

PIONEER HISTORIES

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Aanstad

S. O. Aanstad was born in Gausdal, Norway, on December 28, 1853.

He came to America in 1881 and was married the same year to Miss Carrie Olson of Baldwin, Wis. The family made their home near Baldwin, for many years.

Mrs. Aanstad passed away while the children were still at a very young age, so caring for the family was not an easy task for Mr. Aanstad.

After his family was grown and married, Mr. Aanstad decided to come to N. D., to visit his daughter and her family, Mrs. Ole Mortenson of Almont, who lived south of the Heart River. He made his home there until he retired and moved to Almont, where he lived for more than seven years.

He was a member of the Lutheran church, being baptized and confirmed before coming to America.

Mr. Aanstad passed away after a lingering illness on February 14, 1931, at the age of 77 years and 1 month. He had three daughters, and one son, Mrs. Henry Wernlund, Baldwin, Wis., Albert Aanstad, who lives near Baldwin, and two daughters who have followed him in death, they are Mrs. Ole Mortenson, who passed away on October 1, 1954, and Mrs. Olga Larson, who passed away September 28, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson

Albert H. Anderson was born at Lake Benton, Minn. on March 10, 1884. At an early age his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Anderson, pioneered to Morton county establishing a home on the Heart River.

Here Albert grew to manhood and in 1908 was joined in marriage to Mabel Knutson. They made their home on a farm a few miles south of Almont for many years.

To this union six children were born:

Mrs. Edwin Timpe, (Irene),
Flasher, N. D.

Wallace Anderson, Almont, N. D.
Mrs. Jack Magnus (Lucille),
Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Paul Simonson, (Verna)
Ryder, N. D.

Clifford Anderson, Mercedes,
Calif.

Gordon Anderson, Almont, N. D.

Mr. Anderson passed away in November, 1932, and was buried in the Sims cemetery. His wife, now Mrs. Mabel Atkinson, lives in Flasher, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Anderson

Among the first who came to Almont from Sims in 1906 was Mr. Anderson, very well known to many as "Andy". Before coming to Sims he made his abode in Waseau, Neb. In Sims he was employed in the August Timmerman General Merchandise Store.

The first local newspaper, "The Almont Advertiser," was owned and edited by Mr. Anderson. Later he became associated with the Farmers State Bank, where he served for many years.

On June 29, 1910, he and Miss Nell Anderson formerly of Odebolt, Iowa were married in Bismarck and established their home in the Pelette residence, which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kilen.

Because of illness he retired from active business life in the year 1932, but was interested in all community activities. Mr. Anderson "passed on" July 30, 1939. His body was taken to Alta, Iowa, his boyhood home, for burial.

Mrs. Anderson continued to make her home in Almont for a number of years after Mr. Anderson died. Eventually she sold the place and went to live with her sisters.

Being a teacher in the Almont schools for many years gave Mrs. Anderson the opportunity to leave a permanent impression upon the lives of two generations of children in Almont. Her self confidence, sweet smile, and manner of always expecting the very best, completely won the hearts of her pupils. Many today are saying, "I thank the Lord for her influence in my life."

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Anderson

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were both born in Telamarken, Norway, Mr. Anderson on July 19, 1858 and Mrs. Anderson, August 23, 1862. Mr. Anderson came to the United States at the age of 11 years, with his parents and settled in Rio, Wis. They lived there 3 years and moved to Lake Benton, Minn. in 1873, where they lived for 15 years, and where he attended rural school. He received his religious instruction at Huron, S. D. and was confirmed at the age of 14. Mrs. Anderson, the former Rachel Hovden of Lake Benton, Minn. received her education and religious training there. They were married in 1882 at Lake Benton, Minn. and moved to Sims, N. D. in 1887, in a colony of 5 covered wagons. With Mr. and Mrs. Hans Anderson and their 2 children Albert and Amelia, were; Andrew Anderson, brother of Hans, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bjorum and son Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Tronson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Langdon and family.

Later Mr. Anderson took up a homestead on the Heart River, 12 miles S. E. of Almont, where they spent their entire life except for 3 years spent at Sheridan, Oregon. They went to Oregon in 1911 with their 3 daughters, Margaret, Lena, and Clara, and during their stay their 840 acre farm here was operated by their sons Sam and Henry.

In 1946 Mr. Anderson sold the farm to Mr. Andrew Willman. He and his brother operate the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had a family of 8 children—namely Albert who passed away in Nov. 1932, Amelia (Mrs. Philip Lux) Sask. Canada, deceased Aug. 1931, Inger (Mrs. Cornelius Knutson) Almont, deceased, Dec. 1952, Sam of Carlton, Oregon, deceased June, 1950, Henry of Mandan, N. D. deceased Feb. 1947. The 3 surviving children are: Mrs. Paul (Margaret) Rud, Mrs. Herman (Lena) Hartmann, and Mrs. Albert (Clara) Schmidt, all of New Salem.

Mrs. Anderson passed away October 2, 1929 and Mr. Anderson on December 6, 1948.

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When Mr. and Mrs. Anderson first lived on the Heart River there were rumors that the Indians were coming from the South county, to scare out the newcomers, and at one time Mr. Anderson took his family to Sims, a distance of 16 miles by wagon, where they would be safe. However, the attack never materialized.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan Anderson

Hogan Anderson, was born in Norway in 1870 and came to America as a young man. He lived in South Dakota where he met and married Anna Seim in 1897. Mrs. Seim was born in Decorah, Iowa in 1878.

In 1902 they came to Sims and in 1906 moved to Curlew. The Anderson's moved to Sandpoint, Idaho in 1925 where Mrs. Anderson still resides. Mr. Anderson passed away in 1953.

There were eight children born to the Andersons, namely:

Mrs. E. O. Halvorson (Clara)

Miles City, Mont.

Albert on the home farm in Curlew.

Mrs. Archie Ternstrom (Alice)
Joplin, Mont.

Oliver, on the old home farm near Sims.

Leonard of Richland, Wash.

Monty, who passed away in 1935.

Mrs. Palmer Lolum, (Dorothy)
Joplin, Mont.

Mrs. H. L. Lagrow, (Mildred)
Sandpoint, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Barstad

Thorvald Barstad was born in Kristiansand, Norway, March 12, 1889 and came to Sims in January 1906. He filed on a homestead seven miles south of Almont in 1910. In 1914 he married Alga Olson. Their three children were: Norman, Almont; Alice (Mrs. Willie Handegard) Seattle, Wash.; and Arnold, Calif. Mrs. Barstad passed away in 1924. In 1926 he married Mrs. Ragna Aanstad. Her three children are: Louise (Mrs. Lars Handegard) Almont; Karine (Mrs. Wayne Jalbert) New England, N. D.; and Salmer, Leonard,

N. D.

The four children born to Ragna and Thorvald are: Mrs. Victor Bushnell (Thelma) Oregon; Mrs. Roy Schaar (Alta) Scranton, N. D.; Mrs. Eddie Kilen (Ruby) Puyallup, Wash., and Obert at Almont. The Barstads are still residing on the homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Becklund

Nels E. Becklund was born on a farm near Winthrop, Minn. in 1885. After reaching manhood he became interested in business and was sent to the new town of Almont by E. W. and A. L. Olson of the Winthrop bank. The Farmer's State Bank of Almont was organized in 1907, with E. W. Olson, E. W. Hyde, Jens Nelson, Nels and G. H. Anderson on the board. The bank closed in 1931 during the depression years. Among the former bookkeepers were Christine Nelson, Robert Becklund, Carl Sherwood, Henry Peck, Mrs. P. D. Pfaff and Mrs. Becklund.

In 1918 Nels was married to Miss Beatrice Williams, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. P. O. Williams of Otter Creek, Beatrice had come to Almont in 1915 to teach piano and later she clerked in the O. C. Ellingson and C. E. Kelsven stores.

Nels has maintained an interest in the oil and gas business of Almont for many years, but is chiefly engaged in farming.

Five children were born into the family of Nels and Beatrice: Eileen, who married Dr. J. B. Friberg and went as a missionary to East Africa, where she spent eight years until forced to return to the States because of chronic malaria. They now reside in Minneapolis.

Warren, with the North American Aviation Co. in Los Angeles, and Wayne who operates his own jewelry store in Minneapolis. Thornton is a student in the graduate school at the State College in Fargo, and Roger is at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Bird

Ben Bird was born in Dennison, Texas, and came to N. D. as a

young man with a trail herd. He was married in 1896 to Ida Connelly, one of the first white children born in Bismarck.

They were married in Mandan, and lived on a ranch near there where Bob, the first child was born. They then moved to California and lived there for five years. During their stay there Ben drove a stage in the Yosemite Park. Gladys and Verna were born at Raymond, Calif.

They decided to return to N. D. and settled in New Salem, where Ben bought and sold horses. Edith was born in New Salem and was a girl of 2½ years when they moved to Almont. Ben and his brother-in-law, Bob Connelly, had a livery stable. They also had a dray line and mail route to DeVaul. Earl was born in November, 1907, as Almont's second baby boy. Bill was born 4 years later.

Mrs. Bird passed away in September 1917, and was the first person buried in the Almont cemetery. Verna died five years later after her first year of teaching.

Bob was married to Phyllis Makelke of Dickinson and was Trainmaster for the Northern Pacific at the time of his death in 1953. Gladys was married to Oscar Olson of Almont. Later she married Stuart Rose of Pomona, Calif. She lives in Las Cruces, New Mex.

Edith is married to Alf Stigen of Fairfield, N. D. They live in Othello, Wash. where Edith is teaching in the Hiawatha Elementary School and her husband is doing construction work.

Earl is living in Medora where he married Norma Lebo of that city. Mr. Bird has made his home with Earl for many years. They have trained and raced horses and Earl also runs two mail routes.

Bill met his wife, who was in the British Air Force while he was stationed near Glasgow, Scotland during World War II. She is the former Naida Neilson of Glasgow. They have made their home in Glasgow where Bill is managing director of the Cathcart Engineering Company, Ltd.

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Mr. Bird's memories of Almont center around the days when he was constable and deputy sheriff in the early days of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bjorum

Mr. Bjorum was born near Oslo, Norway, Nov. 11, 1858, and received his education there. He came to the United States in 1880, after the death of his parents.

In 1883 Mr. Bjorum was married to Miss Mella Rolstad also of Norway. They lived at Lake Benton, Minn. until May 1887 when Mr. and Mrs. Bjorum and several other families from there came to Sims, Dakota Terr., in a group of covered wagons. Mr. and Mrs. Bjorum settled on the Heart River on land which he farmed for 50 years. Mrs. Bjorum passed away in 1904 and Mr. Bjorum continued to live on the same farm until his death in 1937. This place is now the Lars Handegard ranch.

Mr. Bjorum helped organize the first Lincoln school district on the Heart river. With help from directors of the board, he built the first school house in Lincoln district constructing it of logs. He served as clerk of the board for 44 years and was assessor for 10 years. He was one of Grant County's oldest pioneers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bjorum had 2 sons, Edward born in Minnesota and now living at Hettinger, N. D. He married Miss Minnie Peterson of Carson in 1905. Carl Bjorum, born at the Heart river home, is married and lives near Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bond

William Wallace Bond was born in Nicollet, Minn., on April 5, 1860 and when just a lad moved to Iowa. Mrs. Elise Grot was born in Germany on April 19, 1864, came to this country, and eventually to Webster City, Iowa where she and Mr. Bond were married on March 11, 1892. During the time they resided in Iowa, Mr. Bond was a creamery operator and Mrs. Bond, in addition to her homemaking duties, taught music for many years.

Mr. Bond, having been born in a pioneer community, always had a yen for the adventure attached to new ventures. His family was required to leave their home on two different occasions when he was a child because of Indian uprisings. So in 1901 he came to N. D. and purchased land. Mrs. Bond, because of her background, had an inherent dislike for anything remotely resembling pioneering. It was not until 1913 that she finally consented to come to N. D., where Mr. Bond had come the year before on account of his health. They bought the John Peterson farm in 1914 and made their home there until they retired, moving to Almont at that time. All of their children were born in Iowa and now all reside in N. D., Mrs. John Rule (Elizabeth), New Salem, Mrs. S. G. Mason (Clara), Fargo, Mrs. H. R. Wolle (Ruth), Carrington, and W. E. (Ed) Bond, Almont.

In spite of Mrs. Bond's reluctance to come to N. D. in the first place, she grew to be one of its most ardent boosters. Both she and Mr. Bond loved N. D., and especially the community of Almont and all the fine people they called their friends.

Julius Bredvold

Julius J. Bredvold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bredvold, was born in Minn. in 1874. He received his education and grew to manhood near Springfield, Minn.

In March, 1906, he came on the train to Sims. He had an uncle who had homesteaded in Idaho. This uncle had walked from Mandan to the Black Hills, and from the Black Hills to Idaho. When Julius left Minn. he was undecided as to whether he should go there or stay in N. D. However, when he got out to what is now his homestead, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Almont, he decided this was a good location as he believed the land looked good for raising crops. His first night was spent at Ralph Bakken's. After walking out to his homestead, and staking out his claim, he walked back to Sims and took the train

to Mandan, and back to Minn.

In June, 1906, Julius came back to build his homestead shack. While doing so he stayed with Jonathan Pederson. Fred Simmers (teacher at the Malone school) boarded there, as did Martin Peterson and Lawrence Ims who were working for Jonathan. All five of the men slept in the barn on beds of hay as Joe had just built a new barn and they thought it nicer and more roomy than the house.

Julius did much to beautify his homestead land. He planted many trees and raised many beautiful flowers. He also raised some of the largest watermelons in the locality and raised many other vegetables and fruits. He had the misfortune to lose his house by fire in 1930.

He was clerk of the Feland School District for many years. He is a member of the Almont Lutheran church and still lives on his homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Tollef Christianson

Tollef Christianson was born in Norway, Nov. 16, 1880, and came to N. D. June 18, 1902. He took up a homestead and worked in the coal mine in Sims until he started working for the railroad. In July 1907, he married Tobine Olson. To this union ten children were born. Mrs. Christianson passed away Oct. 7, 1928 from a severe gasoline explosion. Mr. Christianson then reared his children alone until Dec. 12, 1939, when he then married Anna Knudson at Sims. Mr. Christianson retired from the railroad in 1949 at the age of 69 years. He is still engaged in farming.

Two children, Selma and Conrad are deceased. The other children are: Mrs. V. L. Bradley (Ella), Menno, S. D.; Mrs. Mike Thiel (Gertrude) 700-3rd Ave. N. W. Mandan, N. D.; Mrs. Alton Olin (Mabel), New Salem, N. D.; Mrs. Martin Ostafin (Selma) New Salem; Conrad Christianson, Almont; Mrs. V. J. Klusman (Esther), New Salem; Mrs. Marvin Wilkins (Clara), Carson; and Floyd, Almont.

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There are 28 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Classen

Michael Classen was born in Iowa, July 22, 1883. His parents were immigrants from Germany. They came to Glen Ullin and settled in Haymarsh in 1883.

He was married to Amanda Johnson in the spring of 1903. To this union three children were born who are: Mrs. James Nelson (Ida), Manitoba, Canada; Mrs. Carl Feland (Inga) Almont; and William, Billings, Mont. There are 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

For several years they lived west of New Salem and in 1915 he purchased the John Nelson farm in Curlew. Mr. Classen lived there two years after the death of his wife, Jan. 26, 1925. He has since worked as farm laborer and carpenter. In early years he was an auctioneer. He now has retired and lives in Almont.

John DeLange

Born in Chicago, Ill., in 1875, John DeLange came with his parents to St. Paul, Minn. where he received his education. Through the persuasion of his uncle Ole Jacobson, he came to Sims in 1895. The first years here he was employed on the Gus Johnson and Otto Lidstrom Ranch on the Heart River and aside from his meager wages had earned his first saddle horse. A few years later he took a homestead on the Heart river 20 miles south of Sims. His brother Byron came from St. Paul to help him in getting a sod house built and to assist in getting started with ranching.

Every fall for several years they would go to the eastern part of the state to get work in the harvest fields, to earn money to put into cattle. In 1900 another brother Norman came from St. Paul and the 3 young men built a 2 room log house. In 1901 their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob De Lange, and sister Gertrude moved up here from St. Paul, Minn. to make their

home here. The family lived together until Byron and Norman each took homesteads in 1902 and 1908 respectively. Gertrude was married to John Selvig in 1909.

Their father Jacob DeLange, born in Bergen, Norway in 1845, passed away at the ranch home in April, 1912.

In 1913 Norman DeLange was married to Miss Grace Culver and Byron married Miss Blanche Allen, both of Carson. John and his mother continued to live on the place until 1918 when they moved to Carson and John became interested in politics.

He was Treasurer or Deputy of Grant County for 17 years. John was married to Mrs. Mabel Bankson of Carson in 1923 — John's mother Mrs. Jacob DeLange, who was born in Norway, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Selvig in 1931, at the age of 81 years.

In 1935 Mr. and Mrs. John DeLange sold out and went to San Diego, Cal., where they retired and made their home for many years. After the death of his wife in 1949, John spent several summers in N. D. visiting with relatives and old friends and returned to Cal. for the winters. He passed away in Cal. in 1953. John was gifted with a good bass voice and a get-together in those early years wouldn't have been complete without hearing John sing "Down On The Farm."

