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SITS# 32 BL 854

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Site Name Apple Creek Elementary

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Site Name Apple Creek School #1

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NAD 1983 UTM 5182498 Zone 14N

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City: Bismarck

Subsection
1 = N½
2 = E½
3 = S½
4 = W½
5 = NE¼
6 = SE¼
7 = SW¼
8 = NW¼

Street Number: 2000

Street Name: 93rd St SE

Urban Legal Description: _____

Total Number of **Architectural** Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 12/12/2020

Reconnaissance Survey _____

Intensive Survey

Project & Principal Investigator:

Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

SHSND

Additional Information:

SHSND USE
 Component 2 Study Unit 19 Verified Site 1 CR Type 2
 Component _____
 Component _____

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Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.

Architectural Feature # 1

Construction Date _____

Feature Date 1880-1900

Structural System Wood Frame

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Feature Type 9 - School; Church school

Context Education

Primary Exterior Plastic, Vinyl

Secondary Exterior _____

Condition Excellent

Plan Shape Rectangular

Style Utilitarian

Architect/Builder _____

Foundation fieldstone; concrete Stories 1.0

Roof/Cornice gable

Window replaced

Dating Method(s) school records, local history book

Miscellaneous Information _____

Feature Preservation Recommendation(s) (Check all that apply):

Individual nomination

Contributes to a potential district

No nomination potential

Will not contribute to a district

Potential district—feature would be a contributing element if other properties constitute a district

Thematic nomination potential

Component of a historic site or landscape

Moved (specify all applicable choices)—a) relocation occurred within a historic period; b) recreates original site, orientation, landscape, and spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility

Historical associations require further investigation

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NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL FORM**PAGE 3 – Feature Data**Field Code LM-20-AC SchoolSITS# 32 BL 854**Complete one Page 3 for each architectural feature at the site.**

1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

The earliest school record found was 1898 and an early image shows it was a fairly classic one room school house but with a small el addition at the southwest and a more substantial open entry than typically seen for the era. It was likely built within a couple years of the oldest record if not that year. At some point between the date the 1957 aerial was taken and the book Burleigh County: Prairie Trails to Hi-Ways (1978) was written, the school building was expanded to have three classrooms. Based on the tone of the book excerpt and the school-age population boom was happening around the state, it is likely the expansion happened in the early to mid-1960s. With the expansion, the school was more than doubled in size to the south, the roof line changed, and the bell tower removed. The large entry on the school was retained but the doors have been replaced. An additional entry was added to the south on the east facade as well. The visible foundation shows concrete covered with insulation that has small gravel on the exterior. A cracked area under the old school portion reveals a stone foundation there. All the siding is now vinyl and the windows appear to be vinyl but a few could not be examined but appear to have metal trim.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

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NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL FORM**PAGE 4 – Site Description****Field Code** LM-20-AC School**SITS#** 32 **BL** 8543. Site Area (ft²):

4. Description of Access and Site Setting:

To the north, west, and south are several rows of trees with residences, rural housing developments, and farms nearby. The playground is southwest of the buildings and then green space is between the equipment and a paved outdoor basketball court. South of the playground and court is green space. East of the school buildings is a gravel circular drive and parking.

5. Summary of ALL Site Features and Evaluation of Significance:

Sometime between 1997 and 2003, another building was added to the property south of the main school building. This building is a simple rectangle with a gable roof and minimal fenestration. The siding is vinyl and the foundation is covered with a painted paneling. Between 2006 and 2009, another simple building was added in the northwest corner of the property, then another along the north was built between 2010 and 2012 and those two were connected by 2014 (based on aerials). This now combined building has vinyl siding and the foundation is covered with sheet metal. Additionally, a small shed appears to have been moved around the property several times over the years and the playground has also moved. All buildings have ramps at the main entrances but only steps at other egresses and materials vary from metal to "maintenance-free" deck materials.

6. References/Comments:

Beth Hughes Bauman and Dorothy J. Jackson, Burleigh County: Prairie Trails to Hi-Ways (Dallas: Taylor Publishing Co., 1978).

Apple Creek Elementary School webpage, <https://applecreekschool.org/> accessed 12/11/2020.

