEPT ON DIGGING THIS WAY EVERY DAY JOE AND I CHANGED OFF POSITIONS. I DROVE DOWN IN THE WELL A COUPLE OF HOURS AND THEN CHANGED OFF METER POSITION WAS EASY. MANY TIMES WE TRIED TO RESHAPE MOSES TO GO DOWN FOR A WHILE BUT HE REFUSED HE SAID HE CANT DO IT. UNTIL ONE DAY WE SAID WE WILL TRY IT SO WE PUT HIM IN THE BUCKET AND LET HIM DOWN WHEN HE WAS HALF WAY DOWN HE BEGAN TO HOLLER TO BRING HIM UP

Sunday, March 21, 1948

81st Day—285 days to follow

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

WE CONTINUED THIS WORK FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS AND GOT DOWN TO 55 FEET WHEN ONE MORNING I WENT DOWN AND DUG UP A FEW BUCKETS WHEN A CHUNK OF DIRT 3 TIMES THE SIZE OF ME SLID DOWN BESIDE ME AND AS LUCK WAS THE BUCKET WAS DOWN IMMEDIATELY STEPPED INTO TO BUCKET AND HOLE DROVE UP AND UP I CAME JOE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE ME COMING UP AND I TOLD HIM WHAT HAPPENED AND NEITHER ONE OF US WENT DOWN AGAIN. BECAUSE IT STARTED TO CAVE IN. WHAT WE SHOULD OF DONE WAS TO BUILD A SQUARE WOODEN CURBING AND SLIDE IT DOWN IN 10 FOOT SECTIONS BUT IT WAS TOO LATE SO WE ABANDONED THE WELL AFTER 3 WEEKS OF HARD LABOR OF 2 MEN. AND WE ARE LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO TELL ABOUT IT. WE DID NOT REALIZE THE DANGER WE WERE IN EVERY DAY. BY CAVING IN AND BY GAS MANY TIMES THESE WELLS LET OF A POISONOUS GAS WHICH IS SURE DEATH. WE CAN CONSIDER OURSELF LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THIS BUSINESS.

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ACCORDING TO THE JEWISH TRADITION THEY HAD TO HAVE AN INION CONSISTED OF TEN MEN. SO MOSES SUGGESTED I SHALL COME INTO WILLISTON. SO WE JAKE AND I STARTED OUT ON THE 22ND OF DECEMBER 1906 TO WILLISTON. IT WAS A VERY COLD MORNING WITH SNOW ON THE GROUND. WE TRAVELE 3 MILES FROM HOME I DECIDED TO SEND JAKE BACK HOME TO STAY WITH THE FOLKS. WE MET A NEKBBOR AND JAKE WENT BACK HOME AND I CONTINUED ON THE WAY.

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Wednesday, March 24, 1948

84th Day—282 days to follow

NEWS CAME FROM WILLISTON
ANNA GAVE BIRTH TO A BOY

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

AND IN 3 DAYS WE HAD THE SKELETON OF THE BARN READY. ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS TO HAUL IN 3 LOADS OF HAY AND THE BARN WAS DONE WHICH GAVE US ROOM FOR 8 MORE TEAMS OF HORSES. AND THAT SHEAFER ROAD NEVER RESTED DAY OR NIGHT PEOPLE TRAVELING ALL THE TIME GOING TO WILLISTON OR COMING BACK FROM WILLISTON. IT WAS JUST THE TIME WHEN THE NEW SETTLERS WERE COMING IN BY THE DOZENS EVERY DAY.

ON DEC 18th MOSES DROVE IN TO WILLISTON WITH THE STAGE ON SOME BUSINESS AND HE SENT A LETTER SAYING THAT ANNA OUR SISTER GAVE BIRTH TO A BOY AND THE BRITH THE CEROMINATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 22nd OF DEC ON A SUNDAY. SO WE GOT EVERYTHING READY AND EARLY DEC. 22nd. JANE AND I BUNDELED UP AND HITCHER THE TEAM UP TO A LIGHT WAGON RUNNERS AND WE DROVE OVER TO THE BANKS RANCH AND GOT ASSISTED AND STARTED FOR WILLISTON

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Thursday, March 25, 1948

85th Day—281 days to follow

REAL BELOW ZERO WEATER SETS IN

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

BUT WHEN WE GOT 2 MILES FROM HOME JAKE FEEL VERY COLD SO WE MET OUR NEIGHBOR COMING BACK FROM WILLISTON I SENT JAKE BACK HOME WITH HIM AND JAKE GOT HOME AN HOUR LATER AND WAS OK, BUT I CONTINUED ON AND WHEN I REACHED THE BAKERS FERRY IT WAS 5 O'CLOCK AND IT WAS GETTING DUSK, SO I DROVE IN AND ASKED IF I COULD STAY OVER NIGHT AND THAY SAID OK, WE UNHOOKED THE HORSES PUT THEM IN THE BARN FEED THEM AND CAME IN THE HOUSE AND ASKED THEM HOW COLD IT WAS THIS MORNING THAY SAID IT WAS 35 BELOW ZERO AND IT WAS 30 AT SUPPERTIME I CAME IN TO THE BUNKHOUSE AND TOOK OFF MY COATS AND CAP I HAD NO OVER SHOES I HAD A PAIR OF FIELD BOOTS THAY HAPPENED TO BE LARGE SO I PUT ON 2 PAIR SOX AND WRAPPED ANOTHER CLOTH OVER THE SOX AND PUT THE BOOTS ON THAT WAY BUT WHEN I CAME IN TO THE HOUSE I COULD FEEL I WAS IN PAIN MY FEET WERE BURNING I WARMED UP AND SUPPER WAS CALLED SO I HAD MY SUPPER