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ellingson

O. C. Ellingson, together with his parents and brother Chris, came from Selje, Norway in April 1893. That summer he moved to his father's homestead west of Almont. At that time there was only a siding where the town is now located. That summer his mother passed away.

Eight years later Mr. Ellingson, together with his father and brother moved to O. C.'s own homestead near Lark, N. D. Having proved up on his homestead, he attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. and the Agricultural College in

Fargo, N. D.

He worked at the Northern Pacific depot in Almont for two years until in 1909 he entered the general merchandise business in what was then the Dave Pederson store and Post Office. He continued that business until 1923 when he sold out to the Mann Store Co. of New Salem, N. D.

On April 21, 1913, Mr. Ellingson and Miss Amalia Anderson, niece of John Jacobson of Sims, were united in marriage, and one daughter Evelyn, was born to this union. Mrs. Ellingson passed away during the dread flu epidemic in 1918.

In the fall of 1924 Mr. Ellingson and Evelyn moved to Bismarck, N. D. where he later married Miss Theresa Hendrickson of Mandan, N. D. Mr. and Mrs. Ellingson continue to make their home in Bismarck where he has had an interest in various types of business. The second daughter Norma, makes her home with them there, while Evelyn, who is married to Leland Ytreide, lives in Rapid City, S. D.

Not many years after Mr. Ellingson settled in Almont he sensed a great need for a church there; and together with O. K. Overgard, and J. Bredvold, had Pastor T. H. Larson of Taylor, N. D. come to organize a congregation in 1915. Time went on, and when the old schoolhouse was up for bids, it was Mr. Ellingson's personal bid which got the building. Of course he turned it over to the congregation.

The Ellingson's are members of Trinity Luth. Church in Bismarck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Elvik

Ole Elvik, born near Bergen, Norway, February 11, 1864 came to America at the age of 19 locating at Sioux Falls. He married Karen Louise Elsted on March 22, 1890.

In 1913 they came to N. D. living first at Halliday and later on a farm near Kurtz, northwest of Almont, where they lived for several years. In 1918 the family moved to a farm south of Almont,

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where they did farming and live stock raising. The sons Martin and Knute still are living on the home farm. The Elvik family belong to the Sims Lutheran Church.

Mr. Elvik passed away in 1938 and Mrs. Elvik in 1942. Four of the sons have passed away, Carl in 1911, Edwin in 1920, and Olie in 1954. Their son Henry lost his life in an airplane flight over Africa with a buddy.

The following children of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Elvik are living.

Mrs. T. Wagamon (Marie)
Townsend, Mont.

Mrs. Cecil Nogle, (Anna) Post
Falls, Idaho.

Mrs. G. F. Schiller, (Randene)
Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. J. D. Hermans, (Malena)
Paradise, Cal.

Lewis Elvik, Oram, Utah.

Martin Elvik, Almont, N. D.
Knute Elvik, Almont, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Fallgren

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Fallgren moved to the Sims and Almont locality in March of 1900 and to the farm near Almont in 1907. They lived there until 1912 when they moved to the Lyons community. There are eight children living. Mrs. Grant Brooks (Helen), Seattle, Wash., Mrs. C. E. Bredberg (Clara), Fryberg, N. D., Mrs. R. T. Montag (Elsie), Portland, Ore., Mrs. H. E. Smith (Violet), Spokane, Wash., Mr. Waldemor Lallgren, Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Fred Kist (Laura) Mandan, N. D., Mrs. Harold Langelot (Dorothy), Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Olaf Fallgren passed away in April 1950 at the age of 83 years. Mrs. Fallgren is now 80 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar G. Feland

Oscar G. Feland, born at Feland Spangereid, Norway, November 25, 1876, came to Sims, N. D. in 1886 together with his mother, sisters Dena, Olivia, and Jacobine and his brother, Otto. His father, older brothers, Theodore and Rudolph, and sister Berthine had immigrated to Sims in 1882.

While living in Sims, Mr. Feland

worked for fifteen months in the Sims coal mines and at various jobs in summer. In 1905, Mr. Feland homesteaded south of Almont on Section 28 Township 137 Range 86. While on his homestead he did farming and some live stock raising.

In 1910, Mrs. Feland who was a widow with two children, Ermine and Clifton Lauzon, came from Webster, S. D. and secured a homestead in Grant County south of Almont, on Section 8 Township 136 range 86. The first summer she lived near Almont, Mrs. Feland ran a millinery store in Almont.

On September 18, 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Feland were married. They made their home on Mr. Feland's homestead until they moved to Almont in 1946, and their son Robert is farming the home place.

Mr. Feland served on the Feland school board for 20 years.

Their children are:

Rudolph, Richard, Mrs. Clarence Johnson (Charlotte), Robert, Mrs. Edwin Bond (Ermine) all of Almont and Clifton A. Lauzon, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Feland

Otto August Feland born at Feland per Spangereid, Norway, on August 30, 1874 came to Sims, N. D. in 1886 together with his mother, sisters Dena, Olivia, and Jacobine and youngest brother Oscar. His father, older brothers, Theodore and Rudolph, and sister Berthine had immigrated to Sims in 1882.

During his teens he and several of his brothers worked in the harvest fields in the eastern part of the state. One summer he worked with a group of men who plowed a fireguard with horses and breaking plows along the Northern Pacific Railroad from the Missouri River at Mandan to Glendive, Mont.

When he was 19 years old, he decided to secure a homestead. At that time one could have squatters rights on land until he reached the

age of 21 and could file on a homestead. He bought a 3 room house in Sims and with horses and wagons pulled it to his chosen farmstead on Section 2 Township 137 Range 86. When 21 years old, he filed and proved up on his claim.

In the fall of 1898 he returned to Norway and in October was married to Tilda Elizabeth Dahl of Angfest, Lungdahl, Norway. Directly after their marriage they came to the farm home a mile southeast of Almont, which at that time was only a railroad siding.

In the early days on the homestead, Mr. Feland did ranching, raising cattle, and horses which he sold to other homesteaders. During the winter he also worked in the Sims coal mine. Later he turned to raising more cattle and finally did more grain farming. He also served as road overseer for several years and on the school board in Feland School District for 13 years. Since there were no roads to the school, he plowed a furrow for his 5 year old daughter Anna to follow so she would not lose her way.

Mr. and Mrs. Feland were the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy and Anna who died in 1926. Their remaining children are: Arthur who is farming the home place; Olaf and Carl, who farm near Almont; Trygve, who lives in Almont and does carpentry work; Ragnhild, who also lives in Almont and Mabel Ferguson of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Feland made his home on the farm until his death July 10, 1944. In 1948 his wife and a daughter Ragnhild moved to Almont where Mrs. Feland made her home until her passing on November 5, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Feland were active members of the Almont Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Feland

Rudolph Feland, in 1882, when about 14 years of age, came from Feland, Spangereid, Norway with his father, sister and brother to

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Sims, N. Dak. When he was about 20 years old, together with his younger brother Otto, he built up a ranch place west of Almont, which they later sold to Frank Owens and Mr. Feland moved back to Sims. For several years he worked at various jobs in the western states. He came back to Sims to make his home, and in 1898 was married to Emelia Gunnarson Feland. They later moved out on a homestead on the small creek several miles west of Almont where he did ranching. Later he bought another farm where the family lived for several years, which he sold to Nels Seim.

In 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Feland and family moved to a farm near Antler in Bottineau county N. Dak. where they resided until their deaths. Their children now living are Norah, O. Arthur and Theodore living in Mont., Stanley, George and Ralph living in N. D. and Ruth living in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O. Feland

Theodore O. Feland, born in Spangiered, Norway, August 14, 1863, passed away at his home at Sims, June 24, 1925, where he had been a resident for more than 40 years.

At the age of 14, shortly after confirmation, he went to sea, visited most of the European countries and America. In 1882, with his father, brother and sister, he left Norway and came to the United States, settling at Sims, then known as Bly's Mine.

He held many offices of trust and was one of the organizers of the Sims Lutheran Church and was an officer of the church until the time of his death. He worked for the N. P. RR for some time, but soon saw the possibilities of the Sims coal field, and formed a partnership with Burton and operated several coal mines there. Later he went into the livestock business. He could never be convinced that small grain farming was a paying proposition and pinned his faith

on livestock. Mr. Feland operated a brick yard at Sims that helped supply the brick for the old capitol building at Bismarck.

In 1906 he was appointed County Commissioner to fill the vacancy of Adolph Jacobson. In 1910 he was elected to that office and was chairman of the board and held this position until the time of his death. His term would have expired in 1927.

In 1891 he married Theodine Marie Johnson, born in Flesaland, Norway, Jan. 6, 1873. At the age of eight she came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aanon Johnson, who settled in Sims. She was a life long member of the Sims Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid. Mrs. Feland passed away June 24, 1938, 13 years to the day after her husband had died.

Their children are: Mrs. Charles Dunahey (Alice), Bismarck, N. D.; Mrs. Colburn (Olga), Auburn, Wash.; Mrs. J. S. Johnson (Anna) Waukegan, Ill.; Mrs. Victoria Schollert, Billings, Mont.; Mrs. Dave Morrel (DeLoris), Mobile, Ala.; Oscar A. Feland, Bismarck, N. D.; Palmer T. Feland, Sonoma, Cal.; Fritz, deceased in 1952 and two children who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grimm

Fred Grimm was born in Mich. in 1884 and came to Morton County in 1887. Edith Anthes was born in Indiana in 1880 and came to Morton County in 1909. She and Fred Grimm were married and lived on a homestead near the original Grimm farm about eighteen miles south-east of Almont. The family lived in Havre, Mont. for two years where Mr. Grimm was fireman on the Great Northern Railroad. They returned to their farm and lived there until 1935 when they moved to a farm near Flasher. The Grimms have seven children: Elizabeth Frederick, living on a farm near Flasher; Ted, living on a farm near Lark; Paul, living in Oregon; Dorothy Weekes, living in Carson; Robert and Myron, living on a farm near Flasher; Lois Carlson, living

in Conrad, Mont. The Grimms also have sixteen grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Halvorson

Ole Halvorson, born in Norway, July 6, 1865, married Mathilda Hermanson in Norway in December of 1899. Mr. Halvorson came to Morton County in April 1905 and Mrs. Halvorson and two children, Johanna and Christian, followed in October of the same year.

Ole worked at Lyons on the section and filed on a homestead in 1906. The family moved to the homestead in October of that year. Ole continued working as a section laborer at Kurtz, going to his home on weekends. In 1907 they moved to Curlew where Mrs. Halvorson took over a boarding house. In 1909 they moved back on the homestead and continued farming until 1936 when they sold their farm to Pete Thorson and moved to Almont.

Mrs. Halvorson was an invalid the later years of her life which resulted from a fall. Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson lived with their son, Chris, and family several years before her death in 1949.

The Almont community honored Mr. Halvorson on his 90th birthday last July 6, 1955 at which time the former male quartette including his two sons, Chris and Harold sang. Tribute was paid to Mr. Halvorson's love for music.

Their family consisted of five children, namely: Chris, Hettlinger, N. D.; Mrs. Conrad Erhlin (Johanna) deceased; Oscar, Plainfield, N. J.; Harold, Bismarck; Mrs. Tony Hegel (Aalga) deceased.

Mr. Halvorson now makes his home with his son Chris and wife in Hettlinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Hanson

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, and two children, Norman and Waldemar, came to Minneapolis from Norway in 1903. Axel worked as a cabinet maker in Minneapolis until the spring of 1907 when the Hanson and C. G. Thor families immigrated to Almont with their household goods and stock. The Hanson's homesteaded 4½ miles southwest

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of Almont. They stayed at the John Hanson home until they built their house. John had arrived the year before.

Mr. Hanson died in 1925 and Mrs. Hanson passed away in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson were the parents of nine children, namely: Lena, died at about 5 years of age; Christ, died in 1913; Mrs. George Purfeerst (Helga) 29810 Hwy. 99, Lynwood, Wash.; Mrs. Art Guenther (Gladys), Judson; Mrs. Henry Baltruschat (Evelyn), Mandan, N. D.; Mrs. Pete Hallan (Lillian), 5122 $\frac{1}{4}$ Elizabeth St., Bell, Calif.; Waldemar, 3325 5th Ave. W., Apt. 5, Seattle, Wash.; Norman, at Almont; Pvt. Eugene Hanson, messenger in the Infantry U. S. Army, was killed in action July 6, 1944, in France.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson

John Hanson and Thea Holm were both born in Oslo, Norway; Mr. Hanson July 10, 1874. and Mrs. Hanson March 30, 1874.

Upon landing in Amercia they were married in New York City, June 20, 1896. Mr. Hanson was a painter by trade and made many moves, including New Jersey, Madison, Wis; Spencer, Iowa; and then Minneapolis. Work was scarce so they decided to come to N. D. to get a homestead and so they took the one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. W. of the town that was to be Almont, arriving in April, 1906. They remained on the farm until 1936 when they moved to Mandan and in 1939 moved to Seattle. They made their home there with their sons, Harold and David.

There were 8 children in the family, one boy Herman passed away at the age of 8 years. The others include: Mrs. John L. Drummond (Mary) Compton, Cal., Mrs. C. G. Martin, (Lillian) Bismarck, N. D.

Chris Hanson, Prescott, Arizona. Harold, David, Paul and Hans all of Seattle, Wash.

In 1946 thy celebrated their golden wedding, with a reception in their home for relatives and friends, with all seven children in at-

tendance. Mr. Hanson passed away Dec., 27, 1955, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Hanson continues to live in Seattle, Wash. with her sons Harold and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harper

Jesse. Watts Harper was born about the year 1870 to William L. and Emily E. Watts Harper in Ill. The family moved to Iowa where they lived for some time and in the spring of 1885 they migrated to Dakota(Morton County) with the family.

When Jesse became 21 years of age he took up a homestead on the Heart River about 12 miles southwest of Amont. At that time his nearest town was Glen Ullin.

He married Grace White, daughter of a pioneer hotel proprietor at Glen Ullin in 1896. They lived on the homestead and ranched and farmed until the time of his death in the spring of 1927.

After the town of Almont was formed, he made it his post office and trade center as it was several miles nearer than Glen Ullin.

He was active in his community, serving on the school board, assessor, and various township offices.

There were seven children in the family who grew to adulthood in the community, none of whom live in North Dakota at the present time. Mrs. Harper passed away in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hoeger

Charley Hoeger was born March 13, 1883 in Chicago and came to N. D. as a baby. His earliest recollections are of those homestead days near New Salem.

One time when his father was working away from home, his mother needed a sack of flour. As they had no oxen, wagon, or car at the time, his mother lead the milk cow to town, bringing the flour home by tying it to the cow's back. A few years later his folks bought a wagon and a team of oxen and a nice tame pony was purchased from the Indians for riding.

Another time when his father

was away from home working, their neighbor, Jacob Held, notified them they were to rush to New Salem as they were expecting difficulty with some Indians who had left the reservation. His mother and older brother loaded what belongings they could on the wagon and went with the oxen to New Salem. Charley was permitted to ride the pony. Arriving at New Salem at 2:00 A. M., they found the danger was past and they returned home.

Charley's farming was begun with 8 bulls and 2 steers that he broke as oxen, sharing the use of his father's machinery. In 1908 he and Miss Hedwig Itrick were married. Their two daughters are Mrs. Clara Schwinkendorf and Mrs. Olga Bopp of New Salem. Their mother died in March 1911.

In November, 1911 he and Miss Anna Schacht were married. Their children are Mrs. Louise Bopp of New Salem, Carl Hoeger, Meade, Wash., John Hoeger, Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Ruth Husten, Spokane, Wash., Ray Hoeger, Hopi, Cal. and Harold Hoeger, Chicago, Ill. Their mother died in 1928.

Mr. Hoeger and Mrs. Elizabeth Base were married March 25, 1946. They are still active in farming, and appreciated for their violin playing and faithfulness to the activities of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hoeger, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hoeger came to Chicago from Germany. In 1883 they came to New Salem with a group of new settlers. They all lived in boxcars while the men looked for their homesteads. Their son, Charles, was the first baby to come to New Salem.

The Hoeger homestead was their home until 1900 when they bought a farm 3 miles southeast of Almont, which was their home as long as they lived. Mr. Hoeger died in 1911 and Mrs. Hoeger in 1932.

Their children were: William Hoeger, deceased. Charles Hoeger, farmer, Almont. Agnes Hoeger Whistler of Custer, Mont., Fritz

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Holritz

Andrew Holritz and Laura Ims were married in the Sims Church, July 11, 1908. They were children of pioneer parents, and lived their first years of married life in Sims, where Mr. Holritz was Depot Agent for a number of years. When their only son Fredrick was ready for high school, they moved to Almont, where Mr. Holritz continued as N. P. Depot Agent.

While in Almont they were members of the Lutheran organizations and put forth every effort to advance the Kingdom of Heaven among their fellowmen; winning hearts by their faithful testimony and work.

In 1928 the family moved to Bel- field, N. D. where they lived up to the time of Mr. Holritz's death in 1940.