ND Aerial Dissemination Mapservice, <https://aerial.swc.nd.gov/>

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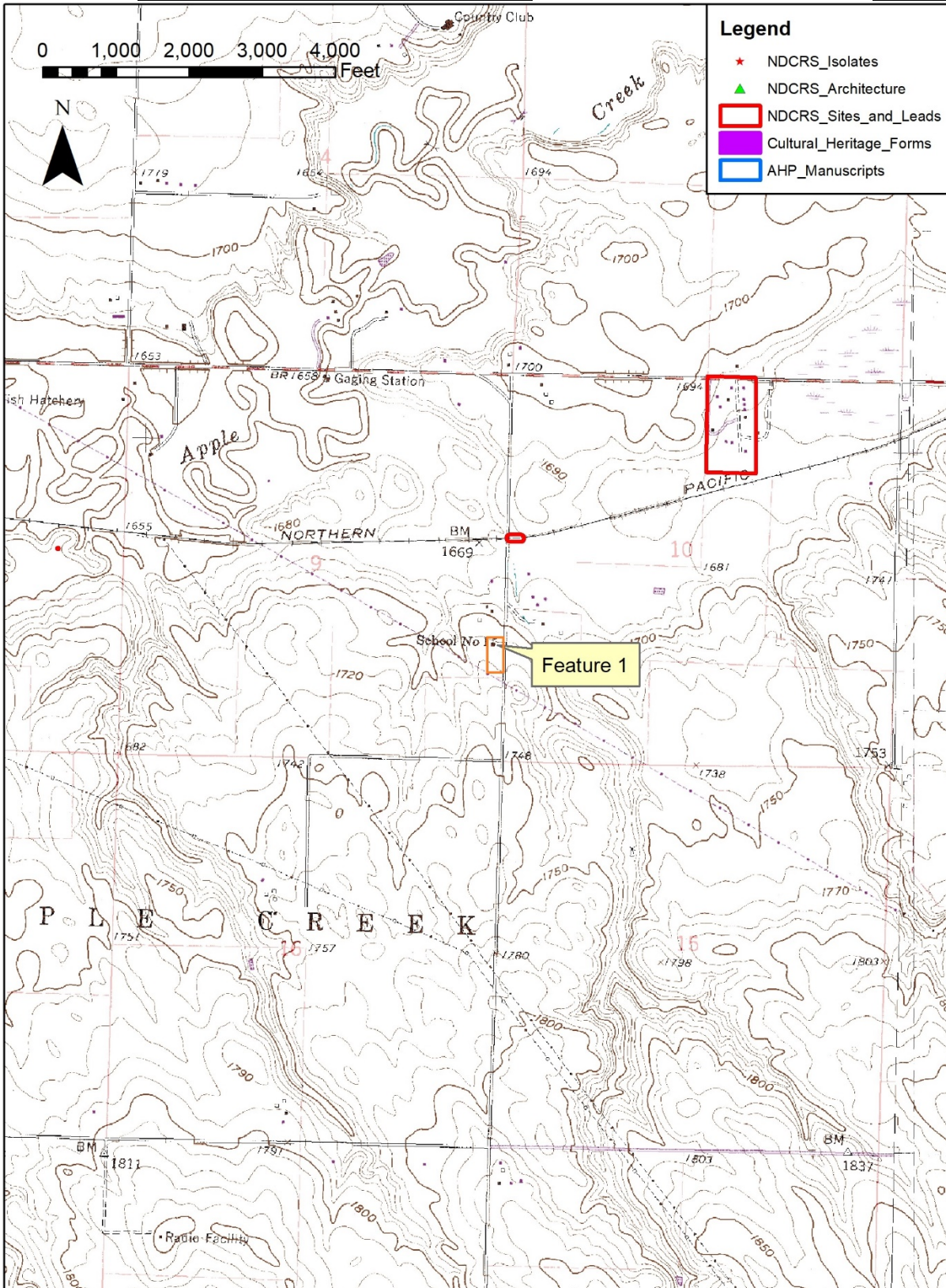


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Feature 1 east façade, original school was the north portion



Feature 1 NE corner

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Feature 1 north side



Feature 1 west end from NW

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Feature 1 SW corner



Feature 1 south side basement windows

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Ca. 2000 building and Feature 1 SE corner



Ca. 2000 building NW corner

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Ca. 2006-2014 building SE



Ca. 2006-2014 building E

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Ca. 2006-2014 building NE



Ca. 2006-2014 building SW

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Shed SE corner



Shed N side

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Playground overview from N and ca. 2006 building W end

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Apple Creek flooding at home of Enola Eck, April, 1948

HISTORY OF APPLE CREEK SCHOOL #1

Apple Creek is one of the oldest schools in the county. The 2 older schools are no longer in existence at the present time. There were 3 schools in the township, and one was between Laemmle's and Czeckok's. Number 3 was east of Laemmle's about 3 miles.

