

Dad's Hard Luck, Bendick Jorgenson Tweeten 1855-1947

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The crops looked good, corn and oats were doing well- what can happen to a good crop?

A hail storm came and destroyed the crop- corn and oats were the main thing those days. The elevator burned. He bought oats that wasn't damaged in the fire. He cooked potatoes that we had to feed the pigs. He planned to feed the potatoes to the pigs and sell them, but they got cholera and died. After all that work and burning the dead pigs, Dad got sick. Mother was also sick at the time. So, he said, "I'm giving up, I've done all I could, now God, it's up to you to help me!"

Soon a neighbor who had some small calves on pasture for dad came. They had grown so good they brought him a good price and saved the family income

At this same time, dad was converted. Oswald and Eliza Hoveland's father also gave.

Dad was born in Froland, Norway. He was 4 years old when his family moved from Froland in Telemark to Nissedal. His name was changed from Bendick Lofthus to the residence name which was Tvetene. No one seems to know what happened to his father, Jorgen Jorgenson. He was born in 1832. His mother passed away when the family was quite young. Dad came to America when he was 25 years old. His mother's name was Sigri. She was born in 1830.

Our father passed away March 30, 1947. Mother died July 2, 1918. They lived on the farm where they raised their family until they moved to Forest City in March of 1916.

They were married July 2, 1884.

They are buried in the Winnebago Cemetery near Lake Mills.