The son, Fredrick, his wife and three daughters make their home in Minneapolis, while Mrs. Holritz maintains her home in Mandan, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holritz, Sr.

Fred Holritz was born in Norway and came to the States as a young man, spending some time in the south. He and Miss Anderson, sister of Hans Anderson, Almont pioneer, were married in Minnesota and came to Dakota Territory in 1888, locating at Sims, which was at the time one of the most promising towns in the territory. He established a general store and in 1890 and 1894 he was elected representative, and while serving in the legislature had a most creditable record.

The Holritzs were faithful members of the Sims Lutheran Church, and willingly assumed their duties as such. At one time they made a large donation of dishes to the Ladies aid, a gift which is still remembered by many.

Mr. Holritz and sons built the store which was later sold to C. E. Kelsven. After the passing of Mrs. Holritz he confined his merchandising to Sims, where he was also

postmaster for a time.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Holritz: Edward, Sophie, Andrew, Inga, Inger and Fred Jr., all of whom have passed on. Mr. Holritz passed away in April 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hoovest

Peter Johan Halvorson Hoovest was born at Spangereid Norway, August 16, 1864. His early life was very picturesque in that he was a born seaman. He became an expert at handling boats and at the age of 15 was cook on one of the vessels that plied between foreign ports. He sailed for seven years visiting America, England, Ireland, Russia, Germany, France and other ports.

Petrine Thodine Olson, born at Spangereid, Norway, June 11, 1864, grew to womanhood in that community. Mr. and Mrs. Hoovest were both baptised and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at the same church where they were also married on February 27, 1884 by the Rev. Morton Kcheruff, Jr.

Mr. Hoovest was a seaman for four years after their marriage. In 1888 the Hoovestals and their sons Harold and Thomas sailed for America. They came to Chicago, later coming to Sims where they lived for many years. Shortly after coming to Sims, Mr. Hoovest became an American citizen and homesteaded three miles south of Sims in 1892. The Hoovestals operated a store in Sims for a few years, worked in the mines, farmed and raised cattle. In July 1912 the family went to Houston, Texas, later locating at Honea, Texas where Mr. Hoovest built and operated a store for two years, returning to N. D. in 1914 and settling at Sims where he operated a coal mine and threshing outfit for several years.

In 1923 Mr. Hoovest built his home in Almont where he operated a store for a short time and resided until the time of his death on February 28, 1943. Mrs. Hoovest passed away November 26, 1941. They were buried from the Sims Lutheran Church, where they

had been active members since their arrival in 1888.

Among his bequests, Mr. Hoovest left a sum of money to purchase a church flag and an American flag for the Sims Lutheran church, which were presented by his sons at a special dedication service.

There were eleven children in their family, namely: Harold and Tediman, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Jake Umdahl (Johanna), Kennewick, Wash.; Mrs. Fred Knight (Traisy), New Salem; Mrs. Martin Olson (Velen), Dunn Center, N. D.; Randeem, Livingston, Mont.; Joseph and Axel of Almont. Thomas, deceased June 1953; Adolph, deceased January 1938 and Sophia, deceased in Texas 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hyde

Eber W. Hyde was born on a farm June 15, 1871, at Randolph, Wis., the son of pioneer parents. July 9, 1892, he went to Watertown, S. D., and took up a homestead. His yoke of oxen and the winter of 1896 are vivid memories.

After 5 years of residence he proved up on his claim and went into grain business at Grover, S. D. meeting his wife when he boarded with her parents as a grain buyer. She was Ida A. Lebert, a school teacher, born Nov. 1, 1881 at Grover. After their marriage they made their home in Rauville, S. D., where Thelma and Wallace were born.

Pioneering again, Mr. Hyde, brought his family to Sims, N. D., in May, 1906, and helped survey the new town of Almont on July 4, 1906. The first building was for C. H. Chase lumber and grain business of which he was manager. Almont has been his home ever since, with the welfare of the town absorbing much of his interests. He was chairman of the town board from its organization until 1953.

Converted in her home at the age of 26, Mrs. Hyde poured much of her energy into the religious life of the community. Supt. of the interdenominational Sunday school organized April 21, 1907, she continued to be a Sunday school super-

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intendent until her death in 1949. After the Wesleyan Methodist church was organized in 1924, she carried much of the responsibility. The Hyde home was open to Christian workers of various faiths.

Four more children came into their home while living in Almont; Laurin, (the 3rd baby of the new town), Howard, Phyllis and Duane.

The Hyde family have all enjoyed traveling. The high point to Mr. and Mrs. Hyde was their 3 month tour in 1930 of Europe, the Mediterranean countries, and especially the Holy lands.

Mrs. Don Klingensmith (Thelma), is a Methodist pastor's wife, now at Almont.

Wallace W. Hyde is in charge of the foreign trading for Cargill Grain Company with headquarters in New York. Laurin E. Hyde is General Director of the National Travelers Aid located in New York. Howard K. Hyde is Asst. Comptroller of the U. S. Defense Dept. in Wash., D. C. Mrs. Sylvan Grove (Phyllis) is a music teacher and homemaker, Wash., D. C. and Duane F. Hyde, is a medical doctor in King City, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Ims

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Ims and three children arrived in Sims, July 4, 1881 from Inwood, Ia. Pastor Norby had started a colony in the Sims area and had written to Mr. Ims telling him of the free land in N. D.

The trip lasted an eventful seven weeks. They traveled in a covered wagon pulled by oxen. They brought two cows, a few sheep, and chickens with them. It was necessary to stop every third day to rest the oxen and wash clothes. One day they were chased by an Indian Chief. Mr. Ims drove the oxen as fast as possible in order to reach the Missouri River. After a harrowing chase he drove into the river and the Indian left. At other times when they would be followed by Indians, Mrs. Ims would give them a loaf of bread and they would be on their way. On July 3, a few miles out of Sims,

a tornado struck. The family spent the night with the Egli brothers. The tornado ripped the cover off of the wagon but no one was injured.

In Sims Mr. Ims helped to build the Fort and dig trenches on the hill west of the present school house. He also worked in the brick yard and in the coal mines. Some years later he homesteaded near Flasher where he ranched for about five years.

The children are: George Ims, farming, Dennison, Minn. Laura Ims Holritz, Mandan, N. D. Inga Ims Johnson, Milwaukee, Wis. Laurence Ims, Mandan, N. D. Agnes Ims Dettmann, Mandan, N. D. Hil-dreth Ims, Mandan, N. D. Arthur Ims, (Deceased).

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jacobsen

Nels Jacobsen, born near Skien, Norway, August 20, 1860 left that country at the age of 12 years and went to sea. In the course of his sailing life he crossed the Atlantic 23 times. The last time was in 1882 when he left his sailing ambition to visit relatives in St. Paul, Minn. and while there secured work with the Great Northern railroad.

In 1885 he was married in St. Paul, Minn., to Miss Augusta Forsberg, born in Oslo, Norway who came to America in 1883. She was a teacher of Art both in Norway and St. Paul before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen continued to live in St. Paul for 20 years. Their 4 children Carrie, Harry, Grace and William were born there. The latter died in infancy.

In 1902 Mr. Jacobsen visited relatives 15 miles south of Sims and became interested in the prosperous country, free land, and the way farmers were independent here. He came back to N. D. in the fall and filed on a homestead 13 miles south of Sims. With the help of relatives a two room frame house was built. The roof was sodded as this was the first frame building on the prairie and he was told that it wouldn't stand the wind otherwise. His family spent

two summers here and went back to St. Paul for the winter. In the spring of 1905 the Jacobsen family moved from St. Paul to Sims with a carload of household goods and with the friendly help and kindness of neighbors, 9 wagon loads were taken from Sims to the Jacobsen place in one day.

This feeling of friendliness among neighbors remained thru the years and the Jacobsen's small home was the scene of many a social gathering for young and old. A drive of 10-15 miles with horses was no effort in those days to get together for an evening of music and games. In 1906 came the good news that a new town was to be built 5 miles closer than Sims. Their daughter Grace was married to Laurence Nelson in 1914 and Carrie to John Kennedy in 1916. Mr. Jacobsen passed away suddenly in 1918. Harry remained single and continued to live on the farm with his mother until 1937 when they moved to Almont where she passed away Feb. 1939 at the home of her daughter, Grace Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jacobsen were among the first members of the Almont Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Jacobsen

Ole Jacobsen was born in Norway, in 1856, and came to America in 1882 after many years as navigator on the Atlantic. In 1885 he was married at St. Paul, Minn. to Miss Anna Olson also of Norway. They continued to live in St. Paul until 1893 when they moved to Sims where he purchased and operated a General Mdse. store for about one year. He then took up a claim about 15 miles south of Sims on the Crown Butte Creek, near the Heart River. The log house he built then still remains. Mr. Jacobsen became one of the prosperous ranchers of pioneer days and took great pride in his fine herd of Hereford stock. Mrs. Jacobsen was accomplished in music and oil painting. They had no children. Mr. Jacobsen was interested in the growth of the new

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town Almont and in 1907 he and Ted Peterson built the first Almont hall on Main street. Mr. Jacobsen retired from ranching in 1908 but he and his wife continued to live at their ranch home until his death in 1917. Mrs. Jacobsen lived alone for 2 years then sold out to Engebrect Trovik and went back to Bergen, Norway, where she passed away in 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jacobson

Chas. Jacobson came to Sims from Sweden in the year 1891. He found work at the Steve Weekes ranch until he filed on a homestead in the Sims-Almont community. A year later he and Miss Mary Olson, who came from Stockholm, were married. Nine children were born to them, four of whom are living. Mrs. Herman Starck, Judson, Mrs. K. E. Julian, Billings, Mont. Mrs. Joseph Johnson, New Salem and Clarence Jacobson of Billings, Mont. Mrs. Ed. Mumby of New Salem and Arthur of Glendive, Mont. passed away recently. Clara, Clarence and Martin died in childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson's last years of life were spent in a cozy little home in Sims. They were members of the Sims Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Jacobson was a member of the Sims Ladies Aid.

Mr. Jacobson passed away in 1947 at the age of 86, and Mrs. Jacobson in 1948, aged 79 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jacobson

Jacob O. Jacobson was born in Heglan, Lyngdal, Norway, May 19, 1857. When a lad of nine he went to live with his grandparents. After he was confirmed at the age of fourteen, he started out as a sailor and spent most of his early life at sea.

When he was 24 years old, he left his homeland and came to America in search of a better living. He came to Iowa and worked on a farm there for two years, then came to Sims, N. D. in 1883, where he worked on the railroad and in the mine. Later he moved to his farm one mile east of Sims.

On Dec. 7, 1888 he was united in

marriage to Bertina Feland. They were the parents of nine children. Those living are: Mrs. Martin Wilman (Tillie), Almont; Oscar, Almont; James, Miles City; Mrs. Clifford Leach (Julia), Ismay, Mont.; Mrs. Arthur Olin (Delia), Almont, and Mrs. Frank Toepke (Borgny), Judson. Three children are deceased, namely: Mrs. Ralph (Anna), Eddie and Dagny.

Mr. Jacobson passed away April 25, 1939, and Mrs. Jacobson passed away May 4, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobson

John Jacobson was born in Lyngdal, Norway, Aug. 21, 1859. His younger days were spent as a seaman and at the age of 22 he emigrated to America, to Des Moines, Ia. where he engaged in the carpenter trade for 15 years. Longing for something better he came to Sims in 1895. He and Miss Rachel Johnson, who was born at Spangrid, Norway, and emigrated with her parents to Sims at the age of 5 years, were married in 1898. They made their home on a farm on the outskirts of Sims, until Mr. Jacobson's death, Oct. 25, 1941, at the age of 82.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have held many offices of trust in the community and Sims Lutheran Church, of which the family are members. They raised a family of six children, five of whom are now living: Mrs. J. E. Harding (Thalia) Medora; Clarence of Sims. Arnold, who passed away in 1937. Melvin, Reseda, Cal.; Raymond, Bismarek; Morris of Boise, Idaho; and Dr. Leon of Chicago. The latter is making an excellent contribution to American society in his work as professor of medicine at the University of Chicago, and director of the new \$4,200,000 Argonne Cancer Research Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Jacobson has been in the foreground of atomic research ever since the U. S. embarked on the project to make an atomic bomb. He is also head of the Hermatology section of the University clinics.

Mrs. Jacobson continues to make her home in Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton James

Mr. and Mrs. Morton James and their two daughters, Lottie (Mrs. Frank Gonsaguskwi, Baraboo, Wisconsin) and Hazel (Mrs. Trygve Olson, Redmond, Wash.) came to N. D. in the summer of 1906 from Iowa. Their neighbors in Iowa, the Jens Nelson's were interested in N. D. and their son Pete told Mr. James of the wonderful opportunities in that state. Almont was a new town then.

They settled on a farm $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles east of Almont. Five more children were born there: Charles, who died in 1954; John, who died in 1946; Edith, (Mrs. Ralph Bloss, Rock Springs, Wisconsin); Lillian (Mrs. Gordon Hengstler, Rock Springs Wisconsin); and Margaret, (Mrs. Robert Benden, Baraboo, Wis.).

Mr. James did a lot of freighting to the south country before the railroad came through there. He and Ed Ulrickson (brother-in-law of Pete, Abe and Ted Peterson) bought their first steam engine and threshing machine with which they turned over many acres of sod and threshed for people for many miles around Almont. Morton continued to thresh for people as long as he lived in N. D.

In 1916 the James's moved to a farm $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of Almont and farmed there until they left N. D. in 1919 for a farm at Friendship Wis.

Mrs. Morton James passed away in 1930. In 1945 Mr. James spent some time with his daughter Hazel and grandson, Trygve Olson, and their families living in Almont. He enjoyed the renewing of acquaintances and meeting old friends of the Almont community. Some of his daughter Hazel's fondest memories are of the James family piling into the buggy or sleigh for a visit or party at a neighbor's home. Mr. James passed away in 1949.

Martin Jensen

Martin Jensen was born in Norway in 1875 and came to Minn. in 1889. In 1906 he homesteaded 7 miles south of Almont and has con-

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tinued to farm and live there. He is now retired and lives on the Rueben Olson farm of which his homestead is now a part.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Joersz

Mr. Joersz was born in Germany and came to the United States at the age of fourteen. Then he settled on a farm 4 miles south of New Salem with his parents. He grew up in that area and worked as a hired hand at Toples Delivery Stable, Otto's grocery store, and at John Christiansen's farm.

In 1901 he took a homestead, but it was not approved until 1908 because he was not yet a citizen of the United States.

Martha Borchers was the maiden name of Mrs. Joersz. She was born in Bigby, Minn. She came here with her parents at the age of sixteen and they settled on a farm south of Judson.

On November 23, 1902, they were married and in the first years of their marriage Almont had not been started, but when it was, they were very happy because it was nice to have a town so close.

Seven children were born into the family. They are the following: (Mrs. E. Moos,) Hildigard-owner of the Moos food market in Mandan. (Mrs. Westmeyer,) Ella, also of Mandan. Wm-owner of Bill's owns a bakery in Hazen N. D. (Mrs. Walter Mathisen,) Emma-lives on a farm north of New Salem. Arnold-Salesman for Ratt-Keller Supply Company, living in Bismarck. (Mrs. Norman Kilen,) Helen-living on a farm by Almont.

Mrs. Joersz died last March and now Mr. Joersz has been making his home at his daughters, Mrs. Emil Moos, living at 303 12 Avenue N. W. Mandan.

Mr. Joersz still feels that Almont is his home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Aanen Johnson

Aanen Johnson was born in Spangrid near Christiansund, Norway, in 1840. He and Miss Andriana Jacobson, also of Spangrid, were married and emigrated to America in 1882, coming directly to Sims, N. D. to be near his brother

Arjan Johnson, and to work in the coal mine. Later he filed on a homestead three miles north of Sims and farmed there up to the time of his death in 1915, at the age of 75 years.

Mrs. Johnson, a woman of strong religious conviction and faith in God, continued to live on the farm with her children until her death in 1939 at the advanced age of 90 years. Twelve children were born, three of whom are still living. Andrew and Miss Tillie of Sims, N. D. and Joseph of New Salem, N. D. Mrs. Theodine Feland, John G. Johnson all passed away after reaching maturity. Two children died in infancy.

The Johnsons were members of Sims Lutheran Church and its various organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Amund Johnson

Amund Johnson was born Oct. 10, 1863 in Gubrandsdalen, Norway. He and Miss Ingeborg Mortenson were married at Willmar, Minn. in 1885. In 1887 they filed on a homestead south of Almont, where they resided for 56 years. When they came, the country south of the ranch was all prairie, with very few residents for miles around. In those days their home was a haven for everyone, and the "latchstring" was always out to all who traveled to Almont or Sims to do their trading. In 1938 they retired to a home in Almont, where they lived until Mr. Johnson's death in 1942, when Mrs. Johnson sold the place and lived with a son in Bismarck, where she passed away a few years later.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, ten of whom are living. They are Charlie who lives on the old home ranch; Ted, retired, in Idaho; August, construction work, Portland, Ore.; Oscar, Grand Forks, N. D.; William, barber, Bismarck, N. D.; Adolph, Garage, Bismarck; Mrs. John Gillis, housewife, Sacramento, Cal.; Mrs. Rena Dunn, housewife, California; Mrs. C. W. Pathman, housewife, Carson, N. D.; Mrs. A. G. Olson, Apt. Caretaker, Spokane, Wash.; John of Minneapolis, passed away

in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Johnson.