Sunday, March 28, 1948

88th Day—278 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

RECOVERED FROM SICKNESS

WINTER AND SNOW AND MADE A GASH ALMOST CLEARED TO
 BE DONE I RAN UP TO MY ROOM AND BANDED
 UP GOOD AND WENT TO SCHOOL AND DID NO EVEN
 ANYBODY ABOUT IT AND IN A FEW DAYS IT
 HEALED UP. AND THAT WAS THE MARK WHERE
 I BROSE MY TOES DUE TO NOT GETTING ENOUGH
 CIRCULATION. AND THAT WAS THE MARK OF
 WATER TROUBLE.
 I TOOK ABOUT 6 WEEKS UNTILL IT ALL
 HEALED UP. AND THE 16TH OF FEB. I WAS ABLE
 TO WALK AND GET AROUND AGAIN.
 ABOUT THE 18TH OF FEB I GOT A JOB IN THE
 BUNK HOUSE. AS A MACHINIST NEPER AT
 WEST BAY I STAYED AND WORKED UNTIL
 SPRING. AND IN APRIL. I BOUGHT SOME
 CUMBER AND SENT IT OUT TO BUILD
 MY HOME IN NESTER SNACK I HIRED A
 CARPENTER AND IN 3 DAYS I HAD
 MY HOME BUILT ON MY LAND WHICH
 JOINED MOSES ON THE SOUTH SIDE
 WHICH I FILLED IN AUGUST 1906
 AND JOE FILLED HIS LAND SAME DAY
 HIS LAND WAS A BLOWN NESTORINE

Monday, March 29, 1948

89th Day—277 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

IS SAIDING OUR HOMESTED SAVINGS

AND APRIL 10TH I HELPED JOE TO BUILD HIS
 SHACK ON HIS LAND WHICH HE FILED ON
 AUGUST 12TH 1906.
 WE DID NOT HAVE MONEY TO FILE ON THE LAND
 SO WE BORROWED. EACH ONE OF US
 160 FROM THE GREENGARDS AND WE FILED
 ON OUR LAND. WE BECAME THE PROUD
 OWNERS OF 160 ACERS OF LAND.
 ACCORDING TO LAW YOU HAD TO BUILD WITHIN
 6 MONTHS AFTER FILING. AND THIS HAPPENED
 TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL HARD WINTER
 THE CONGRES PASSED A RESOLUTION
 GIVING EVERYBODY EXTRA TIME. NOT TO
 STAY OR DO ANYTHING UNTIL MAY 1907
 SO ALL THESE WHO DID NOT ESTABLISH
 RESIDENCE WERE NOT FORCED TO DO IT
 AND SUFFER IN THE WINTER TIME.
 THE WINTER OF 1906 & 1907 WAS THE
 HARDEST THAT I HAD IN 50 YEARS.
 AND WE WERE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO
 WOULD HAD TO STAY IN IT JUST ON
 THAT ROCKY WINTER AND WINDS
 THAT COULD BLOW THE TEMPERATURES
 FROM 170 TO 38 BELOW ZERO

Sunday, March 28, 1948

88th Day—278 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

RECOVERED FROM SICKNESS

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 MY HOME BUILT ON MY LAND WHICH
 JOINED MOSES ON THE SOUTH SIDE
 WHICH I FILLED IN AUGUST 1906
 AND JOE FILLED HIS LAND SAME DAY
 HIS LAND WAS A BLOWN NESTORINE

Friday, March 26, 1948

86th Day—280 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

FROZE MY FEET

AND CAME BACK TO THE BUNK HOUSE AND
 WAS SO TIRED I LAY DOWN AND FELL ASLEEP
 AND SLEPT UNTILL MORNING. AND NEXT
 MORNING I GOT UP AND COULD NOT PUT
 ON MY BOOTS MY FEET WERE SWOLLEN
 UP SO I TOLD MR BAKER AND HE TOLD
 ME I HAD TO TOLD HIM JUST WHEN I CAME
 IN HE COULD OF DONE SOMETHING FOR
 THEM. AND HE ADVISED ME TO GO INTO
 WILLISTON HE BANDELED UP MY FEET
 GOOD AND PUT ON A PAIR OF BIG OVERSHOES
 ON ME AND HITENED UP MY TEAM AND I
 DROVE INTO WILLISTON THAT MORNING IT WAS
 40 BELOW ZERO I DROVE UP TO BEN GOLDMANS
 PLACE AND MOSES WAS THERE HE TOOK THE
 TEAM AWAY TO THE BARN I WENT INTO THE
 HOUSE AND TOOK OFF MY OVERSHOES AND
 RAGS AND NOTICED MY FEET WERE BLUE
 THEY CALLED DOCTOR EDMONDS HE CAME
 AND GAVE ME A CERTAIN SALVE TO PUT ON
 AND SAID IT WILL TAKE 2 DAYS BEFORE HE
 CAN TELL ANYTHING ABOUT IT AND IN
 2 DAYS LATER HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING

Saturday, March 27, 1948

87th Day—279 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

PART OF MY 2 TOES AMPUTATED

CAME OUT FINE EXCEPT 2 SMALL SPOTS WHICH
 ARE CORRESPONDING TO LIFE. THEY ARE THE
 FIRST JOINTS OF THE BIG TOE AND THE TOE NEXT
 TO THE BIG TOE AND A LITTLE SPOT ON THE BACK
 OF THE HEEL ALL ON MY LEFT FOOT. MY
 RIGHT FOOT CAME OUT PERFECT, HE SAID HE
 WILL WAIT A COUPLE MORE DAYS IF THEY DONT
 COME OUT OF IT. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CUT
 THOSE PIECES OFF BECAUSE THEY WILL CAUSE
 METROUBLE. SO AFTER WAITING 2 DAYS.
 HE CAME ONE MORNING AND GAVE ME AN
 ANTISEPTIC AND PERFORMED THE MINOR OPERATION
 WHAT HE CALLED IT.
 THE MARK FOR THIS OPERATION WAS MADE
 WHEN I WAS 10 YEARS OLD. ONE DAY I WAS
 CLEANING THE ICE OFF THE SIDEWALK WITH
 A STEEL HEAVY BAR AND WHILE I WAS CUTTING
 THE ICE. A PLOOFING CALLED MY NAME
 ACROSS THE STREET AND SAID LETS GO TO
 SCHOOL. I LOOKED TOWARDS HIM AND SAID
 JUST WAIT A FEW MINUTES. AND AT THE SAME
 TIME I JUMPED THE NEARBY CAR WHICH WAS
 ROCE ONLY FEET FOOT WHICH CUT THROUGH THE

Special Data

LIVED ON GARDEN VEGETABLES

MARVELED. STOPPED ADMIRING NOW THE GARDEN LOOKED. IT WAS FOR 2 REASONS. VIRGIN SOIL AND STRONG NORTHERN SEED THE 2 TOGETHER MADE A WONDERFULL COMBINATION. A GOOD GARDEN ON THE FARM IS A WONDERFULL HELP. ALSO PLANTED A GARDEN FOR BEN'S FAMILY. BECAUSE BEN WORKED IN WILLISTON AND THE FAMILY LIVED ON THE HOMESTEAD I WAS THE SNOOK ABSORBER OR THE GENERAL AROUND MEN WAS INTO EVERYTHING. HAWKING WATER. CHOPPING WOOD ATTENDING GARDENS OR ANY OTHER WORK CAME ALONG SUCH AS FIXING UP REPAIRING. AND MANY OTHERS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION WE STILL HAD TO HULL WATER FOR HOUSE USE. THE STOCK GOT WATER IN DIFFERENT WATER HOLES THAT SUMMER WE HAD ALL THE GARDEN STUFF IN E COULD USE IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES. BUT GRAIN WE DID NOT SOW AND BECAUSE THEY ADVISED US TO DREG A AND LET IT LAY OVER FOR NEXT SPRING AND THEN PUT IT INTO WHEAT SPRING WHICH PRODUCE DOUBLE. SO WE DID NOT

Thursday, April 1, 1948

92nd Day—274 days to follow

HAYING TIME

SEED ANY SMALL GRAIN THIS YEAR. IN JULY WE PUT UP ABOUT 150 TONS OF HAY WE DID NOT HAVE TO GO FAR JUST ABOUT 1 MILE FROM HOME. THE GRASS ON THE PRAIRIES WAS SO HEAVY AND THICK. IT DID NOT TAKE LONG TO PICK UP A LOAD OF HAY. AFTER WE PUT UP THE HAY BEN CAME OUT HOME. AND HE AND MOSES AND JOE DECIDED TO GO TO TAKE IN THE HAYING HARVESTING AND THRESHING. SEASON TO MAKE A LITTLE CASH. SO ON THE FIRST OF AUGUST MOSES TOOK ONE TEAM AND WAGON AND HAY RACK AND THEY ALL PACKED THEIR CLOTHES AND LEFT HOME. THEIR DESTINY WAS EAST OF MINOT. WHERE THEY HAD A GOOD CROP AND NEEDED HELP THE WAGES \$5.00 FOR MEN AND TEAM AND \$3.50 FOR MEN. THEY ALL LEFT HOME. I WAS LEFT HOME TO LOOK AFTER OPERATING THE TRACTOR. PREPARING FOR WOOD AND COAL. AND WITH GOOD WEATHER EVERY DAY WAS WELL AND EVERYTHING WENT ALONG OK I WAS BUSY IN MY ROUTINE AND EVERYTHING WAS GOING WELL.

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

Tuesday, March 30, 1948

90th Day—276 days to follow

FIRST EXPERIENCE BLENKING NEW LAND

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

BY APRIL 15TH PRACTICALLY ALL THE SNOW MELTED AND THE GREEN GRASS BEGAN TO SHOW UP AND THERE WAS NEW LIFE AND NEW HOPE. ON APRIL 16TH MOSES AND I DROVE OVER TO A RANCHER BY THE NAME S.M. STAR AND BOUGHT A TEAM OF BLACK MARES WHICH WERE HEAVY WITH FOWLS HE PAID 400.00 CASH FOR THEM AND WHEN WE GOT HOME WITH THEM WE HITCHED UP ALL 4 HORSES TO THE BACKING PLOW AND WE BEGAN TO EXPERIMENT HOW TO BACK UP NEW LAND AFTER MANY TRIALS AND ADJUSTMENTS WE FINALLY GOT IT GOING IN GOOD SHAPE THAT FIRST WEEK WE BROKE UP AN ACRE GARDEN SPOT NEAR THE HOUSE AND 10 ACERS ON ANOTHER SPOT WE DISCOVERED MANY ROCKS ON THE FACE SO WE PICKED THE ROCK OFF FIRST AND THEN IT WAS EASIER TO TRAVEL OVER WITH THE BACKING PLOW. AND EVERY DAY LITTLE BY LITTLE WE BROKE UP 15 ACERS OF LAND ON MOSES HOMESTEAD AND 1 ACRE ON MY HOMESTEAD I ACRE ON JOE'S HOMESTEAD AND 2 ACERS ON BEN'S HOMESTEAD EACH FOR GARDEN PURPOSE AND EXPERIMENT OF WINTER WOODS