The School District was organized in 1878. Before this a Miss Mary Falconer had a private school which now was organized and transferred to the newly organized district. The name Apple Creek was probably taken from the stream nearby. This was supposed to have been named by early French-Canadians for the Red-Haw thickets on its banks.

The first records I could find were dated Dec. 20, 1898 and July 1, 1899. The first was a census (school) signed by W. D. Bates with 15 pupils recorded. Another report was the clerk's on the number of schools in the district, books, finances, and the number of teachers employed by the district (2).

The officers at this time were: President, Leonard Marcellus; Clerk, W. S. Bates; Treasurer, William M. Edwards; Directors, Albert Whitten and J. A. Field.

They set aside \$166.25 for teacher's salaries for the year. On June 30 1900, the treasury had a total of \$177.76. They had 30 books in the school library and not one dictionary. The total value of the school was \$800. All of the members of the board had to have a certificate of qualification. They also had to have to register this plus take an official oath and bond set at \$800 (the total value of the school).

The teachers must have boarded at different homes. Just 1, a Mrs. John Krueger, stayed in the teacherage. Others must have driven. The pupils walked, were brought by their parents, or rode horseback. They must have kept the horses in the barn as hay was kept there.

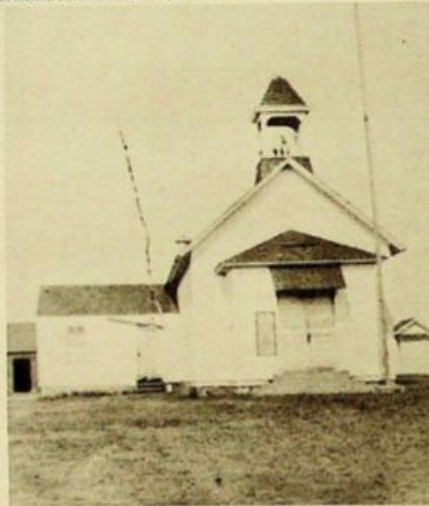
The length of the school term was different. They ranged from 3 months to 6 and 7 months. The salary varied with the length of the term. I found some of the terms conflicted with each other according to the dates. It must have been that different people had a term within the same year.

The school to begin with was a 1 room and then later was remodeled to fit the needs of the community. The barn was sold and the large bell was also sold. At one time, the school was so large they had 3 classrooms. The school at the present time is still in session with 8 students.

In 1897 the school term began July 1 and ended Aug. 24. Teacher — Katie Shain. May 3rd to June 30, 1897, 10 pupils, 38 days of teaching. (I found two dates). In 1898, Essie Brown taught 13 pupils from Apr. 18 through June 30. Her 6-month term had dates April 17 to Sept. 30, 1899, 10 pupils. 1901 — Sept. 28, teacher — G. H. Ward — 5 pupils. 1902 — April 21 — 6 month term, 12 pupils, Katie Stewart. 1900 — May 14 — June 29, teacher — Edna M. Nuihartes, 18 pupils. 1901 — Esther Braun — Sept. 2 — Oct. 25, 9 pupils. 1901 — July 1 — Aug. 16, Gail Ward — 14 pupils. April 15 — June 28, Gail Ward, 14 pupils. 1902 — April 21 — June 21, Katie Stewart, 16 pupils. 1902 — April 12 —



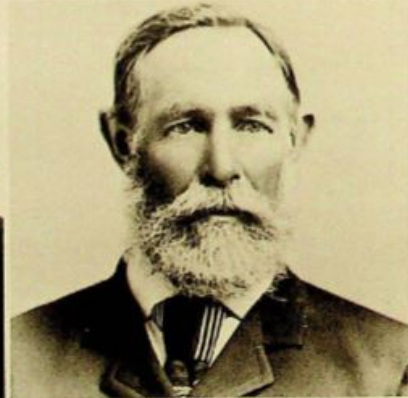
Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor



Original Apple Creek School #1



Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson and family



Albert Whitten



Apple Creek School #3, 1927-28



Apple Creek School #2, 1949

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Oct., 17 pupils 1903 — Sept. 28 — Oct. 23, Florence Salterlund, 11 pupils. 1903 — July 1 — Sept. 28, M. Richards, 19 pupils. 1903 — April 20 — June, M. Richards, 18 pupils. 1904 — April 25 — Oct. 7, Clara Dawson, 1905 — July 3 — Aug. 31, Elliott McFarland, 21 pupils. 1906 — April 16 — July, Edith Owens, 30 pupils. \$50 a month — 3 months of school — 24 books in the library. 1908 — Dec. 2 — March 20, Morris, 24 pupils, 80 days taught — \$50 a month. 1908 — July 1 — July 10, Martha Reisser, 18 pupils. 1908 — April 13 — June 30, Marth Reisser, 18 pupils. 1908 — Oct. 5 — May 14, 1909, 29 pupils, Marvissa Mandigo, 7 months — \$50 a month. 1909 — Oct. 4 — April 15, 1910, Jessie Williams, 21 pupils, 7 months. 1911 — Sept. 6 — March 17, Eda Thrans, 21 pupils, 6 months. 1911 — Sept. 5 — June 7, 1912, Gertrude Evarts, 25 pupils, 9 months \$50. 1912 — Sept. 3, 1912 — June 20, 1913, Gertrude Evarts, 23 pupils, 9 months. 1913 — Sept. 23 — June 12, 1914, Goldie Flath.

Mrs. T. D. Sullivan and Mrs. Carl Laemmle

WESLEY AND GRACE ACKERMAN

In Aug. of 1927, Grace and Wesley Ackerman moved to Bismarck with their son, Robert. The Ackermans were born in Minnesota and after their marriage had moved to several communities planning on starting a business. They settled in Jamestown, ND, in 1919 and opened a radiator repair shop. They lived there until 1926 and migrated west to California looking for better business opportunities. Both Grace and Wes decided that North Dakota was the state in which they preferred to live and thought Bismarck, ND, offered the best advantages.

They opened Ack's Radiator Shop and eventually built their own establishment on Main Street between 6th and 7th street where Wes lived and worked until his death in 1959.

Robert attended the William Moore grade school, Wills Junior High and the Bismarck High School. He attended the North Dakota Agriculture College of Fargo. He went into the army and served in the Ordnance Division as a mechanic. He was in Germany during World War II with the rank of Staff Sergeant. When the war ended, Bob returned to Bismarck and bought a partnership in Ack's Radiator Shop with his parents.

The summer of 1951, Janet Beine visited her sister who lived in Bismarck and met Bob. They were married in her home town, Superior, WI, on June 21, 1952. Their first home was in one of the apartments above the radiator shop on Main Street in Bismarck.

Their first child was born on Aug. 3, 1953. They named her Linda Kathleen. The apartment was too small in which to raise a family so in Sept. of 1953, Janet and Bob bought 21 acres of land in Apple Creek township on which was built a log cabin right on the bank of the creek. They added a basement, 3 bedrooms and a bathroom to the cabin and moved into their country home late Aug. of 1954.

In May, 1955, John William Ackerman was born. Then in Oct. of 1956, Robert Whitford joined the family. Everything went well for the Robert Ackermans and Janet was able to find time between gardening, visiting with her neighbors and being a busy wife and mother to substitute teach in some rural schools.

Vaneta Janet Ackerman was born in Oct. 12, 1959. Linda, John and Robert were delighted to have a baby in the home and the family decided it was time to build a playroom in the basement. The walls were paneled, carpeting put down and all the toys, bookcases and odds and ends of furniture moved to the new recreation area. The joy of that room was short lived because the spring of 1960 brought disaster.

The winter had been one of heavy snow and when spring thaw came, the creek flooded its

banks and filled the basement. Neighbors came and helped move everything possible from the main floor of the house. The water kept coming and soon the creek was flowing through the windows of the living room.

But not discouraged, Janet and Bob built a new home a little further from the creek. The bedrooms were moved from the foundation and attached to the garage and an addition was added containing a kitchen, utility room, dining area and large living room. While the house was being pieced together, the Ackerman family camped in a small 19 foot camp trailer loaned to them by the Ken B ergo family.

Janet continued to substitute teach in the rural schools. She taught at Menoken in 1964. She taught under Title I at Gibbs School and then signed a contract to teach in Gibbs township until the school closed approximately 5 years ago. She still substitutes occasionally and teaches Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The children grew, attended Apple Creek School and became active in 4-H. Janet and Bob were so interested in 4-H, especially the horsemanship project that they volunteered to be 4-H leaders for the Burleigh County Horsemasters 4-H Club and were leaders until Aug., 1976.