Mr. Anton Johnson was born in Norway in 1883 and Mrs. Johnson was born there also in 1886. They and their 2 oldest children, John and Simon, came to America in 1882. They lived in Minn. until 1887 when through the Norwegian paper, "Scandinaven", Mr. Ole Tronson from Sims, N. D. had advertised and told of the good land and homestead rights here and of the wonderful opportunities this part of the country offered. On the strength of that advertisement, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Johnson moved here with their family and homesteaded 5 miles north of Lark, on the Otter Creek country. They later moved to the Heart river where they built a 2 room log house adding to it later, and where the Johnsons spent the remainder of their lives. The same log house is still occupied by members of Mrs. Clara Mortenson family who now own the farm. Mr. Johnson passed away in July, 1928 at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Johnson continued to live on the farm with her son George until 1942 when they moved to Almont and where she passed away in March, 1943 at the age of 87 years.

There were 8 children in the Johnson family, John, Simon, Harold and Anna (Mrs. Carl Falgren) passed away in their early years. Julia (Mrs. Thorvald Mortenson), Rena (Mrs. E. B. Ringham) and George live in Almont, and Alma (Mrs. Arthur Weeks) at Carson, N. D.

Mr. Johnson was appointed Postmaster for the first Heart Post Office established in 1906 in the Johnson home. It was discontinued for a few years and re-established again in 1911, with Mr. Johnson as Postmaster. In May, 1914, while Mr. Johnson was still postmaster, the Honorable L. B. Hanna, then Governor of N. D., issued a certificate of appointment to Mr. Johnson to be one of a committee to represent N. D. in the unveiling of the statue of Abraham Lincoln at Christiana, Norway, on July, 4, 1914. As much

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as Mr. Johnson appreciated this honor and invitation, he was unable to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Arjan Johnson

Arjan Johnson was born at Spangrid near Christiansund, Norway, in 1832. At the age of 14 he came to this country and went directly to Cal. where he worked in the gold fields. While there he learned the language and habits of the Indians who roamed all through the state at that time. This knowledge was an advantage, and responsible for his fearlessness during the Indian scares in Sims many years later.

He returned to Norway 20 years after his first arrival here, and married Miss Petrine Jacobson whose home was also in Spangrid. Five years later they came to America, traveling slowly to Sims, N. D. Another family whose acquaintance they made on the trip, left the train in Minn. and urged the Johnsons to do so too, but they were grateful to God who had so faithfully guided them, when the report reached them that the entire Minnesota settlement had been murdered by the Indians. They built the first house in Sims, after living in a coal dock the first summer, and continued there for 10 years while Mr. Johnson worked in the coal mine. The family was then moved to the homestead 3 miles north of Sims, where they continued to live until their deaths; Mr. Johnson in Feb. of 1908 and Mrs. Johnson in May 1929. They were members of Sims Lutheran Church and its various organizations.

Eleven children, four of whom are living, were born to them. They are: Mrs. Rachel Jacobson, Sims, N. D., Mrs. Anna Asbridge, Martin, and Inga, all of Bismarek. Those who have passed on are: John, Jacob, William, Andrew, Martin, and Mrs. Mary Swenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson

Chas. E. Johnson was born in 1887 to Mr. and Mrs. Amund Johnson, pioneer residents of the Heart River country. On Oct. 1, 1913, he and Miss Manda Twite of Caledonia, Minn. were married. Miss Twite had

In the winter of 1888 they lived on a homestead east of Sims when their third child was born. A terrific snow storm came and after the storm, C. L. Timmerman and another man came out on skis to see how they were. "I. C.", as he was known, worked in the coal mines of Sims many years until he homesteaded seven miles west of Sims in 1900. He farmed some but mostly raised cattle and horses.

An accident caused his death in the coal mine on his farm November 26, 1928, and his wife passed away a short time before, curious to see what the widely advertised N. D. was like.

Four children were born to them: Clarence, Evelyn (Skretteberg), Homer and Bernice (Stienly), all of whom live on nearby farms.

The Johnsons own and operate the old farm, "Rosedale", which is well stocked with Hereford cattle, and newly installed with irrigation from the Heart River Irrigation Project. An interesting phase of this was the survey made by the Government for the damming of the Heart and irrigation, over 40 years ago. The marks made on the trees are still plainly visible.

Mr. Johnson has served one term as County Commissioner and 23 years as Treasurer of the School Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Iver C. Johnson

Iver C. Johnson was born May 22, 1854 in Orje, Norway. He came to Fort Dodge, Iowa in 1881. In January 1883 he was married to Elizabeth Jenson who came from Christiania, Norway. She was born June 23, 1862 at Nittedalen. The spring of 1883 they came to Sims, N. D. where his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Anders P. Nelson lived.

The following children were born to this union: Amanda, (Mrs. Mike Classen) deceased, Hilda, the home farm, Almont, N. D., Inga, (Mrs. George Wanstrom,) Almont, Alma (Mrs. Ture Swansen) deceased, Willie, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Nathan, Almont. Two children died in infancy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kaelberer

Andrew Kaelberer Sr., at the age of seventeen, emigrated to the United States from Germany in 1884. He came to St. Paul, Minn. and worked as a cabinet maker. Rosina Hoffman came to St. Paul in 1887 at the age of 18 and she and Mr. Kaelberer were married in St. Paul in June 1890. They moved to Wis. and lived on a farm where the Christ Kaelberer family came from Germany in 1894. After losing two homes by fire the family returned to St. Paul where Mr. Kaelberer took up his trade. Deciding it would be better to come to N. D., Mr. Kaelberer came here in 1906 and filed on a homestead five miles east and one mile south of Almont. In September 1906 Mrs. Kaelberer and the children came to the Christ Kaelberer farm until their home was completed which was about two months later. There were three girls born here in N. D. Gust A. Kaelberer Jr. now lives on a farm in Clarissa, Minn.; Caroline Hoeger, deceased; Marie Keeney living in Yakima, Wash.; Willie and Louie, deceased; Martha Hildenbrand living in Bismarek; Andrew Jr., highway employee in Yakima, Wash.; George, in New Salem, who owns the original homestead; Rose Hansen, at one time employed at the Kelsven General Store in Almont, now living in Yakima, Wash.; Katherine Neils living in Bismarek; and Louise Kunkel living on a farm six miles south of New Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaelberer lived on their farm until 1936 when they went to Yakima. In 1937 they returned to New Salem for the summer, returning to Yakima in the fall. In 1940 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Yakima at their daughter Helen's home. Mr. Kaelberer passed away in 1942. Mrs. Kaelberer who is 87 years old lives with her daughter Helen. Mrs. Kaelberer has 28 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kaelberer

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Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kaelberer left Germany in 1894 looking for better opportunities. They settled in Wis. and stayed a few years. Then came to N. D. and homesteaded in 1896 eight miles east of Almont. Their homestead house was built of good N. D. sod. Later on they built a log house, and in 1906 they built a good N. D. house which is still on the homestead. One winter when they still were living in the sod house, the snow was so deep that the house and barn were completely covered with snow. The next morning they had to dig their way out of the house and into the barn. Their children were: Minnie, now Mrs. Dan Zwicher, living on a farm in Sherrard, Illinois; Christ, farming and J. I. case farm machinery dealer in New Salem; Fritz, operating a coal mine northeast of Almont; Herman, farming and county commissioner; and John E., deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Kaelberer Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Kaelberer Sr., and family of four children came to the Almont community in 1906 from St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Kaelberer had been employed as a carpenter. Even though they had no experience as farmers, they decided they could improve their lot by farming and they took up a homestead five miles east of Almont, which was just being founded. The children that were born in St. Paul were: Pauline, now Mrs. Chas. Benishek who lives in New Salem; Charles, deceased; Tillie, now Mrs. Wm. Witzfeld of Sentinel Butte; Ted, now a parochial teacher at Hannover. Three children were born on the family homestead: John, who operates a part of the original farm; Erhard, now a Lutheran minister located at Deadwood, S. D.; and Reinhard, who also operates a part of the original farm near Almont. Mr. Kaelberer passed away in 1942 and Mrs. Kaelberer in 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Keller

Emil Keller was born on a farm

nine miles east of Almont, on Sept. 8, 1887. When he was seventeen years old, his father, his brother and he went to St. Paul, Minn. to make their home. There they worked in a glue and furniture factory. Two years later Emil came back to N. D. and worked on the farm of Mrs. Fred Lieb. On June 14, 1908 he and Miss Minnie Lieb were united in marriage. A year later they filed on a homestead fourteen miles southeast of Almont, near the Heart river and Beaver creek. He started to farm with three horses and a walking plow. The buildings were a two-room house and a sod barn.

There were no roads, only trails leading over the prairie, and people passed by the Keller farm on their way to the twin cities of Mandan and Bismarck. The Kellers did most of their trading in Almont, traveling with horse and buggy or wagon, as they hauled their grain and lumber out for new buildings.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keller: Evelyn who remains at home with her parents; Kathryn, who married Roy Kahovec, and lives on a nearby farm; and Norman, who is married to Ardythe Rogers, and lives in Hettinger, N. D.

The Keller family are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. They have now lived on the homestead forty-eight years, and enjoy modern improvements and possible irrigation of their land.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keller

Mr. Keller was born in 1881 in the Red River Valley. He was among the first immigrants to come to New Salem by covered wagon. He was a year and a half old when he made this journey in the year of 1883. His parents settled on a homestead south of New Salem, which is now the location of the Bethel Church. He stayed here until he grew into manhood.

Mr. Keller took a homestead in 1903 under the Homestead Act and worked this land for five years before the government approved the

land to be his. His homestead was located six miles east of Almont, which is now known as Rocky Ridge.

Mrs. Keller, formerly Mary Lieb, was born in Fenton, Iowa. She moved to New Salem with her parents in the Old Frontier Days of 1904. Mary was 15 years old when she made this trip with her parents.

December 20, 1906 was the date of the wedding of Mary Lieb and Mr. Henry Keller. They lived on the homestead that Mr. Keller had gotten through the Homestead Act. They later added to the amount of land and they built a new barn in 1910 and a new house a few years later, but in the meantime they lived in the home that Mr. Keller had built when he got the homestead. The new house is completely modern.

Six children were born into the family. They are as follows: Florence, Mrs. Wm. L. Joersz, whose husband manages Bill's Super Valu in Mandan; Elmer, who is on a farm 14 miles south of Judson; Edna, now known as Mrs. Monson, lives on a farm 7½ miles northeast of Flasher. Henry, Jr., lives on a farm that is just one mile from the old homestead of his parents. Leo, who is the youngest of the children lives on the land that his father worked for so many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller are now retired and are residents of 1110-1 St. N. W. in Mandan. They will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 20 of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kelsven

Clifford Kelsven, born in Jackson County, Minn., lived with his parents on a farm near Crookston, Minn. until he was 21 when he left the farm to go into merchandising. He worked in stores at Jud and Berlin, S. D. and came to Almont in Feb., 1913 when he began his first General Mdse. business in the store that was previously owned and operated by Fred Holritz and sons. June 25, 1913 he was married to Miss Katherine McRae at Jud, N. D. He brought his bride here to

Herman Kaelberer

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Almont where they began house-keeping in the rooms above the store building. Their four children were born here, a son died in infancy.

Mr. Kelsven continued in the Mdse. business here for 27 years and was successful all thru the years. He took an active part in civic affairs, was a member of the school board and was post master here for 16 years. The Kelsven family were active and faithful members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

In 1941 Mr. Kelsven sold his business here to Christ Halvorson. The Kelsven family then moved to Sheridan, Ore., where he opened up a Western Auto store and was later associated in the business with Jim Stoeckel, also of Almont. He eventually sold his interest and was later associated with the Sheridan Realty Co. After his retirement from business, Mr. Kelsven passed away suddenly at his home in Sheridan in May, 1953 at the age of 67 years.

His daughter Kathleen was married to Mr. Burnadette Edwards in April, 1953. They now live at Seattle, Wash., and have one daughter.

Mrs. Kelsven, Marian, and Beverly live at Portland, Ore. Marion went to South America in 1948 as a missionary nurse, and returned in four years because of ill health. She is now doing nursing in Portland, Ore. Beverly is an instructor at Cascade College in Portland, Ore. Kathleen and her husband are both in Ministerial work in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy

John Kennedy, born in St. Paul, Minn., came to Almont, N. D. in 1910 and filed on a homestead 12 miles south of Almont. In 1916 he was married to Miss Karine Jacobson, also born in St. Paul, in 1886. Miss Jacobson was Almont's first school teacher and she continued to teach for 15 years in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy lived on his homestead where their four

children were born. In 1924 the family moved to St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Kennedy was employed with the City Water Dept. In May, 1948 both Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy passed away. Mr. Kennedy after an illness of 2 months on May 19, and Mrs. Kennedy passed away suddenly 4 days later.

Three of their children; Mrs. Marian Larson—Mrs. Jane Pitman and William (Buster) Kennedy and their families still live in St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Nell Lans and family live in Muskegon, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knudson

In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knudson, both of whom came to this country from Norway, sold their homestead west of Sims, bought a home and lived for a short time in the town of Sims. In 1903 the family moved again and built a new home on land purchased 5 miles south of Sims, just two and one half miles from what is now Almont.

Mr. and Mrs. Knudson were the parents of the following five children: Anna, now Mrs. Tollef Christianson of rural Almont, a registered nurse; Agnes, now Mrs. Olous Christensen, living on a farm near Almont, one time public school teacher; Clara, Mrs. John Ballet, deceased, teacher and graduate of Dickinson State Teachers College; Carl, now on the home place and present member of the N. D. House of Representatives; Aalga, now Mrs. Ralph Fero of Youngstown, Ohio, teacher and graduate of Dickinson State Teachers College, and wife of the cashier of the Erie Railroad.

Before they could harvest any crop on a part of their new farm the Knudson family found it necessary to rid their land of a thriving prairie dog town.

In 1917, when Mrs. Ben Bird, a resident of Almont, passed away, the town still had no burial ground. A commercial club committee had been looking about for a suitable site. A committee finally decided on a three acre plot which happened

to be a part of the Charles Knudson farm. Mr. and Mrs. Knudson were happy to donate their land to the town as a final resting place for its dead, regardless of color or creed. Though the body of Mrs. Bird was first to be laid there the Spanish influenza of 1918-1919 took a heavy toll of young and old and soon many mounds dotted the new graveyard.

In 1919 a cancer caused the death of Mr. Knudson and sorrowing friends and neighbors laid his body in a grave there. Before the year was ended occurred the death of their first grandchild and in 1926 Clara passed away.

After retiring from the farm and living a few years as a resident of Almont, Mrs. Knudson died in 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Knutson

Mr. Andrew Knutson was born in Norway on November 19, 1857. He came to the United States when he was 22 years old to be with an elder brother in Wis. Later he came further west to Valley City where he worked on farms. While there he met the girl who became his wife. She had also come from Norway where she was born on the 17 of June in 1861.

They heard of the booming town of Sims so came out looking for work and decided to remain here. However the Montana gold fields beckoned, and they lived there for three years before filing on a homestead one and a half miles southwest of Almont, where they farmed and raised cattle for the remainder of their lives. Andrew also had a general store in Almont for many years.

They reared a family of eight children; John and Eddie who continue to live on the old homestead; Cornelius who has been a rural mail carrier for many years and was married to Ingar Anderson; Melvin, who passed away in 1924, a victim of a mine accident; William, who married Miss Ragna Olson and operates a store in Almont; Mabel, who was married to Albert Anderson; and Regina, who married Sam Anderson. Viola, the youngest in

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the family, is married to Walter Moore and lives in Austin, Minn.

Andrew died in 1917 and his wife passed away in 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knutson

Cornelius A. Knutson was born on the homestead three-fourths of a mile west of Almont on August 5, 1886, was baptised in the church which was above the parsonage in Sims and was confirmed in the Sims church in 1898 by Rev. Gaustad. He attended the first year of school in Sims and the next two years of school were conducted in a room in the John Fallgren house. Then a school was built near the present home of Albert Andersons. Cornelius attended college in Fargo for one year—1906. In 1907 he and his father started a general store in Almont, the store William is now operating. He was also Postmaster in Almont for 6 years and was Rural Mail Carrier for 35 years. During these years the mail was carried by horse and buggy or sleigh, Model T, and finally with the better and newer cars.

Cornelius was married in 1911 to Inger Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Anderson. Seven children were born and raised here—Myron of Fargo; Lillian, now Mrs. John Heinle of Seattle; Howard of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Vernon now in San Jose, Calif.; Carol, Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Almont; Dorothy, Mrs. Arnold Vollrath of Grand Forks; and Marlys, Mrs. Richard Dolezal of Killdeer.

Mrs. Knutson was born on her father's farm on the Heart River in 1890. She passed away on December 13, 1952.

Cornelius is now retired and lives on the farm with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkinson.