Wednesday, March 31, 1948

91st Day—275 days to follow

PLANTING FIRST GARDEN

CLEAR	
CLOUDY	
RAIN	
SNOW	

IN 1905 BEFORE WE LEFT ENROUTE WE KNEW WHERE WE WERE GOING. ON TO N.DAK. TO TAKE UP LAND SO I PREPARED A LIST OF ALL KINDS OF GARDEN AND FIELD SEED AND WENT OUT ON THE MARKET AND BOUGHT UP A LOT OF THE SEEDS. SUCH AS CARROTS-RADISHES-ONIONS-CABBAGE-PARSNIPS-PARSLEY-MUSK MELLONS-WATERMELONS SEVERAL DIFFERENT KINDS OF CORN-PEAS-BEANS-NOT LARGE QUANTITIES BUT ENOUGH TO GET A START AND AS WE CAME ON OUR HOMESTADS TOO LATE THE FIRST SUMMER. SO I KEPT THEM COOL AND DRY UNTIL THIS YEAR AND BY MAY 15TH. I PLANTED 2 ACERS OF GARDEN ON MOSES HOMESTEAD. THE LAND WAS VIRGIN SOIL AND PLENTY MOISTURE NEILAND DID NOT NEED ANY CULTIVATION. ALL YOU HAD TO DO IS TO TAKE A SHARP STICK PUNCH A LITTLE HOLE IN THE SOIL AND PLANT THE SEED THE POTATOES WE CROPPED IN THE SPRING AND BY JULY 1ST. WE HAD SEVERAL RAINS. EVERYTHING LOOKED WONDERFULL. ALL THOSE RUSSIAN IMPORTED SEEDS GAVE EVERY BODY WHO DROVE BY WHO LOOKED

Sunday, April 4, 1948

95th Day—271 days to follow

FAMILY RETURN TO HOMESTEAD

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

THE BOY ABRAHAM WAS THEN REMOVED BY H. GIDOCK IN THE EVENING. AND NEXT MORNING BEN AND GIDOCK DROVE OUT TO THE HOMESTEAD WITH THE BOY AND BURIED HIM WITH SOME HOLLY BERRIES ALONG SIDE OF HIM. THATS A TRADITION AMONGST THE JEWISH PEOPLE WHEN THEY START A NEW CEMETERY. AFTER THE FUNERAL THEY RETURNED TO WILLISTON. YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW SAD AN OCCASION LIKE THIS WILL BE. WE ALL DONE EVERYTHING WE COULD TO CONSOLE AND COMFORT THEM. IN THIS SAD HOUR. BUT TIME TAKES CARE OF EVERYTHING TIME HEALS. SO LITTLEBY LITTLE THE STONES DISAPPERED. AND IN THE SPRING IN APRIL ST. BEN MOVED HIS FAMILY OUT TO THE HOMESTEAD AGAIN AND SETTLED THEM WITH PLENTY OF SUPPLIES AND HE DROVE BACK TO WILLISTON TO WORK. IT WAS VERY HANDY TO CATCH RIDES TO AND FROM WILLISTON. THE STAGE DROVE BY EVERY DAY TO AND FROM WILLISTON WHICH CARRIED MAIL AND PASSENGERS. AND THERE WAS A CONTINUOUS POUNDING OF THE WHEELS EVERY DAY AND NIGHT BECAUSE THE COUNTRY

Monday, April 5, 1948

96th Day—270 days to follow

BEGINNING OF OUR BACHELOR DAYS

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

WAS JUST GETTING SETTLED UP AND NEW PEOPLE WERE COMING IN EVERY DAY AND OUR HOMES WERE ONLY A FEW RODS FROM THAT HIGHWAY. JOE AND JAKE AND J. I. WE STAYED IN WILLISTON JOE AND J. I. WORKED IN THE ROUNDY WE RENTED A LITTLE SHACK FOR WHICH WE PAID 50¢ PER MONTH WE BOUGHT A FEW COOKING UTENSILS AND A TABLE AND A COUPLE CHAIRS. AND WE WOULD AT THAT TIME NIGHTS FROM 7 PM TO 6 AM. SLEPT DAY TIME. THERE WAS THE TIME I RECALLED LEARNED HOW TO COOK AND PREPARE MEALS IT WAS EASY TO LEARN OR GO HUNGRY AND I DID NOT GO HUNGRY. JAKE GOT A JOB AS A BELL BOY IN THE GARDNER HOTEL AND WAS ATTENDING SCHOOL. AND WORKED IN THE HOTEL AFTER SCHOOL HOURS. THERE WAS PLENTY WORK ALL OVER BECAUSE THE COUNTRY WAS NEW AND NEW PEOPLE WERE COMING IN EVERY DAY. EVERYBODY HAD SOME MONEY AND WERE TRYING TO JUMP ON THE OFFSHORE AND WERE TRYING TO STOPPED. LOOKED OVER THE LAND AND FOUND AND BOUGHT A NUMBER OF SUPPLIES - AND FOOD TO MAKE A START IN THEIR NEW HOMES OUT AT HOMESTEAD.