John A. Koba

John A. Koba, born in Wahpeton in 1883, first came to Almont in 1908 when he came to visit his parents on their homestead. After his parents left Lidgerwood for their homestead, John went to Minne-

apolis and worked there until 1921 when he came to Almont to stay.

In 1908 he was married to Miss Mary Jacobek in Minneapolis. They had no children. She died in 1920. The next year John came to Almont and has made his home here ever since, living with his parents on the homestead until their death. He continued to live there alone for another 11 years, moving into Almont in 1948 when he retired from farming. He frequently assists in drilling wells in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koba

Mr. and Mrs. John Koba came as a young couple to America from Czecho-slovakia. After a few years working for a farmer in Iowa they came to Wahpeton, N. D. in 1880, where Mr. Koba worked in a grocery store. Here their two oldest sons were born.

After farming for some years near Lidgerwood, N. D., they came west in search of a homestead. In 1906 Mr. Koba went as far west as Dickinson looking for a claim and decided to settle at Almont which was just beginning. The prairie looked wide and open after living in the eastern part of the state, but they chose a homestead about 3 miles east of Almont and lived on it the rest of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Koba, Joe, and 3 daughters came first. Mrs. Koba died April 14, 1927 at the age of 73 and her husband 12 years later, April 22, 1939, at the age of 86.

Their children were: Mary Koba, died in 1946; James Koba, died in 1954; John Koba, Almont, N. D.; Mrs. J. G. Havlena, (Barbara) Sawyer, N. D.; Rose, died in 1955; Mrs. W. M. King (Katie), Yakima, Wash.; Mrs Tom Brown (Lena), Portland, Ore.; Joe Koba.

Mrs. Anna Ramsland Larson

Anna Peterson was born at Treland near Farsund, Norway, on Nov. 20, 1856, and was united in marriage to Ben Ramsland during March, 1878. They came to Fargo, N. D. May 17, 1881 accompanied by their son Tenius, her mother Ber-

tha Peterson, and his brother Theodore Ramsland. They lived in Fargo until Nov. 17, 1881 when they left by train for Bismarck. At that time there was no railroad bridge built across the Missouri river so they walked across the river and Mrs. Larson carried Tenius in her arms. On the same day they took a freight train to Bly's Mine—later called Sims, N. D.

Ben Ramsland took a homestead and tree claim which was later sold to the brick yard company to be used for taking clay for the plant. After living 5 years in Sims they moved to a ranch 5 miles southwest of Almont, which at that time was 10 miles southwest of Sims. This land was taken as a preemption and became their ranch. The reason for going out so far was because it was such a fine location for ranching in the tree covered hills "The Woods" as it was called.

Their ranch house was made partly of rock and partly of logs and was built over a cellar containing a spring. The spring came out of coal.

Ben Ramsland, born July 24, 1852 at Haaman, a farmstead near Farsund, Norway, died at the age of 37 years, leaving his widow and five children.

In the fall of 1890 Anna married Theodore Larson who was born Nov. 27, 1862 at Spangeried, Mandal, Norway and came to Sims in March 1883. During the later part of April 1935 Mr. and Mrs. Larson moved to a home in Almont, where they lived until their passing.

Mrs. Larson died May 10, 1937 and Mr. Larson died Feb. 1941. They were both active in the Lutheran church and Mrs. Larson in the Ladies Aid work.

They have the following children now living—Tenius Ramsland, Almont; Mrs. Anna Torgerson, Billings, Mont.; Mrs. James Bateman (Dena), Great Falls, Mont.; Mrs. George Reichel (Lizzie) Cottage Grove, Ore.; Mrs. Clint Wright (Tillie) Almont; Thorvold Larson, Almont; Mrs. August Johnson (Dora) Portland, Ore.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elias Larson

Elias Larson, a sailor from Lyncdal, Norway, born in 1846, came to Sims in 1882. He worked in the coal mines and was cook in the brickyard boarding house. After two years here he went back to sailing and in 1887 was shipwrecked in the Atlantic and he with the entire crew of 42 men was lost at sea.

It was very hard to make a living in Norway in those days. Mrs. Tobine Larson worked for the equivalent of 15 cents a day, and the four boys, Christ, Tenius, Tobias, and Amandas, worked as they grew old enough for as little as 3 cents a day. They managed to save enough money for their fares to this "land of promise." Christ came in 1892 at 16 years of age; Tenuius in 1900 at 18. In 1902 Mrs. Larson, who was a sister of Mrs. Gabriel Peterson, came to Sims with her other two sons, Tobias, 22, and Amandas, 17. Mrs. Larson and Tobias homesteaded east of Sims in 1906 on a quarter known as Klondike. Tobias worked for the N.P.R.R. Amandas took a homestead six miles south of Almont, close to Square Butte in 1907. He played on the Almont baseball team at their first celebration and later was a regular third baseman on the Sims team.

Christ married and moved to Montana in 1905 and is now at Billings. Tenius married and moved to Montana in 1919 and now lives at Detroit Lakes. Mrs. Larson passed away in 1938. Amandus and Tobias retired from farming several years ago and sold their farm to Arthur Olin. They are now the only residents in the business section of Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Malone

Otis and Etta (W. Anthes) Malone were born in Indiana in 1875 and 1877 respectively. Mr. Malone was a printer by trade. He was a sergeant in the army during the Spanish-American War and served in Cuba. After his discharge from

the army he again followed his trade. In March 1901 he and Etta W. Anthes were married and were the parents of four girls, who all graduated from the Almont High School and became teachers and stenographers. Katherine Kaelberer living in New Salem where Mr. Kaelberer is City Assessor and part-time carpenter—Edith Skjolsvik living on a farm south of Almont—Mary Weiss living in Calif., where the Weiss' operate their own store—Ruth Abraham living in New Salem where Mr. Abraham is co-partner at the New Salem Motors. There are 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

The Malone family and Edith Anthes, now Mrs. Fred Grimm, came to N. D. in March, 1909, and settled at DeVaul where Mr. Malone was postmaster for five years. When living at DeVaul (ten miles north of Flasher) Mr. Malone hauled his wheat crop to Almont and on the return trip would haul a load of lumber to Flasher for the building of that town. In 1914 the family came to Almont and lived on a farm south of Almont. Mrs. Malone passed away in 1918. In 1929 Edith and Edgar Skjolsvik went to live on the farm and Mr. Malone moved to Almont. He was a McNess dealer for a few years. He managed the Almont Baseball team for several years. In 1936 he was appointed Postmaster at Almont which position he held until his retirement in July 1945. He passed away in December 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Martin

William F. Martin was born in Providence, Ky., June 3, 1862 and his wife Jane Ellen Doris was also born in Providence, Ky., March 28, 1864. They were married there in Nov. 1, 1888. From Providence, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and their four children, Jane, Aubrey, Casey and Helen, moved to Owensburg, Ky. and in 1906, because of Mrs. Martin's poor health, they came to N. D. seeking a state with a dry climate. They settled on a homestead 7 miles south of Almont. While

their house was being built they lived in a tar papered shack belonging to Cecil Atkinson (now a retired railroad conductor).

Coming here from Kentucky, this prairie life in North Dakota was a new experience for the Martin family. They feared that Indians might be near to attempt to shoot them with bow and arrow, and that a prairie fire that burned at night with only a shift of the wind might bring it right to their home. A tornado once struck in the middle of an afternoon when a neighbor family and eight children were at the home of the Martins. The two room frame house shook and they had to hold the doors shut. A shack belonging to a neighbor blew to pieces, and the storm stripped the fields of their grain.

Then there were the blizzards when no one could get to school. If the teacher got there, Mr. Martin would walk thru the storm to bring the teacher. Miss Carrie Jacobson, to the farm home until the storm abated. Many a dark night Mrs. Martin kept a lighted lamp in the window in case someone would be lost out on the prairie. It led many a wanderer to the Martin home at night. The neighbors were all kind but lived several miles away.

"Kentucky" Martin, as he was called, was a carpenter by trade and was kept busy thru those first years assisting in building up the community with new homes and farm buildings. He was active in all farm organizations which he thought would be of benefit to the farmer. The Martin family resided on the farm until 1921 when they moved to Almont. William Martin passed away May 6, 1943 and his wife died on Dec. 3, 1932.

Their children are still living in N. D., Mrs. Jane Olds at Stanton, N. D.; Aubrey, Mandan, N. D.; Casey in Bismarck; and Mrs. Helen Martin also in Bismarck.

Mr. and Mrs. George Monson

George J. Monson was born at Red Wing, Minn. July 23, 1878, where he received his early educa-

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tion. He came to Sims, N. D. in 1898 and was employed as a horse wrangler and cowboy on the George Cartright Ranch near Crown Butte for 3 years. During that time he became well acquainted with the early settlers in and around Sims and Almont. In 1901 with his two brothers, Axel and Oscar, he opened a coal mine south of Glen Ullin now known as the Lindstrom mine.

Mrs. Monson was born (Nettie Wilson) Oct. 11, 1880 in Cleveland, Ohio and came to Glen Ullin with her parents in 1886. She was well known in the Glen Ullin and Almont vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Monson were united in marriage May 5, 1905 and to this union 8 children were born. Mrs. Monson had 2 children by a former marriage. Shortly after their marriage they took up a homestead about 9 miles east of Glen Ullin and 11 miles west of Almont where they made their home until 1937 when Mr. Monson and children moved to Glen Ullin where they resided until the time of his death. (Mrs. Monson having passed away in April, 1926). Mr. and Mrs. Monson organized the Monson School district in 1910 where they were both members of the school board for more than 20 years.

Mr. Monson owned one of the first grain headers in this area and did custom harvesting for several years in the Curlew and Almont vicinities. He was also well known for his veterinary work and as an auctioneer.

Mr. Monson passed away on Dec. 19, 1939.

One son Ernest passed away on Sept. 15, 1937.

The rest of the children are all living and are as follows: Mrs. Carl Kilen, Almont; Jesse Drury of Scooby, Mont.; Mrs. B. T. Olson, Glen Ullin; Mrs. Axel Hoovestol, Almont; Oscar of Almont; James of Hawthorne, Calif.; Mrs. Ernest Goen, Sacramento, Calif.; Elmer of Glen Ullin; Gaylord of Hawthorn, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Martenson

Ole Mortenson, who was born at Lillahomer, Olso, Norway, March 9, 1863, came to America to seek better opportunities. He worked at various jobs in Wis. and in eastern N. D. In 1887, he came to Sims. During the first years, he worked at the Riverside Ranch on the Heart River, where so many steelers took jobs. Later he took up a homestead on the Heart River 10 miles south of Almont (section 12, twp 136, r 36), to help blaze the trail so that others might come and make their homes.

Among early experiences was the Indian scare in which the early settlers went to the Ole Martenson homestead for protection.

In the year 1904, he returned to Wis., and on January 25, 1905 was married to Clara Olson Aanstad, then returned to his home on the Heart River, where they continued to make their home.

In the early days Mr. Mortenson raised horses and cattle and in different instances sold his horses right from the equipment they were being used on. As years went on, he raised more cattle and grain.

He served many years as a school board officer, in the Lincoln School District in Grant county. He also served as a road overseer for a number of years.

In the early days, it was very hard to get to Sims to church, with the team and wagon, so the Mortensons together with their neighbors would have the minister come and have services at the homes, and spend some time with them.

Mr. Mortenson made his home on his homestead until his death, on March 21, 1930, after being partially paralyzed for four years. After a lingering illness Mrs. Clara Mortenson passed away on October 1, 1954. They were active members of the Sims Lutheran Church.

He left three sisters and one brother in Norway, and two sisters here in America, who are Mrs. Ingborg Johnson and Mrs. Agnita Lien together with one brother, Thorvald, who have all passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortenson were

parents of eight children, (Mable) Mrs. T. R. Feland, of Almont; Thelma) Mrs. Ole Feland, who lives south of Almont; (Anna) Mrs. Homer Chesrown, who lives southwest of Lark, N. D.; and Clifford, Lloyd, Irene, and Evelyn, who are on the home place south of Almont. Also one son (Clarence), who died at the age of three.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Nelson

Jens Nelson, born in Denmark, 1853 and his wife, Mary Larson, also born in Denmark on March 15, 1850 came to the United States in 1879 locating in Chicago, where Jens was employed delivering milk. In 1887 the family moved to Bancroft, Iowa where Mr. Nelson was engaged in farming and stock buying for 10 years. After moving to Ringsted, Iowa where they lived 4 years they moved to "the land of opportunities", coming to Almont in the spring of 1907. They filed on a homestead southeast of town and Mr. Nelson started a hardware store under the firm name of J. Nelson & sons. In 1913 he entered partnership with E. E. Templeton and the firm was known as Nelson - Templeton Imp. Co. This partnership lasted until his death in March 1927.

The Nelsons were charter members of the Almont Lutheran Church and were active in church and community affairs. Before Almont had electricity a line was run from Nelson's Delco plant to the church to provide the necessary lighting. They made a trip back to their native land in 1910. A community birthday party was held in Mrs. Nelson's honor when she reached the age of 81. She passed away on Christmas Eve 1933 at the age of 83.

"Daddy Nelson", as Mr. Nelson was called, was a father to everyone and Mrs. Nelson was known to both young and old as "Grandma Nelson". The children in the neighborhood always knew they could get cookies at Grandma's house if they said "please" and "thank you".

Their children, except for Juditha (Mrs. E. W. Ladwig) Barnard, S.

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D., and Otto (Deceased 1925) spent much of their time in Almont. Adolph, died in U. S. Army Camp in 1918; Arthur, Fargo, N. D.; and Peter (deceased 1947) both had interests in the hardware store at different times. Christine (Mrs. B. F. Gardner, deceased 1953) worked in the Farmers State Bank several years. Lawrence spent 4 years in the U. S. Navy and the rest of his life was spent in and around Almont except for a half year spent in Mott when he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, W. E. Larson in the White City Creamery. His sudden death came 3 weeks after his family had moved to Mott in 1930. Amanda (Mrs. W. E. Larson) Central City, Calif., worked in the Almont P. O. and Kelsven's store for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olin

Alfred Olin was born in Vic Shurn, Sweden in 1883 and came to America as a young lad of 14. He worked as a hired hand on a sheep ranch near the "Russian Flats". He also did farm work and worked as section hand on the railroad. He found it very difficult to learn the English language, as it seemed so different from the Swedish he was accustomed to speaking.

During Alfred's early days there were few settlers and many wide open prairies which gave the country a lonely appearance. Often he longed for the old home in Sweden, but there was no turning back for him.

In 1904 at the age of 21 years Alfred filed on a homestead and began farming, digging rocks and walking behind and breaking plow. He looked forward to the time when he could afford to buy stock for the place.

On March 10, 1912 Alfred and Miss Tilda Olson were united in marriage. Three came to bless their home: Irvin who farms south of Almont; Violet who married Everett Miller and they now reside on the Olin homestead; and Leona, married to Dan Christianson of the Lark, N. D. vicinity.

The Olin family have been mem-

bers of the Almont Wesleyan Church for many years. In 1949 they retired from the farm and made their home in Almont. Mrs. Olin passed away in 1952. Alfred continues to live in Almont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Olin

John Olin came to Mandan from his native home in Sweden in 1882. At Mandan he helped build the Northern Pacific bridge between Bismarck and Mandan. A year later in 1883 he homesteaded near Sims and also worked at the Sims brick plant which then was a booming business.

Tobine Jacobson, born in Norway in 1861 came to N. D. in 1881, first working in Fargo a year before coming to Sims. She was on the first train to cross the Missouri River bridge.

John Olin and Tobine Jacobson were married Oct. 19, 1884 the first couple to be married by the Sims Lutheran pastor, Rev. Nordby. They made their home on the homestead and a family of seven children were born and reared in the Sims community. Mrs. Fred Swenson (Rachel), Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. C. L. Anderson (Ellen) Billings, Mont.; Mrs. Walter Bakken (Anna), Arthur Olin, and Mrs. Thorvald Larson (Lucille) all residing in the community. Emmanuel and Jacob now deceased.

They were often spoken of as "the young couple" in their later years for they always found time to go together visiting their friends and neighbors in those horse and buggy days. Their home was a favorite meeting place for their friends. With the advent of cars, Mr. Olin bought a Maxwell and learned to drive at the age of 72. He practiced out in the field, circling around the shocks until he finally learned the art of driving.

They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in 1943. Mrs. Olin passed away March 2, 1944; Mr. Olin passed away August 6, 1946. They are buried in the Sims cemetery.

They will always be remembered for active church work and won-

derful friendship, hospitality, and helpfulness to those in need in a wide area.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olin

Oscar Olin was born in Halaborn, Sweden, on February 3rd, 1872. As a young man he engaged in lumbering there until coming to the United States in 1894. He came directly to Sims, as his cousin John Olin, who had come previously, lived there and had urged him to come.

He filed on a homestead three miles southeast of Sims, and in April 6th, 1906 he and Miss Minnie Berdine Olson were married. The new Mrs. Olin had come out from Chicago in November to visit her brother Nels Olson, who also had a homestead near Olin's "claim", and her aunt Mrs. Bertha Nelson. Mrs. Olin had come from Norway to the United States nine years earlier and had lived in Chicago up to this time.

The young couple established a home on the farm where they continued to live until 1943, when they moved into their house in Almont. Six children were born to them: Melvin, Myrtle, Alf and Agnes died in childhood. Alf Lenard lives on the old homestead, and Orville who married Miss Ruth Willman, is a carpenter in Minot.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin were members of Sims Lutheran Church and have done their share of the work of building it up to its present size. Their home was always open to all who wished to come and enjoy their generous hospitality.

Mr. Olin passed away on Father's Day, 1944, and Mrs. Olin continues to reside in Almont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Olsen

Ben Silius Olsen, a pioneer of the Almont and Sims community, was born at Feland, Spangeried, Norway on December 14, 1862. He was the eldest son of Rienhardt and Tonetta Olsen.

Mr. Olsen spent his early manhood as a sailor in Norway, making several trips to the North American continent and other countries in that line of work.

In 1882 he came to the United

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States and settled at Bly's Mine (later called Sims) where he secured work in the coal mines. Due to injuries from a cave-in, he was forced to give up his work so homesteaded on a piece of land west of Almont. His son Tom is residing on the original site.

He was married at Sims to Bertha Kristine Pederson in 1886. To this union seven children were born, namely: Mrs. Tollef Christianson. Bertine) now deceased; Mrs. Ed Christianson, (Pauline) now deceased; Rudolph Olsen, near Almont; Mrs. Pete Stiller, (Mary) Hebron, N. D.; Bernard Olsen, Glen Ullin, N. D. Two children died in infancy. Mrs. Olsen passed away in January, 1910.

Mr. Olson returned to his native land in 1911 and spent his time doing carpenter work while there. In 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Christenson. They had three children: Borghild, who died in Norway in childhood, Tom Olsen, Almont, N. D.; Chris Olson, Mandan, N. D. Later his wife also passed away, so Mr. Olson returned to the United States with his two small sons arriving at Curlew in May 25, 1920. They resided with Mr. and Mrs. Tollef Christianson (his daughter and son-in-law) until 1922 when Mr. Olsen moved to Almont where Mr. Olsen operated a shoe and harness shop until his retirement.

In 1923, he was united in marriage to Gurine Tobiason and they moved into their new home on Main Street in Almont.

Mr. Olsen retired from business in 1940 due to failing health and passed away June 6, 1946. He was baptized and confirmed in Norway in the Lutheran faith and was a member of the Almont Lutheran church. Mrs. Olsen lives in their Almont home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Olson

Jacob Olson came to America from Norway in 1883. He located in Sims, where he met Jette Syvertson, who also came from Norway in 1884. They were united in marriage in May 1885. Mr. Olson took

up a homestead four miles west of Almont in 1885. Besides farming, he worked in a coal mine in Sims during winter months. They had seven children: Otto, Sigval, Oscar, and Martin, all deceased. Joseph, now retired and living in Almont; Hjalmer, living in Forsythe, Mont.; and Anna (Mrs. Pete Thorson) living on a farm five miles west of Almont.

Mr. Olson passed away April 20, 1903. Mrs. Olson remained on the farm with the family. The following year she filed on a homestead two miles south of the farm. She lived on the farm the remaining years of her life except for one winter when she lived in Almont. Her next to the oldest son, Sigval, remained on the farm with her until her death Oct. 1, 1934. Sigval continued farming and raising cattle until he passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Olson

Joseph H. Olson was born on October 21, 1881 in Curlew Valley. He was the first child born in that community and attended the rural school there. In 1908 he worked as a cook in the Dave Pederson Restaurant in Almont. In 1911 he attended the North Dakota Agriculture College in Fargo. He enlisted in the army during the First World War and served with the Infantry in France until the end of the war.

Wedding bells rang for him and Rosella Hendrickson on January 4, 1922, after which they left for Cal. where they made their home for several months. After their return they built their home on a farm 3½ miles west of Almont where they resided until 1926 when they moved to Dunn Center where he and his brother Martin had purchased a hardware store. In 1929 Joe sold his share to his brother Martin and they moved back to the farm west of Almont.

Joe was treasurer of the Sims Lutheran church for 11 years and chairman of the Sims School Board for 4 years. He was clerk of the township board for 7 years. He was a member of the New Salem Legion Post until the Almont Post No. 261

was organized, with Mr. Olson as a charter member.

In 1951 they moved to Almont and purchased the Sherwod home where they make their home.

Six children were born to this marriage, namely: Duane, deceased; Mrs. Edward Willman (Noreen) Almont, N. D.; Mrs. Joe Fitterer, (Shirley) 6802 S. Montgomery, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Marvin Olson, (Joyce) Almont, N. D.; Mrs. Bernard Ringham (Beverly) 211 Teton Ave., Bismarck, N. D.; Marilyn who lives at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olson

Olaf Olson, born at Grimstad, Norway, on May 16, 1868 was married in 1892 to Miss Ingeborg Larson who was born December 21, 1872 in Lillesand, Norway.

Olaf Olson came to the United States in 1903, working as a carpenter in New York before coming to this community in 1905 where he homesteaded nine miles south of what is now Almont. In 1907 Mrs. Olson came from Norway bringing their five children, Ragna, Oscar, Olga, Agnes, and Trygve.

While living on the homestead four other children were born in this family: Iner, who passed away in infancy, Iner Olaf, Alma, and Ida. Mr. and Mrs. Olson moved to Almont in 1939. Mr. Olson passed away in 1941. Mrs. Olson in 1952. Their children and their present addresses are: Mrs. Thorvald Barstad, (Ragna) Almont, N. D.; Oscar Olson, 800 Yellowstone Ave., Miles Mity, Mont.; Trygve Olson, 14902 N. E. 70th St., Redmond, Wash.; Iner, Alma, Ida and Agnes all of Almont, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickart Olson

Rickart Olson was born August 12, 1865 in Norway, and came to Sims in 1883. Oleana Lewison was born March 6, 1860 in Madison, Wis. Rickart and Oleana were married in the Sims Church, which was then the upper story of the parsonage, on May 9, 1890. Eight children were born to them. The six living are: Rudolph, who married Anna Oien, now living at Jamestown, N. D.; Selma (Mrs. Nels Seim), residing on

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a farm 4 miles west of Almont; Ludwig, Spokane, Wash. and married to Martha Drapper; Melvin, living on the home farm and married to Marie Wedde; Alvin, Spokane, Wash., married to Edvina Johnson; Bennie, Kirkland, Wash., married Rose Zempel (deceased). There are 20 grandchildren and 36 greatgrandchildren. Mrs. Olson passed away in April, 1943 at the age of 83.

Rickart was first employed on the section, then later in the coal mines at Sims. Together with his brother, Ben, they worked to bring their parents, brothers and sister over from Norway. Rickart filed on a homestead two miles from where Almont is now located. At the time the surveyors were laying out Almont, Mr. and Mrs. Olson served them lunch and coffee.

Mr. Olson served as a township supervisor for a number of years. He was a director of the Sims School District board for 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Severt Olson.

Severt Olson was born in Norway in 1858 and came to the United States as a young man. He came directly to Fargo, N. D. where he was employed for a short time. Hearing about homestead rights and other opportunities here he came to Sims, N. D. a thriving town then, and secured work in one of the several mines there. He left this work at one time and with a party of other young men, spent part of a year in the Black Hills prospecting for gold. With no success in that line, he came back to Sims and filed on a homestead about a mile east of Sims.

In 1889 he was married to Miss Jenson who was born in Norway and had come to Sims to visit her sister Mrs. I. C. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Olson lived on their homestead for a few years and their 2 oldest children, Minda and Joseph were born there. They moved to the Lake beds, south of the Heart river but in a short time came back to this community where he bought land 13 miles south of Sims. They built their home there and were engaged

in ranching.

There were 12 children in the family, 2 died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Olson also raised two of their grandchildren whose mothers passed away when they were infants, Minnie Fulton, (now Mrs. Claude Ritz) of Almont and Everett Miller also of Almont.

With this large family and the inconvenience of getting the children to a school, Mr. Olson built a house in Mandan in 1906 where Mrs. Olson and the children lived during the school year.

Then in 1917 when a high-school was established in Almont, Mr. Olson built a house there so that the children could attend school. They were members of the Sims Lutheran church and considered it no effort in those early years to take their family and drive with team those 13 miles to church.

Mrs. Olson passed away in 1927 and Mr. Olson passed away in 1935. Their children now living are: Joseph Olson in Seattle, Wash.; Olga (Mrs. Walter Timpe), Almont; Miss Inga Olson, teaching in Calif.; Helen (Mrs. Peterson) Corona, Calif.; Viola (Mrs. Mower) Seattle, Wash.; Ragna (Mrs. Wm. Knutson) Almont, Ida (Mrs. Rudy Feland), Almont, and Rueben Olson, Almont. Their daughter, Minda (Mrs. Julius Fulton) passed away in 1914 and Selma (Mrs. Miller), passed away in 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Olson

Tobias Olson came to Sims in 1888 direct from Norway. He returned to Norway in 1898 and married Miss Olevine Christianson on April 18, 1898.

Mr. Olson brought his bride to Sims where they lived for two years before moving to the farm known as the Oscar Olin farm. After a short time they moved to the Andrew Kilen farm in the Curlew vicinity. Soon they moved again to the farm known as the Oscar Jacobson farm and made this their home until 1910.

In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Olson sold their farm and took their six daughters with them for a visit to Nor-

way. After spending a year there they returned and bought back the Oscar Jacobson farm. In 1914 they made another trip to Norway returning that same fall. Upon their return they settled on the farm now operated by Eugene Thorson in the Curlew vicinity and lived there until 1945 when they retired and moved into Almont.

Their family consisted of the following children: Mrs. Paul Schricber, (Goldie) New Salem, N. D.; Mrs. Charles Larson, (Helga) Kenmare, N. D.; Mrs. Norman Hanson, (Nettie) Almont, N. D.; Mrs. Alfred Telford, (Gertie) Compton, Calif.; Mrs. John Nelson, (Molly) Bottineau, N. D.; Ida, and the twins, Tobias and Olevine, died in infancy; Arnold Olson, Watauga, S. D.; Mrs. Adam Hoffman, (Lillian), Mandan, N. D. Mrs. William Backsen, (Adeline) New Salem, N. D.; Mrs. James Monson, (Evangeline) Hawthorne, Calif.

Adeline and Evangeline are twins. Raynold Olson, Almont, N. D.; Winona Olson, Almont, N. D.

In 1948 the Almont and Curlew Ladies Aids of the Lutheran church honored them at a reception commemorating their Golden Wedding. Tobias Olson passed away June 11, 1955. Mrs. Olson resides at Almont.

Mr. and Mrs. Nikoloi Ostreneng

Nikoloi Halvor Ostreneng, born in the 1850, migrated with his wife the former Theo Christianson, to the U.S.A. in 1878. They arrived in Chicago and lived there for five years.

In 1884, they moved westward and settled at Sims, North Dakota. Mr. Ostreneng was a charter member of the Sims Evang. Lutheran Church. He helped to build the parsonage and church at Sims. Mr. Ostreneng's profession was a cabinet maker, a trade he learned in Norway. A point of interest is the stairway, Mr. Ostreneng designed and built. Two sons, Harold and Karl were born at Sims. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ostreneng were life long members of the Sims Lutheran Church.

In the spring of 1887, the Ostren-

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eng family moved from Sims, to Blue Grass. Here six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ostreneng. The children were baptized and confirmed in the Sims church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ostreneng are buried in the Sims cemetery, along with five of their children. Two children survive namely: Mrs. Emma Ostby, who now makes her home in Glen Ullin, and Karl Ostreneng, who still lives on the original family farm at Blue Grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf K. Overgaard

Olaf K. Overgaard was born March 4, 1867 near Aalesund, Norway and grew to manhood there. He was educated there and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He came to America in 1886 and settled at Clear Lake, Iowa.

Mrs. Olaf Overgaard was born July 26, 1874 near St. Olaf, Iowa to Nels and Oline Sorum. She was baptized and confirmed at the Norway Lutheran church of St. Olaf, Iowa. They were married June 6, 1895 at Clear Lake, Iowa living on a farm near there until they moved to Morton County in 1901, settling near Glen Ullin. Later they moved to the Almont vicinity and were engaged in farming until his death in 1935.

They were members of the Almont Lutheran church. Clara Overgaard was an active member of the Almont Lutheran Ladies Aid, and left a legacy to the Almont Lutheran Church.

Though they had no children of their own, they raised two nephews and a niece as their family.

While visiting in Iowa, Mrs. Overgaard became ill from a heart ailment from which she never recovered. After some months in an Iowa hospital she was brought to the Bismarck Hospital where she remained until her death June 12, 1945. Her sister, Mrs. Jonathan Pederson, assisted caring for her during her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Peck

The people of Almont first met the George Peck family in 1907, when the parents, their two sons, Glen and Henry, and a baby daugh-

ter, Reliance, came from their former home in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Mr. Peck, being an able carpenter, was a very reliable asset to the community. Later he filed on a homestead, where they lived for several years. The family now live in California. Their addresses are: Mrs. George Peck, 918 South Paxon, Santa Ana, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peck, 424 N. Lemon Apt., Anaheim, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peck, Box 2283, Laguna Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Godard, 513 Begonia Avenue, Corona Del Mar, Calif. Mr. George Peck is not among the living since January, 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Pederson

In 1885, at the age of nine years, Jonathan Pederson came to Sims with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pederson and five other children. Born in Chicago in 1876, they moved to Fillmore County, Minn. before coming to Sims. The family lived with Uncle Amund Pederson in a 12 x 12 shack until they moved into Sims.

In 1897 he filed on a homestead $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles South of Almont. He called his farm "Bluff Dale." The road from the Cannonball to Sims went by his homestead and was one of the main stopping places for rest and food along the way. Jonathan is known by his many friends as just "Joe."

He helped haul Hyde's lumber from Sims to Almont in 1906. Joe said, "I was tickled to see Almont start as it was 6 miles closer."

Once while searching for stray horses, Joe stopped at Overgaard's and met a young nurse who was visiting her sister. This young lady was Sophie Emelia Sorum born January 30, 1887 near St. Olaf, Ia. to Nels Sorums. She was baptized and confirmed at Norway Lutheran Church, St. Olaf, Ia. and graduated from the Norwegian Deaconess Hospital, Chicago, Ill. in 1909. She worked at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo and came to Almont May 1910. In 1911 she attended the Agricultural College and filed on a homestead adjoining Jonathan Ped-

erson's homestead. On December 28, 1911 they were married at Veblen, S. D. by Rev. Theodore Gunnarson.

They were members of the Sims Lutheran Church but later joined Almont Lutheran Church of which they are still members. Jonathan attended the Agricultural College in Fargo. He was confirmed in the Sims Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Pederson was the first Superintendent of the Almont Sunday School and continued her work in the Sunday School for many years. She was also active in the Almont Lutheran Ladies Aid and the Homemakers Club.

The Pederson family consists of six girls: Dagmar (Mrs. James Stoeckel) of Glendale, Calif.; Ruth (Mrs. Lowell Britton) Dickinson, N. D.; Lillian (Mrs. Roman Peterson) Almont, N. D.; Eleanor (Mrs. Harold Hillemann) San Fernando, Calif.; Mildred (Mrs. Everett Olson) Almont, N. D. and June (Mrs. Dale Hove) Hollywood, Calif. They also have 14 grandchildren.

Jonathan Pedersons lived on their farm until 1945 when they moved to Calif. They now live at 1546 N. Mariposa, Hollywood, Calif. Their homesteads are now owned by their son-in-law and daughter, Roman and Lillian Peterson. Summertime often finds the Pedersons back in Almont and at Bluff Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pederson

Ole Pederson was born March 8, 1839 near Oslo, Norway. He came to America in 1866 on a sail boat and was on the ocean for 13 weeks. He settled in Chicago.

Benedikte Marine Syvertson was born April 14, 1838 in Farsund, Norway. She came to Chicago in 1867, where she met Ole. They were married December 26, 1868 and lived in Chicago 9 years. Anna, Simon, David, and Jonathan were born there. They lived there during the big Chicago fire. They moved to Fillmore County, Minn. in 1877 where Lena and Jacob were born.

In 1885 they moved to Sims and lived with Ole's brother Amund in his 12 x 12 homestead shack. Later

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they moved to Sims to be closer to school. Jonathan and Lena herded the town herd of cattle at 50 cents a cow a month. They took turns going to school one week and herding the next. There were no grades then but he got through the third reader.

Ole gave Jonathan a pony. As a boy, he rode bareback, dreaming of owning a saddle. One day he saw something black sticking up in the creek. He discovered it to be a saddle. His mother covered it with overall material and made a cinch of gunny sacks. This was Joe's only saddle for many years.

Ole made his living as a shoemaker. He had only \$3. when they came. The children earned some money collecting buffalo bones.

Pederson's homesteaded in about 1898 three miles south of Almont. When Jonathan was old enough he filed on another 160 acres adjoining it. They then moved to their homestead with Jacob, Lena, Dave, and Jonathan.

Anna married Rev. Theo. Gunnarson, Veblen, S. D. Simon attended school in Canton, S. D. In 1898 and 1899 the four boys had two winter camps for their cattle. Later Simon and Dave sold out and Joe went to his homestead.