Sunday, April 4, 1948

95th Day—271 days to follow

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CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

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Friday, April 2, 1948

93rd Day—273 days to follow

FIRST SICKNESS AND DEATH

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

UNTIL THE SMALLEST LITTLE BOY NAMED NOME FROM THE MOSES FAMILY COMPLAINED OF A LEGG PAINEMENT NOT BAD - SOME PUT ON SOME HOME REMEDIES AND GOT OK AGAIN AND LATER ON WHEN MOSES AND BEN JOE GOT BACK FROM THE HARVEST ABOUT SEP. 20TH. EVERYTHING AT HOME WAS OK EXCEPT THE LITTLE BOY COMPLAINED HIS LEGG HURT HIM. SO THEY TOOK HIM IN TO WILLISTON TO DR. DOCTER MANN AND HE GAVE SOME MEDICINE AND AFTER WORDS HE OPERATED ON THE BOYS LEG TWICE AND AFTER A MONTH ILLNESS THE BOY DIED HIS NAME WAS NOME AND WAS BURIED IN THE CEMETARY IN GRAND FORKS. I TOOK HIM DOWN THERE BECAUSE I HAD WORKED ON THE RAILROAD 6 MONTHS AND IF YOU WORKED 6 MONTHS YOU MAKE A PASS FORVELESES. SO I USED MY PASS TO TAKE THE BOY DOWN TO GRAND FORK FOR BURIAL AND AS HIS NAME WAS NOME I HAD TO TAKE HIS NAME AND BEN CAME HOME I AND JOE DECIDED TO GO TO WILLISTON TO GET WORK AND WE BOTH GOT JOBS IN THE BACHELOR HOUSE.

Saturday, April 3, 1948

94th Day—272 days to follow

BEN ANNS FAMILY MOVED TO WILLISTON AND SECOND SICKNESS AND DEATH

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

AND LATER ON BEN DECIDED. HE HAD NO LIVE STOCK TO FEED. SO HE RENTED A LITTLE HOUSE AND MOVED HIS FAMILY TO WILLISTON IN HIS LITTLE HOUSE IN THE WEST LAWN IN WILLISTON. BEN ALSO GOT A JOB IN THE ROLLINS HOUSE. AFTER WORKING HOURS BEN CAME HOME AND HELPED ANN TO GET THINGS IN ORDER IN THE HOUSE AND AFTER A WHILE THEY GOT THE LITTLE NOME ALL SETTLED. AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE UNTIL ONE MORNING IN THE MORNING ANN GOT BUSY WASHING CLOTHES AND SHE WAS ALMOST DONE WASHING SHE HUNG OUT MOST OF HER CLOTHES AND SHE HAD A HALF FULL WASH BOILER STANDING ON THE STOVE SHE TOOK THE BOILER DOWN AND SAT IT DOWN ON THE FLOOR FOR AJIFFY AND WALKED OVER TO GET THE COVER TO COVER UP THE HOT BOILER. AND BEFORE SHE HAD TIME TO EVEN LOOK AROUND HER SHE HEARD A BURNING SOUND DROPPED INTO THE BOILER AND FELL IN BACKWARDS AND GOT SCALDED AND BEFORE THE DOCTOR GOT THERE HAD COME DO ANYTHING NEEDED

Thursday, April 8, 1948

99th Day—267 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

PURCHASED CATTLE & HORSES

AND MORIS AND BOB SKADRON AND MORRIS SHERMAN FILED ON HOMESTEADS 12 MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE FOLKS. JULIUS - MIKE AND DAVID WERE TOO YOUNG TO FILE ON LAND YET, THEY STAYED WITH THE FOLKS.

AND HERE WHERE THE GREEN ARDS COME IN TO THE PICTURE THEY BEING IN BUSINESS MEETING DIFFERENT PEOPLE. FOUND OUT THAT A MAN A FARMER LIVING 4 MILES EAST OF WILLSTON WHO WANTS TO SELL OUT HIS LIVE STOCK. AND HE AND THE SKADRONS DROVE OUT TO HIS PLACE AND THE SKADRONS BOUGHT ALL HIS CATTLE 35 HEAD AND 10 HEAD OF HORSES AND 25 SETS HARNESS AND A COUPLE WAGONS AND SADDLES AND SOME HOUSEHOLD GOODS ALL THE ENTIRE DEAL FOR THE SUM OF 1600. WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS CONSIDERED A LOT OF MONEY AND IT WAS A LOT OF MONEY IN A FEW DAYS THEY STARTED TO MOVE THEIR STOCK. ABOUT 22 MILES AND IN 4 DAYS THEY MOVED EVERYTHING OVER TO THE HOMESTEAD.

Tuesday, April 6, 1948

97th Day—269 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

ARRIVAL OF THE SKADRON FAMILY THE CHERSONSKY FAMILY THE H. GIDOCK FAMILY

ON MAY 14 TH 1907 AS I WALKED UP THE STREET ABOUT 8 O'CLOCK AM. I MET. SAM SKADRON WHOM I RECOGNISED IMMEDIATELY AND HE ALSO RECOGNIZED ME. AND HE TOLD ME HE CAME FROM BOURNABRES. ARGENTINA. WHERE HE SPENT 3 YEARS AND HE SUPPOSED TO MEET HIS FIANCEE, BESSIE, TOGETHER WITH HIS PARENTS AND BROTHERS AND SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW JAKE CHERSONSKY'S FAMILY AND. HIS UNCLE H. GIDOCK FAMILY. SO I TOOK SAM SKADRON UP TO OUR PALACE WHICH CONSISTED OF 2 ROOMS AND WE WELCOMED HIM TO OUR HOME AND HE STAYED WITH US UNTIL HIS PARENTS CAME ALAS LATER JANE WERE AT THE STATION TO MEET EVERY TRAIN THAT CAME FROM THE EAST AND FINALLY ON JUNE 2ND - 1907 6 AM. THE SKADRON GROUP ARRIVED. WHICH CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING. BESSIE MONIKA SAM'S FIANCEE. ESTHER MOTHER. SOLOMON REBECCA. SAM. MORRIS. BOB. JULIUS. MIKE. DAVID. ALL OF THE SKADRON FAMILY. AND JAKE CHERSONSKY. HIS WIFE ESTHER. AND MORRIS OR MORRIS. AND BOB.