Jake died May 13, 1904. Dave moved to Almont from Sims and started a store. He died in Calif. about 1919. Anna Gunnarson lived in Aberdeen, S. D. with her daughter and son-in-law, Ed Solberg.

Simon and Lena now live together in Hollywood, Calif. in a duplex next to Jonathan Pedersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pederson were members of Sims Lutheran church. Ole Pederson passed away Oct. 19, 1911 at the Bismarck Hospital. Mrs. Ole Pederson passed away July 20, 1910 at Sims. N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Peterson

Abraham Peterson came to Sims in 1888 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Peterson, and his brothers and sisters. He was then a lad of nine. They settled in Sims and later moved to a homestead 4 miles southeast of Sims.

"Abe" went to school in Sims and was confirmed in the Sims Lutheran church by Rev. O. J. Nordby. He grew to manhood on the homestead.

In Sims he met a young lady who had also come over from Norway, Miss Jacobina Feland, who had been born in Norway May 4, 1882 and had come to Sims at the age of four with her parents. She too had attended school in Sims and been confirmed in the church. Rev. Gaustad married them in Sims on October 6, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson had four children. Their daughter passed away at the age of 2 months. Olaf lives in Richland, Wash. He is married and has two children. Alvin is married and lives on the home place southeast of Almont with his wife and son. George, the oldest son, also lives on the homestead with Alvin.

Mrs. Peterson passed away Mar. 1, 1934. Abe farmed and did blacksmithing in the Almont vicinity for many years. He passed away October 17, 1955 in the Mandan Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson

Axel Peterson, born in Lulea, Sweden, July 16, 1879, left his home at Branneburg, Sweden, coming directly to Isabella, Mich. and arriving at his brother's place, October 1900. He worked at Nahma Lumber Mills and in the woods in that area until his marriage to Hulda Bylund.

Hulda Bylund, born January 10, 1881 left her home at Bjorna, Sweden, arriving at Denver, Colo. on October 10, 1900 where she worked for a number of years. She left there December 2, 1904 for a visit to her childhood home and parents, who returned with her in December, 1905. This time the destination was Isabella, Mich., where her sister and husband lived. There she met Axel Peterson. After spending a few months there, she went to Chicago where she was employed until Mr. Peterson came to Chicago for their wedding.

Mr. Peterson wrote his friend,

Gust Soderstrom at Almont, telling him of his marriage. Mr. Soderstrom telegraphed for them to come to Almont and get a quarter section of homestead land. They left Chicago coming to Mandan with Mr. Brown and daughters, a real estate man from Chicago. Arriving on June 1st, they were disappointed with the bareness of the Dakota prairie. Axel Soderstrom took them around for 10 days looking at various plots of land. They had to make 6 trips to Bismarck before finally filing on a homestead on June 20th.

After staying in Mandan for 6 weeks and working in the harvest field they returned to Almont in November and built their home. As it was not completed before winter, they spent the winter in Mich. returning in the spring. Their completed home is still a part of the present residence. In November, 1908, Axel went to Mich. for work in the woods as there was not work here, returning in March, 1909. He spent several more winters in the woods, the last trip was in 1929-30. He remained active in farming until 1950. He passed away December 27, 1952.

Their children were: Cuno, living on the homestead farm, Staff Sgt. Ronald H., who entered the U. S. Army and was sent overseas in 1944. He was wounded while on sentry duty in the Seigfried line on Nov. 26 and died Nov. 30, 1944.

Lillian died in 1931 when 17 years old. Two infant daughters died. Vivian Peterson Lindstrand, Everett, Wash., Ragnhild Peterson Johannesen, Hamilton, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Peterson

In 1882 Gabriel Peterson, a sailor from Lyndal, Norway, who had for 25 years sailed the seven seas, came to the United States. He selected Sims as the place to seek a livelihood because of it being a young, booming town with lots of possibilities. His first job was mowing hay on the Ben Ramsland ranch with a hand scythe. He worked in the coal mines for several years. He became an American citizen and filed on a homestead on the Muddy Creek. This later became the Hoeger place.

Having a pass, Mr. Peterson made several trips back to Norway. In July, 1886 his wife Lena and 5 children, Peder age 17, Tobine, 12, Abraham, 9, Theodore 5, and Gustava, 1, arrived in Sims. Mrs. Peterson's sister, Bertha, came with them and she passed away about a month after their arrival.

Petersons lived in Sims until 1892 when, after relinquishing their original homestead, they filed on another quarter section, three miles east of Almont. Ted later took an adjoining homestead and also got a quarter section with a tree claim. He played on Almont's first baseball team.

Ted lived with his folks on the ranch until they both passed away. Gabriel died in 1833 at 91 and Mrs. Peterson died in 1937 also at 91 years of age. Ted sold the ranch to Oscar and Elmer Willman and went to McMinnville, Ore. to live with his sister, Tobine, and her husband, Dr. Wm. O. Powell. Gustava (Mrs. Ed Ulrickson) passed away in Seattle after having lived several years in Nome, Alaska with her family. Abe and Pete passed away in 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson

John Peterson, born in Sweden in 1855, came to America in 1881. He first worked on a farm in Iowa and later secured work with the Northern Pacific railroad when they were extending the railroad west of Bismarck. This work brought Mr. Peterson to North Dakota in 1883. While working with the railroad he went to Montana where he contracted to dynamite in some parts of the mountains making preparation for the railroad to go through.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Inger Marie Severson of Norway, who before her marriage was employed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bentley in Bismarck. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson lived on her homestead near Sims (the former Morrell place) when they were married and later moved to a relinquished claim 7 miles S.E. of Almont. The children born with his first wife are: Sig-

vald of Montana; Henry who passed away several years ago; Martin who still resides on his homestead which adjoins his father's homestead and which is now the Edwin Bond farm; Mrs. Lenn Ryen of Belgrade, Mont.; and Mrs. Clara Mutz of Calif. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Peterson went back to Sweden and had made other previous visits there. He married again and 4 children were born to this union, 2 boys, Palmer and Clarence of Oregon, and Melia and Mary in Mont. Mr. Peterson passed away in Sweden at the age of 78 years.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Peterson

Peter R. Peterson, born in Lyndal, Norway, December 24, 1871, came to Sims with his parents in 1888. One of his first jobs was hauling hay with oxen on the Ben Ramsland ranch. In 1890 he was sent by the NPRR to Centralia, Wash. to prospect for coal. He went back to Norway and there married Thora Daland, also of Lyndal, born January 14, 1871. They came to Sims in 1898 and lived across the street from the Sims church.

In 1900 Pete started his own coal mine, and also did painting and repair work in both Sims and Almont communities. He and Gust Olson hauled sand and gravel for the first foundation in Almont. He worked again for the RR and became assistant roadmaster out of Mandan where the family lived in 1912.

In 1915 Mr. Peterson bought a $\frac{1}{4}$ section $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Almont which was home to the family until 1946 when Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Barney, and Thorliev moved to Cedar Valley Ranch in southern Grant county. There they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Mr. Peterson passed away in August, 1955. Mrs. Peterson is still in good health and as always, still enjoys a house full of company. Petersons were enthusiastic boosters in both Almont and Sims communities.

Although Pete had never had a lesson in music, he had a very good knowledge and understanding of it. He led the Sims congregational

singing on his violin before an organ was installed and conducted choirs in both Sims and Almont churches. Besides teaching his children, he enjoyed getting others started in music. Among musical groups which originated at Petersons was a string sextette composed of Volborg, piano; Sig, Chris Halvorson, and Myron Knutson, violins; Barney, cello; and Pete the bass viol. 1929 saw the beginning of a male quartette composed of Chris Halvorson, Myron Knutson, Leon Jacobson and Sig. This group never missed getting together once a week at Petersons. Except for Chris and Sig the personnel changed to include Howard and Vernon Knutson, Paul Ewald, and Harold Halvorson. The accompanists included Volborg, Ruth Pederson, Aalga Halvorson and Marjorie Nelson who during this time became Sig's wife.

The Petersons' six children, all born at Sims, are: Mrs. E. H. Kruger (Borghild), Bismarck, N. D.; Mrs. B. C. Fisher (Volborg), Bend, Oreg.; Ralph, Billings, Mont.; Thorliev and Bjarne at home with their mother; and Sig on the old home place east of Almont.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ramsland

Born at Sannes, Lyngdal, Norway, Oct. 8, 1866, he came to Sims, N. Dak., May, 1883, and worked in the Sims Coal Mine and later at the Sims Brick Yard.

About 1886 the Brick Yard failed. He then took up farm work. He also picked buffalo bones which were plentiful at that time and sold them to the bone market. Settlers at that time were 12 to 15 miles apart, at a distance of 10 miles away from the railroad tracks. He later worked on the railroad as a section worker during the summer of 1888.

There was very little hay to put up in those days because of the many prairie fires that swept the country every fall, and sometimes in the late summertime.

In 1895, he purchased 160 acres of land 10 miles S.W. of Sims, about 7 miles from Almont, for \$2..50 an acre, and homesteaded another 160

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acres in 1906. This constituted his home farm for 55 years.

Mrs. Theo. Ramsland (nee Elene Gabrielson), was born at Lyngdal, Norway, Dec. 6, 1883. She came to Sims, with Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Olson and also accompanied by Theo. Ramsland, who had made a trip to native Norway for a visit during the winter of 1899. They arrived at Sims May 10, 1899.

Elene Gabrielson and Theo. Ramsland were married in the Sims Lutheran Church on May 17, 1899, and moved to the farm shortly afterwards. They celebrated their Golden Wedding May 17, 1949 at the same church.

In this family there are 5 boys. They are as follows:

Fred Ramsland, who has been a rural school teacher for 10 years. During World War II served as radio technician in the U. S. Army Signal Corps and the Air Force. At the present time he is Morton County Surveyor.

Ben Ramsland served in the U. S. Army during World War II and has been postmaster in Almont since 1945.

Toby Ramsland served in the U. S. Army Air Force and was overseas in France and Germany. Before and after the war, he taught school for 5 years. At present he is engaged in farming.

Hogand Ramsland is engaged in farming on the home place. He is co-operative weather observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau and has kept weather records for the past 10 years.

Ole Ramsland, the youngest of the boys, has been active in poultry and egg production, on the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenjus Ramsland

Tenjus Ramsland was born Dec. 21, 1878, in Norway. He came to the United States with his parents, Ben and Anna Ramsland. In June, 1881, they came to Sims where his dad worked in the coal mine and his mother ran a boarding house. The family moved southwest of Almont to what is now known as the Thorvald Larson farm and there he

grew to manhood. He moved to a farm near his home (George Reichel farm) and there ran a coal mine.

On April 28, 1913, he married Susie Ramsland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wohlman. During their stay on this place two daughters were born to them; Mrs. Ed Reeff (Lucille), August 21, 1914, and Mrs. Sam Thiel (Elvira), on Sept. 2, 1916. Later they lived on a number of different farms and Tenjus also did custom threshing. On Sept. 15, 1917, their son Adolph was born, and they moved on a new farm where they stayed for a number of years. A daughter, Laura (Mrs. Theo. Thompson), was born on December 10, 1924. They moved to Almont in the thirties where they still reside. They are members of the Sims Lutheran Church.

Bernt Rolstad

Born in Norway in 1840, Mr. Rolstad came to this community from Minn. about 1890 and filed on a homestead 16 miles south of Sims on the Crown Butte creek. He continued to live there and was never married.

In 1929 Mr. Rolstad went to Fargo to enter an Old Folks home and where he passed away in 1931.

In the early years here Mr. Rolstad was engaged in ranching and he was the first one to grow alfalfa in this part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Scharff

Jake Scharff was born at Jones Spring, W. Va., June 15, 1875, and came to Almont area in April, 1903 and homesteaded 6½ miles South of Almont in 1905. His brother John came with him. They started to build their houses so they could bring their families to North Dakota to live with them.

Jake remembers a blizzard on the 4th and 5th of May, 1905, that lasted for 2 days and nights. At the time of the blizzard Jake and John were living in a tent as the house was not ready to live in.

He was united in marriage to Mary Carter on Nov. 24, 1904. Three children were born to this couple. Blanche was born in Glen

Ullin, and Lee and LaVerne were born on the farm out of Almont.

Jake left the Almont Community in 1916 and took up a new location 11 miles N. E. of Glen Ullin on a ranch.

He moved to Glen Ullin later and was employed at the school house for a number of years.

His wife died on August 13, 1948.

Mr. Scharff has retired and still lives at Glen Ullin. His homestead house has been moved to Almont and is now occupied by Ben Ramsland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scharff

John N. Scharff, born at Jones Spring, West Virginia, July 22, 1879, came to Glen Ullin in 1903. He homesteaded about 3 miles southwest of Almont in 1905 where he raised horses and cattle and farmed. He operated a butcher shop in Almont about 1907 or 1908. Later he handled the Watkins line for a number of years and had a warehouse at Richardton. When the warehouse was destroyed by fire, he changed to the Raleigh line. This enabled him to travel around a lot and become acquainted with many people.

Mr. Scharff was married to Virginia Eberhardt and four children were born to this union. Wilbur of Almont, Mrs. Waldemar Hansen (Helen), and Kenneth, both of Seattle, Wash. One child died before they came to North Dakota. Mr. Scharff passed away in November, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schollart, Sr.

Frank Schollart, born in 1843, and Melanie Huysman, born in 1848, native Belgians, were married in 1865 and lived in Belgium until 1882 when they with their six children immigrated to the United States. Mr. Schollart, a coal miner by trade, and family, naturally migrated to coal country which in their case was Larimore, Penn.

Hearing later of the free land to be homesteaded in the middle west, they decided there would be a better future on a farm of their own. They came to Sims which was a large boom town with coal mines, besides it had the best and largest

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spring of water in the state. The family lived in Sims until the homestead was located three miles northeast of Sims. With the father and son both employed at the coal mine and the two eldest daughters working away from home, funds were gathered with which to build a two room frame house on the homestead. The mother with the help of the younger children built a sod lean-to on the house to make more room for the family.

The Schollarts were real pioneers, suffering the hardships of poverty, long cold winters, dry summers, and crop failures. Prairie fires were a constant threat and one fire almost destroyed the family home.

Mr. Schollart died in 1900 and his widow in 1922. The eldest daughter, Mary, Mrs. John White, still lives in Kalispell, Mont. Ida, Mrs. N. W. Sarles, died in Jan. 1956. Prudence, Mrs. John Carrick, lives in Vancouver, B. C. Frank Jr. died in 1955, and Mathilda died in 1897. James, a retired railroad man, with his wife, lives in Los Angeles, Calif. Alice, Mrs. Fred W. Nagel, lives in New Salem, N. D., and Joe who homesteaded near his parents' "claim," died in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schollart

Joe Schollart was born in Belgium, and emigrated to America with his parents in 1882, coming to the coal fields of Pennsylvania, and later to Sims, N. D. whose fame as a "boom-town" had reached to the eastern boundaries of the United States. In 1900 he filed on a homestead near that of his father, Frank Schollart, and lived there until his death in 1939. His wife and two sons had previously passed away. Another son passed away in 1947. The youngest son, Debs, and only sister, Eva, make their home on the old farm a few miles north of Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels O. Seim

Nels O. Seim, born on October 30, 1880 at Decorah, Iowa, moved with his parents to Neb. in 1881. In 1887 they moved across country in a covered wagon to Capitol, Mont.

In 1893 the family moved to what

is now Shadehill, S. D., living in that territory until moving to Almont, N. D. in 1910. In 1903 Nels started freighting groceries, lumber, posts, and wire from the old town of Sims back to S. D. Each trip with lumber wagons and horses would take at least a week, three days for each way and one day for buying the supplies. When Almont started in 1906, he freighted from there. This was continued until 1907 when the town of Lemmon, S. D. was started.

Selma T. Olson was born on December 5, 1892 at Sims, N. D. At the age of nine she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rickert Olson, to the homestead, which is now the Melvin Olson farm, living there until her marriage to Nels Seim on October 6, 1910. They have resided on the former Rudolph Feland farm since their marriage.

They have three daughters: Mrs. Oscar Monson (Cora), Mrs. Johan Killen (Ruth), and Mrs. Elmer Wanstrom (Beatrice), all of Almont. They have 10 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sherwood

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sherwood came to North Dakota from Washington, Iowa, stopping for a short time in New Salem. When Almont was started in 1906, the family came here and started a restaurant. Later they had one of Almont's two hotels. Mr. Sherwood also took over the Casserly Hardware store, which was Almont's first hardware.

The Sherwoods' had a homestead south of Almont, and in 1934 retired and moved into Almont and made their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood had a family of four children, the following: Ruth B. Sherwood, deceased; Ross Sherwood, a veteran of the first World War, who gave his life for his country, dying in Siberia, Russia.

Carl R. Sherwood, who owns a typewriter exchange, 178 Buchanan St., Twin Falls, Idaho; William Sherwood, who has an insurance agency, 1018 Jasper Ave., Medford, Ore.

Louis J. Stoeckel Family

Louis J., son of States Attorney L. W. Stoeckel and Christina Helfter of Watertown, S. D., was born in Osage, Ia., August 2, 1877. He graduated from high school at Raymond, S. D.

Rose, daughter of John S. Rick and Mary Perring, was born February 20, 1882, in Chicago, Ill. Her father was manager of the Unity Deposits Savings Bank in Chicago, which was owned by the Governor of Illinois. At the time of her father's death, he was County Judge at Sea Side, Ore.

Louis Stoeckel and Rose Rick were married by the Rev. P. J. Coffferky of the Catholic church, April 21, 1909. Mr. Stoeckel had been a conductor on the Inter-Mountain Ry. at Denver, Colo., until he was asked by Mr. C. L. Chase, Sr. to come to Almont to accept a position as bookkeeper for the Chase Elevator and Lumber Co. in 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoeckel came as newlyweds to Almont a week after they were married and built a home and raised their family here. Mr. Stoeckel was a part of the Almont Lumber Co. for 38 years. He served as treasurer of the village board for several years. Mrs. Stoeckel served on the executive board of the first Red Cross Auxiliary that was organized in Almont. Through the years Mr. and Mrs. Stoeckel have been members of St. Leopold's Catholic Church of Almont. Mr. Stoeckel passed away in June, 1947 as a result of an eye operation.

Their children are:

Georgia M., music teacher at Valley City State Teachers College. She served as a member of the WAVES (womens division of the navy) 3 years.

Virginia, who passed away at the age of 10 months.

James Louis, Supervisor at Lockheed, Burbank, Calif.

Ethel (Mrs. J. V. Sullivan) who, with her husband, operate a jewelry store at White Hall, Mont.

Genevieve, at home in Almont with her mother.

There are three grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Templeton

E. E. Templeton came to western N. D. in the fall of 1904 with a group of Iowa men to check the possibilities in this new country. He bought land and filed on a homestead one mile south of the present city of Carson, N. D.

In 1906 the Heart River Land Company of St. Paul employed Mr. Templeton to be their field man to look after their interests in Morton County. At this time Almont was developing and the land company office was moved from Sims to Almont.

Mr. Templeton was appointed Almont's first postmaster and acted in that capacity from 1906 to 1912, resigning at that time to join Jens Nelson in forming the Nelson Templeton Company to sell machinery and hardware.

On June 24, 1908, he and Miss Lucy Seba of Sanborn, Ia., were married and have lived in their present home continuously since.

There were seven children in the Templeton home. Six attended and finished the course of study given by the Almont High School. The following are the present addresses of the children:

Mrs. Ben Frelleson (Lucile) 283 Front St., Owego, N. Y.

Mrs. Lois B. Kuns, 817 13th St., Bismarck, N. D.

Mrs. Harry Bettencourt (Dorothy), 522 Apgar St., Oakland, Calif.

Miss M. Madaleen Templeton, 416 61st. Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. R. E. Roberts (Yvonne), Lakota, N. D.

Francis Maxine Templeton, deceased.

Gordon A. Templeton, serving in the Navy continuously as a yeoman and chief pharmacist mate since 1939. His home address, where he lives with his wife and two daughters is 733 Kerns Road, Falls Church, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Thor

Charles G. Thor came from Sweden in 1899 to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for a while, then for John Morrell & Co. of Ottumwa. In the spring of 1900 he

worked on a construction gang for the C. B. Q. Railroad, working again for Morrells during the winter. Later he worked in both a grocery store and a blacksmith shop.

In July, 1903, Mr. Thor went to Minneapolis where he was employed in the Plymouth Clothing House shoe shop for 3½ years. At this time he met Mrs. Thor and they were married that fall. In 1953 they celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Thor came to Almont on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1907 with their emigrant car containing their possessions. The first year on the homestead, Mr. Thor walked back and forth to Almont, putting up new buildings in Almont for a building contractor.

The first years Mr. Thor hauled coal to Almont for the Knutson and Ramsland mines and worked his fields and milked cows during the summer. In 1919 Mr. Thor bought a quarter of land from John Knutson containing a coal mine. He then uncovered the coal and sold it to the farmers. They also hauled it to Almont with 8 teams for shipping on the railroad. During the winter of 1921-22 Mr. Thor sold 41 box cars of coal, and 31 carloads the following winter.

In recent years most of the coal is sold locally. Their son Clarence lives on the family farm and operates the Thor mine.

On Dec. 17, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Thor moved into their new home in Almont which Mr. Thor built. They are members of the Almont Lutheran church.

Their children are:

Mrs. Oscar Olson (Emmy), Miles City, Mont.; Clarence W. Thor, Almont, N. D.; Carl R. Thor, Salem, Ore.; Mrs. Erwing Cotton (Helen), River Grove, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. August Timmerman

August Timmerman was born in Bremerhaven, Germany in 1863. He came to Sims in 1887 and devoted the first five or six years there to sheep raising. In 1893 he purchased the general merchandise store at Sims from his brother, C. L. Timmerman. August was a

shrewd business man and his business prospered. In connection with his store he operated a lumber yard and also bought grain. He was postmaster in Sims for many years and held that office until 1910 when he moved his stock of merchandise to Almont where he continued his business until February, 1915. At that time his store building, which included their living quarters, was completely destroyed by fire. The Timmermans then moved to Mandan to look after the estate left by his brother, C. L. Timmerman who had just died. August was married to Masene Johnson. They had three children, namely: Anna (Mrs. Charles Cunningham), Dickinson, N. D., Mary, Bismarck, N. D., and John in Minnesota.

Mr. Timmerman passed away in 1926, several years after the death of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timpe

Herman Timpe, born Sept. 19, 1869 of Menominee, Ill. and Catherine Venner born Nov. 22, 1871 in Zinsinawa Mound, Wis. were married Jan. 22, 1894 in Hazel Green, Wis. They lived in this vicinity a short time, then moved to Madison, Wis. In 1907 Mr. Timpe came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead 8 miles southwest of Almont. On Jan. 1, 1908, Mrs. Timpe arrived in Almont with their six children, whose names are: Walter, August, Edwin, Leo, Mary and Anne. Their belongings were shipped in an immigrant car. They made their home in a house 12' by 20' until 1911, when a new part was added.

The first year they seeded 5 acres of wheat, but in 1910 the south railroad was to be built, so Martin James and Mr. Timpe contracted the work of hauling timbers and supplies for the new R.R., which helped provide for the family. In 1911 Mr. Timpe and Tom Miller, a blacksmith, bought a steam engine breaking outfit and did most of the new breaking in the neighborhood. Two more children were added to the family tree namely, Regina and Nickolas.

A school was built about three-

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fourths of a mile from home and the children were fortunate to have the ever-loving and respected Carrie Jacobson (Mrs. John Kennedy) for their teacher.

Mrs. Timpe made a cake of cheese nearly everyday except Sunday and distributed it to the stores in Almont, New Salem and Glen Ullin for resale. She also did sewing for the family and others for many years. Mrs. Timpe enjoyed sewing for the needy and especially for her grandchildren.

The Timpe boys formed an orchestra and with the help of a neighbor boy Casey Martin, played for many dances and weddings. Walter still does his share of fiddling.

Mr. Timpe had a steam threshing machine and did threshing all over the neighborhood. He and his sons run the outfit for many years and he anxiously awaited for threshing time each Fall. He was separator man for his son Walter the Fall before he died.

In 1927 the family moved to Almont and resided in the John Scharff house while waiting for their new home to be built. This they moved into in 1929.

Mrs. Timpe passed away Oct. 21, 1939 and Mr. Timpe passed away June 25, 1949.

Ingebright S. Trovik

Ingebright S. Trovik and three sons Samuel, Ingebright and John came to Sims from Bergen, Norway in the fall of 1905. Mr. Trovik and Ingebright filed on homesteads seven miles southwest of what is now the village of Almont.

Mrs. Trovik and four younger children, Margrete, Harold, Fritjof and Thorval came in October 1906.

A few years later Mr. Trovik went to Seattle, Wash. where he sought employment. He passed away there in 1918. Mrs. Trovik with the help of the children continued to operate the farm.

The oldest son Samuel was employed as section foreman on the Northern Pacific railway at Sims for some time, then engaged in farming, until the time of his death in 1929. He never married.

Ingebright the second son farmed

here until 1945. He was married to Ida Frovig of Manfred, N. D. in the fall of 1944. They moved to a farm in Verndale, Minn., in 1948, where he died in May 1952.

John, a skilled machinist enlisted in World War I. A few weeks after reaching Brest, France he contracted pneumonia and died October 20, 1918.

Harold, a seaman, perished at sea in December 1918. The freighter homeward bound from New Zealand with a cargo caught fire shortly after leaving port.

Margrete remained at home. She passed away in 1938.

Mrs. Anna Trovik remained on the farm until a few days before her death. She passed away at the home of her son Fritjof March 12, 1943 at the age of 80 years.

Thorval, the youngest son went to Seattle, Wash. in 1921 where he worked in a logging camp and later took up brick laying; which trade he followed up to the time of his death. He spent a few years in Battle Creek, Mich. returning to N. D. in 1933 and worked on the capitol building at Bismarck, and later in Mont. and Wash.

In the fall of 1937 he married Miss Katherine Koehn of Valley City where they made their home, after purchasing one there. He died in 1948.

Fritjof operated his mother's farm until 1927 when he took over the Standard Oil bulk station in Almont, which he operated for a few years in connection with other trucking. He continued this for many years until his health failed and he was obliged to dispose of the business. He passed away Sept. 16, 1954.

He was married to Ingeborg Nyquist of Almont in May 1931. They had one daughter Gwen Ann, who was the only grandchild in the Trovik family. Gwen is now the wife of Rev. Rex Whitney of Concordia, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wanstrom

Charles Wanstrom was born in Sweden but when he came to this country we do not know. He was a railroad worker at Brainard, Minn. at the time he was married to Ellen

Hanson August 13, 1879.

Ellen Hanson came from Sweden in 1869 to Brainard, Minn. where she did house work for rich people until she was married to Charles Wanstrom. In 1880 they moved to N. D. where he was section foreman at Curlew on the Northern Pacific railroad. They lived in the section house and his wife boarded the section men. He homesteaded three fourths of a mile north of Curlew where they lived at the time their only child, George was born September 27, 1886.

Charles Wanstrom passed away in the year of 1900, and his wife passed away September 8, 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wanstrom

George Wanstrom was born at Curlew September 27, 1886 where he still lives on the same farm and ranch seven miles west of Almont. June 30, 1909 he was married to Inga Johnson. She was born January 7, 1888. To this union five children were born. Luella Valborg born February 15, 1910 and passed away January 26, 1930. Elmer married to Beatrice Seim now living near Almont. Wilbur has attended the University at Tucson, Arizona from which he was graduated May 24, 1956. Charles at home, and Luella May married to Kenneth Becker. They are both teaching school at Underwood, N. Dak.

There was a great advantage to live so near to the railroad where one could travel from and to town no matter what the weather. There were three operators stationed at the Curlew Depot in 1917. But every summer there also was a constant fear of prairie fires, so with better roads and ways of travel the railroad has not been missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil M. Willman

Emil M. Willman was born in Tronjheim, Norway in 1876 and at a very early age came to the United States and settled at Decorah, Iowa, where he was educated at Decorah College. When his education course was completed he came to N. D. in 1895, where he was engaged in educational work. While perfecting title to a homestead he met and married Miss Olivia Feland in 1898. Miss Feland was born in Christi-

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ania, Norway and also came to the United States at an early age. When Mr. Willman passed away at the age of 37 he left to mourn, his wife and five children, six brothers, one sister and other relatives. Four months later his fourth son, Emil Margido, was born.

Mr. Willman was one of the most highly educated men in the western part of N. D. and always had been prominent in educational circles. He taught school for many years and was always popular with the other teachers. He was appointed to the position of Deputy County Supt. of schools in Morton County, a position he filled with credit.

Mrs. Olivia Willman, some years later met and married Wm. Lotspiech. She lost her life in a fire that destroyed the family home south of Sims. Olivia was a courageous and plucky person. She was an active member of the Sims church.

There were eight children: Erling, operator of a boarding house in Berkley, Calif.; Andrew, lumber dealer and rancher, Almont; Gertrude, teacher, deceased; Elsie Willman MacKenzie, Portland, Ore.; Enoch, rancher, Almont; E. Margido, rancher, Almont; Luella Lotspiech Blevins, furrier, Oakland, Calif.; Dorothy Lotspiech Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Willman

Martin Willman was born near Trondheim, Norway, Oct. 26, 1884. He was educated at an Agricultural school in Norway. He came to the United States in the spring of 1906, having assured his relatives in Norway that he would return there in a year's time. However this promising country offered too much to leave, and that same year he filed on a homestead 3 miles northeast of Almont. To this new farm home he brought Miss Tillie Jacobson his bride in April 1909. She was the daughter of one of the earliest pioneers, Jacob Jacobson of Sims.

Ten children came to bless this home, all of whom are living. Elmer and Oscar are farming near Almont. Mrs. Carl Thor, (Grace) em-

ployed at the Capitol, Salem, Ore. Ralph, employed in an arsenal, Vallejo, Cal.; Mrs. Leo Scheider (Lillian) housewife, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Clarence Thor (Margaret), housewife, Almont, N. D.; Mrs. Orval Olin (Ruth), Teacher, New Salem, N. D.; Edward, Hardware clerk, Almont, N. D.; Mrs. S. Johnson (Joyce), housewife, Milwaukee, Ore.; Mrs. Archie Bethke (Audrey) housewife, Judson, N. D.

The Willmans are members of Sims Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Willman is a member of the Ladies Aid also.

There are twenty one grandchildren and two great-grand children.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Weekes

Stephen P. Weekes and Anna Thompson were married in Yankton, S. D. in 1878. In 1880 they moved to Mandan, N. D. where Mr. Weekes operated a butcher shop for two years. In 1882 he took over the management of a large ranch on the Heart River 12 miles south of Almont. This ranch was one of several owned by the Riverside Ranch Co. They ran about 2000 head of cattle and 400 horses on this spread. S. P. later bought the ranch and operated it until it was sold to Ralph Dawson. This ranch was the scene of many good rodeos put on by the Weekes brothers, Max Theil, and George Ormiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Weekes were one of the few couples who have been able to celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Weekes passed away in 1943 at the age of 86. Mr. Weekes passed away several years later.

Their children were: Steven, Jr. who lives on a ranch north of Lark; Charles W. lives on a ranch north of Flasher; Mrs. Charles Weibke (Stella), lives in Conn.; Arthur O., Carson; Mrs. Max Theil (Margaret); James F., deceased; and Mrs. Jay Slavick (Florence) south of Judson.

The Wm. Weiss Family

Wm. Weiss was born in Germany in 1867 and came to America in 1893. Carolina Keller was born in

Minnesota in 1877 and came to North Dakota in 1883 with her parents. Mr. Weiss filed on his homestead in 1897, he built a log house and sod barn. They lived in the log house until 1907 when they moved into the house which is now the home of their youngest son, Arthur. Mr. Weiss recalls that he cut hay and hauled it to town to sell and he worked as a threshing hand with a team for 75 cents a day. A neighbor, George Bopp, Sr. let them have a cow so the children would have milk.

Weiss' were the parents of 13 children. Clara Bahr, Emma and Willie are deceased. The living are Maggie Vollrath, Eileen Gaeba, Louise Norton, William E., Herman and Arthur, all of New Salem, Ella Purfeerst of Valley City, Theresa Schwartz of Dickinson, Harold of California, and Loretta Daniels of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1947 at their original farm home. They live in New Salem now and have 28 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Matt Wohlman Family

Matt Wohlman was born in Hungary, April 2, 1859. He married Magdalene Hoyer on November 22, 1885. She was born on December 24, 1868. They, with their four children, Joe, Martin, Gertie, and Susie came to the United States in 1898 on April 6th. They filed on a homestead near the Berger Spring, and what is now known as the John Bachler farm. The Wohlmans lost their home and other buildings by fire so moved to a homestead on Section 14, 137-87 which was their home until they moved to Almont. During the above years five more children came to bless their home. Clara (Mrs. Joe Filibeck) John, Frank, Pete and Kathie (Mrs. Wilbur Scharff) who died in 1926.

In later years Mr. and Mrs. Wohlman moved to New Salem where their daughter (Mrs. Matt Osafin) took care of them until they were called to their Maker. Mr. Wohlman passed away January 20, 1944, and Mrs. Wohlman passed away on February 9, 1946.

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Othella, Wash.
Thelma Hyde Klingensmith
Almont, N. D.
Andrew Willman
Almont, N. D.

Class of 1921

Alice Anderson Termstrom
Joplin, Mont.
Esther Erlandson—Deceased
Verna Bird—Deceased
Edith Malone Skjolsvik
Almont, N. D.

Class of 1923

Wallace Hyde
5309 Woodale Avenue
Minneapolis, Minn.
Aalga Knudson Fero
2307 Glenwood Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio
Ida Mitzman
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Class of 1924

Evelyn Erlandson Torgeson
912 N. 24th Street
Billings, Mont.
Viola Knutson Moore
1101 Park Avenue
Austin, Minn.
Mary Malone Weiss
Point Reyes Station
Calif.
Ruth Malone Abraham
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