Friday, April 9, 1948

100th Day—266 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

THE SKADRONS BEGINNING OF THE BUILDING OF THEIR NEW HOMES

THE FIRST STEP OF CONSTRUCTION THE OLD GENERAL SET OUT HIS PLAN TO BUILD SOMETHING WORTH SUBSTANTIAL AND REASONABLE IN PRICE. SO THEY DECIDED TO MAKE BRICK FIRST THEN DRY THEM AND THEN BUILD. SO AT FIRST THEY BUILT TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR THEMSELVES AND THE YOUNG CALVES AND POULTRY. AND THEN THEY DUG UP A ROUND SPACE IN THE GROUND ABOUT 20 FEET IN DIAMETER AND Poured WATER IN THE HOLE AND HAD A TEAM OF HORSES TRAMP ROUND AND AROUND. AND ADDING ABOUT 20% HAY OR STRAW. AND ALL OF THIS IN THE RIGHT MIXTURE OF CLAY WATER AND HAY MIXED IN THICK PUDDY LIKE SHAPE THEN THE MIXTURE WAS READY FOR THE FORMS WHICH WERE MADE OF LUMBER 10 INCHES WIDE 18 INCHES LONG AND 4 INCHES THICK WHEN THE MIXTURE WAS FILLED INTO THE FORMS AND PRESSED TIGHT TOGETHER AND THEN THE FORMS OPENED ON SIDES AND THE BRICK WAS DUMPED OUT ON THE GRASS TO DRY FOR A FEW DAYS AND IT WAS READY FOR USE.

Wednesday, April 7, 1948

98th Day—268 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

FIRST HOME IN DAK.

AND UNCLE HENRYMAN AND LEILA AND SARA GIDOCK, AND AN NEPHEW MORRIS SHERMAN. WHILE SAM WAS WAITING HERE FOR THEM. WE LOOKED AROUND AND FOUND A WAGON HOUSE OF 6 ROOMS AND RENTED IT TO MAKE A HOME FOR THEM WHEN THEY COME. SO ON THEIR ARRIVAL WE TOOK THEM UP AND WE DELIVERED ALL THEIR LUGGAGE TO THE HOME THEN THEY BOUGHT A FEW PIECES OF FURNITURE SOME BEDS AND SOME DISHES AND FOOD SUPPLIES AND ON JUNE 2ND THEY ATE THEIR FIRST MEAL AND SLEPT THEIR FIRST NIGHT IN WILLSTON N. DAK. THE LAST LAP OF THE LONG JOURNEY. WHEN THEY GOT THEMSELVES SETTLED IN WILLSTON TEMPORARILY. THEY DROVE OUT AND LOOKED OVER SOME LAND AND SAM SKADRON FILED ON LAND AS OWNERS DEN GOLDMAN - SOLOMON SKADRON. 1 1/2 MILES WEST OF SAM. AND JAKE CHERSONSKY 1 MILE FROM THE OLD MAN SKADRON. HENRYMAN GIDOCK FILED ON LAND 12 MILES FROM WILLSTON SOUTH ACROSS THE RIVER AND 6 MILES FROM SKADRONS

Monday, April 12, 1948

103rd Day—263 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

THE DENONSKY FAMILY SETTLES

IN THE SPRING OF 1906 A YOUNG MAN MORRIS SHER
 TO WILLISTON. AND WE GOT ACQUAINTED AND HE ALSO
 WAS LOOKING FOR A HOMESTEAD AND HE WAS
 EXPECTING HIS FATHER AND FAMILY FROM ENGLAND,
 THE NAME CHELSONSKY FAMILY TOGETHER WITH
 THE SKADRON FAMILY WORKED TOGETHER
 AND ALSO BUILT THEMSELVES AN ICE ZROVA
 HOUSE MADE OF THE SAME HOME MADE BRICK
 AND THEY MOVED IN TO THEIR NEW HOME AND
 BOUGHT HORSES AND COWS AND 25 CHICKENS
 AND STARTED THEIR FARMING OPERATIONS
 AND IT DID NOT TAKE LONG BEFORE HE ALSO
 LEARNED THE ART OF FARM OPERATIONS
 AND HE LIKE ALL THE REST OF US LEARNED
 HOW TO OPERATE MACHINERY AND HORSES
 AND IN A SHORT TIME HE WAS A FULL
 FLEDGE FARMER.

AND IN MAY 1908 THE MAX SHER FAMILY
 ARRIVED AND MORRIS THEIR OLDER SON
 WHO WAS HERE IN ADVANCE LOCATED SOME
 LAND FOR THEM. AND MORRIS AND MAX FLED
 ON THEIR HOMESTADS ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTH
 OF US AND BUILT A HOME OF LUMBER AND
 MOVED IN ON THE HOMESTEAD

Tuesday, April 13, 1948

104th Day—262 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

THE SHER FAMILY ARRIVES

THE SHER FAMILY WERE AS FOLLOU MAX SHER HIS WIFE
 MORRIS. SARNA - SAIDY - GLADYS - AGE - HANUS.
 THE SHER FAMILY MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOME ON THE
 HOMESTEAD AND ALSO BOUGHT HORSES AND CATTLE
 CHICKENS. AND THEY DECIDED BEING THAT
 MORRIS THE OLDEST SON HAD MORE EXPERIENCE
 IN FARMING AND AS IT TAKE A LOT OF MONEY TOGET
 ANOME STARTED AND FARM OPERATIONS SO THEY
 DECIDED AND THE FATHER MAX SHER CAME IN TO
 WILLISTON AND HE ALSO GOT A JOB ON THE SHOP
 OF THE ROUNDHOUSE TO MAKE A LITTLE CASH TO
 HELP ALONG WITH THE FARMING OPERATIONS.
 AND WHEN MAX CAME INTO WILLISTON TO WORK
 SO WE ALL GOT TOGETHER AND RENTED A LARGE
 HOME AND ALL OF US STAYED TOGETHER IN
 A SORT OF A COOPERATIVE WAY.

THERE WAS JOE - I - MAX SHER - MORRIS SHER
 MORRIS SHERMAN - AGE WARTSMON - ANOTHER YOUNG
 MAN WHO CAME LATER. ALL 6 OF US RENTED A LITTLE
 HOME AND BOUGHT A FEW FURNITURE AND WE ALL
 LIVED TOGETHER COOKED OUR OWN MEALS AND
 GOT BY VERY ECONOMICAL AND WE ATTEMPT
 AND WE STAYED TOGETHER FOR A WHILE BEFORE

Monday, April 12, 1948

103rd Day—263 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

THE DENONSKY FAMILY SETTLES

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Saturday, April 10, 1948

101st Day—265 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

SAM AND BESSIE'S WEDDING AND MONEY MOON TRIP

AFTER THEY MADE UP SEVERAL THOUSAND OF THEM
 THEY WERE READY TO BUILD. NEXT WAS TO GO
 TO THE WOODS AND PICK THE KIND OF TIMBERS
 YOU NEED. CHOPP THEM DOWN AND TAKE THEM
 HOME AND REDDY FOR THE BUILDING.
 AND THEY STARTED TO BUILD AND BUILT A
 HOUSE OF 4 ROOMS FOR THE OLD FOLKS. AND
 A BARN FOR THE HORSES AND CATTLE.
 AND WHILE THEY WERE MAKING ALL THESE
 PREPARATIONS. SAM AND BESSIE GOT
 MARRIED ON JUNE. 10 TH. 1907 IN WILLISTON
 PAUL HIRSH OFFICIATED AT THE
 WEDDING. THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE IN
 THEIR HOME IN WILLISTON. AFTER THE
 WEDDING THEY CAME OUT TO THE
 HOMESTEAD. THEY HAD NO PLACE WHERE
 TO LIVE SO I TURNED OVER MY LITTLE
 HOME TO THEM AND THERE THEY
 SPENT THEIR MONEY MOON TRIP.
 AND STAYED IN MY HOME UNTILL
 THEY BUILT THEIR NEW HOME. WHICH
 WAS BUILT OF THE HOME MADE BRICK
 THEY BUILT A CROCK HOUSE. WHICH

Sunday, April 11, 1948

102nd Day—264 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

SAM AND BESSIE'S MONEY

WAS PLASTERED WITH CLAY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
 SAM VS A HANDY MAN HE CAN DO MOST ANYTHING
 AND THIS NEW LITTLE HOME FELT TO THEM LIKE
 A REAL LITTLE PALACE.
 AND THERE THE SAM SKADRON FAMILY
 MADE THEIR START OF LIFE IN THE
 U.S.A. AT FIRST HE BOUGHT 4 HORSES AND
 A LITTLE MACHINERY AND BROKE UP A FEW
 ACERS OF LAND PLANTED A BIG GARDEN
 AND BOUGHT 2 COWS AND CHICKENS.

AND REALY AND EARNESTLY STARTED HIS FARMING
 OPERATION. IT WAS EASIER FOR HIM BECAUSE HE
 HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN EUROPE AND THEN HE
 SPENT 3 YEARS IN ARGENTINE ON A FARM SO
 IT WAS SOMEWHAT EASIER FOR HIM. THE FIRST
 SEASON HE DID NOT HAVE MUCH CROP. SO IN JULY AND
 AUGUST HE PUT UP HAY FOR HIS STOCK AND PREPARED
 EVERYTHING FOR WINTER AND ABOUT THE LATE PART
 OF AUGUST HE TOOK ONE TEAM OF HORSES AND
 HAYRAK AND WAGON AND BROVE EAST ABOUT
 10 MILES TO TAKE IN HARVESTING AND TRYING
 TO MAKE A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS OF WHICH
 MOST OF US WERE SHORT OF AND TAKE MOST OF
 THE STARTED. BESSIE STAYED WITH HER PARENTS
 UNTILL SAM CAME BACK OCTOBER

Friday, April 16, 1948

107th Day—259 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

SEEDING OUR FIRST CROP

NEVER BEFORE IN OUR LIFE DID WE EVER TOUCH A PLOW. OR HITCHED A HORSE TO A PLOW. BY A CAREFUL STUDY AND WATCHING OUR NEIGHBORS I DID NOT TAKE LONG BEFORE WE LEARNED HOW TO HANDLE FARM OPERATIONS. AND THAT SUMMER SPRING OF 1910 WE PUT IN 110 ACERS OF CROP. WHEAT - OATS - FLAX. AND A GARDEN. THE 1910 SUMMER WAS NOT SO FAVORABLE IT WAS DRY ALL WINTER BEFORE AND NOT MUCH RAIN IN THE SPRING AND VERY LITTLE IN THE SUMMER. WE DROVE IN TO WILLISTON IN JUNE AND BOUGHT A MOWER, HAY RAKE AND PRESS A MCKORMICK BINDER WE MADE TWO TRIPS TO BRING THE MACHINERY OUT HOME AND SET IT UP. WE FIRST SET UP THE HAY MACHINERY AND WE STARTED TO CUT HAY I DROVE THE MOWER AND JOE DROVE THE RAKE AND WHEN WE HAD CUT SOMUCH WE BUT STARTED TO HAYN IT IN TONS STACKS. WE PUT UP 2 GOOD SIZED STACKS WHEN WE WERE DONE WITH THE HAY THE WHEAT WAS RIPENING TOO FAST ON THE OF LACK OF RAIN.

Wednesday, April 14, 1948

105th Day—261 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

OUR JEWIS COMMUNITY GROWS

THE GIDOCK FAMILY SETTLED IN WILLISTON FOR A WHILE HE HAD A TAILORING TRAPE SO HE GOT A JOB IN THE TAILOR SHOP. AND HIS WIFE AND GIRL STAYED ON THEIR HOMESTEAD. THEY BUILT A 2 ROOM LITTLE HOME AND H. GIDOCK CAME HOME EVERY SATURDAY EVE STAYED OVER SUNDAY AND CAME BACK TO WORK MONDAY MORNING HE HAD A HORSE AND BUGGY AND GOT ALONG FINE. THAT WAY. IN 1908 ANOTHER YOUNG MAN BY THE NAME NATHAN BRISMAN CAME AND FILED ON AN UNSETTLED JOINING SAM SKADRON'S PLACE. ALSO ISRAEL BEN. AND A YOUNG RABBI ABRAHAM HIRSH FILED LAND JOINING MOSES PLACE. AND A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS WE HAD 12 FAMILIES. AND THE FALL OF 1908 WE HAD OUR FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH GATHERING FOR OUR HOLIDAYS WITH. MAX SHER AND MR. PAPERMASTER FROM WILHELMSTADT, N. DAK. CONDUCTING OUR SERVICES. WE GOT TOGETHER WITH THE GREENGLASS AND THE BOASIT A TOCA. AND EVERY FALL ON OUR HOLIDAYS WED ALL SET TOGETHER RENT A HALL AND HOLD OUR CHURCH SERVICES THERE AND DOING THE SERVICE PRO. BATA.

Saturday, April 17, 1948

108th Day—258 days to follow

CLEAR
CLOUDY
RAIN
SNOW

SETTING UP OUR FIRST BINDER

WE HAD THE BINDER IN THE YARD BUT IT WAS IN ABOUT 150 PIECES OUR JOB WAS TO SET IT UP AND PUT IT TOGETHER. SO WE BOTH STARTED AND AFTER WORKING FOR 2 DAYS WE HAD THE BINDER READY FOR ACTION WE HAD A BOOK OF DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW. AND WHEN WE WERE ALL DONE WE FOUND A HEAVY COIL SPRING WHICH WE DID NOT KNOW WHERE IT BELONGS AND AFTER SEVERAL EXAMINATIONS AND LOOKING IN THE BOOK WE FOUND THE PLACE. IT WAS THE HEAVY SPRING WHICH HOLDS THE REELS TOGETHER THIS SPRING HAD TO BE PUT ON BEFORE THE REELS WERE SET UP. BUT WE OVERLOOKED IT. SO WE DECIDED TO STRETCH THE SPING AND PUT IN PLACE TO AVOID TAKING THE REELS APART. I GOT A HOLD OF THE SPRING PUT ONE END ON THE HOOK. AND STRETCHED THE SPRING LONG ENOUGH TO HOOK THE OTHER END AND THE SPRING SNAPPED AND GOT MY FINGER INSIDE OF THE SPING AND CUT MY FINGER ON MY LEFT HAND IT WAS BLEEDING. IMMEDIATELY TOOK IT TO MY WHITE HANDKIE AND TURE IT IN TWO PLACES AND PUT UP MY FINGER. TOOK A HOLD OF IT AND PUT IT IN PLACE

Thursday, April 15, 1948

106th Day—260 days to follow

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JOE AND I DECIDE TO GOIT RAILROAD WORK TO START FARMING

AFTER WORKING FOR 3 YEARS JOE AND I DECIDED WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO GO ON OUR LAND AND FARM WE BOTH SAVED UP A LITTLE MONEY. SO ON THE WINTER OF 1909 AFTER THE BIG CROP WHICH GAVE US MORE COURAGE. WE DECIDED TO QUIT OUR JOBS AND MOVE ON THE FARM. AND IN DECEMBER WE DROVE TO SCHAFER AND BOUGHT 4 HEAD OF YOUNG HORSES AND 2 SETS OF HARNESS AND MACHINERY TO START FARMING. WE DROVE TO THE WOODS EVERY DAY AND CHOPPED TIMBER 7 POSTS FOR OUR BARN AND WE BUILT A BARN ON MY PLACE AND A BARN ON JOES PLACE. AND WHEN SPRING CAME WHICH WAS A REAL EARLY ONE IN 1910 WE WERE READY FOR ACTION. ON MY PLACE I HAD 65 ACERS ALL READY BROKE UP IN 1909. WHICH WAS A REAL EARLY FOR THE DISC AND THE FIRST JOB WAS TO RISE THE USACETS AND TO SEED THEM INTO WHEAT. SO ON THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH WE STARTED 1 1/2 TITERS TO THE DISCING AND JOE DECIDED TO PREPARE HIS LAND FOR BRAKING BY PICKING OFF THE ROCKS. AND IT KEPT US BOTH BUSY WORKING AND COOKING OUR OWN MEALS. OUR BREAD