All 4 children attended Simle Junior High and Bismarck High Schools. Linda went to B.J.C. one year and then attended the Technical College of the Rockies in Thermopolis, WY, and graduated as a veterinarian technician. She worked as a Veterinarian assistant in Fort Morgan, Co and then managed the vet barn at the Cooper Feed Lot until her marriage Dec. 5, 1975. She and her husband, Rick Vannest, still live in Fort Morgan.

John graduated in Jan. of 1973. He worked in the radiator shop for his father until June and then joined the navy. He is a medical corpsman and stationed in Jacksonville, NC. He married Jacqueline Krietel of Bismarck, ND in Nov., 1974.

When Robert graduated in 1974, he continued working at the radiator shop. Urban renewal had bought the property on Main Street in 1973 so Janet and Bob bought Grace's shares in Ack's Radiator Shop and relocated the business at 2201 East Broadway in the new building they had constructed.

Grace moved to the Mason apartments in Bismarck, retiring from the business she and Wes had started in 1927, at the age of 82.

Robert became ill and found it necessary to sell the family business in the fall of 1975.

Grace passed away in Sept. of 1975, having fallen and broken her hip during the summer.

Young Robert decided to go to school and is attending a branch of the University of South Dakota in Springfield, SD. He will graduate as a diesel mechanic.

Vaneta graduates from Bismarck High School in May, 1977 and has not made definite plans for college at this time. She is the Burleigh County 4-H Horsemasters Club Queen and also the representative for the youth in the Bismarck Horse Club. At present, she works part time for the company that bought Ack's Radiator Shop, now known as Central Radiator. She does general office work and is the firm's delivery person.

Robert and Janet are both retired and are spending their time fixing up their home and traveling to various parts of the United States.
Mrs. Bob Ackerman

BATES NEIGHBORS

Mr. and Mrs. George Procter were cannery Scots from Scotland. His homestead was the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-138-79. He had a well-equipped blacksmith shop, also 1 of the first threshing machines in Apple Creek township. He served on the Township Board for many years. Moved to Canada in the spring of 1910, and spent the rest of their lives in Canada.

The B. E. Pickering family came from Eagle Grove, IA, and he was Section foreman at Magnus. They lived on S. 30-138-79.

Willard S. Dawson was from Delaware, and homesteaded on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20-138-79. He served on the Township Board for some time, and spent the rest of his life on the farm, and died about 1914.

The Leonard Marcellus family had the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14-138-79, as their homestead. They were very interested in community affairs. He served on the Township Board, as well as the School Board. The first Sunday School organized in the township was held in their home the first year, and Mrs. Marcellus was Sunday School organist. Mr. Marcellus, although not a man of large stature, was big in accomplishment. They had splendid buildings, and their farm was well equipped with implements and machinery. Their son, Albert, had a general store in Wilton. Their daughter, Alma, a very modest girl, was a High School graduate, an educational accomplishment reached by very few people in those days.

Sylvannus Prior was from Boston, MA. He had the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 26-138-78. After a few years here, he went back to Boston, where he had an interest in a produce market. He came back here occasionally for vacations in summer. The last 2 such trips were in the "teen" years.

The Jens Peterson family came from Denmark and had the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 26-138-79, as their homestead. Their son, Martin, was not only a great farmer and stockman but was also mighty keen in business deals. Their daughter, Elsie, died at about 10 years of age and Mrs. Peterson died about 2 years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crawford had the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 18-138-79. Their home was the show spot of Apple Creek township. Mrs. Crawford planted the yard to native trees and shrubs. She also planted large quantities of annual flowers. She also planted some native wild climbing roses by the porch, and they climbed to the top of the porch roof. He served many years on the Township Board. They sold out about 1905, and moved to Ann Arbor, MI.

Amon Nelson came from Norway. His homestead was the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-138-79. He married Della McCluer. They had 3 children: Frederick, Tracy, who died in infancy, and Anna. All are deceased.

Martin Anderson was from Denmark and had the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of 26-138-79, as his homestead. He had a neat farmstead. He planted a few trees, which are still growing, a living monument to him. *Arthur C. Bates*

WILLIAM S. AND CAROLINA (WHITTEN) BATES

William S. Bates was born in Essex township, North New York State in 1854. He came to Minnesota in 1870, arrived in Bismarck March 20, 1877. He came to help build Stage stations between Bismarck and Deadwood, SD. When that job was finished, he hauled freight for McLean and McNeider from Bismarck to Deadwood. He had a contract to furnish firewood for Ft. Lincoln until it was abandoned.

His homestead was the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 28-138-79. He was married to Carolena Whitten in 1886, and raised 6 children: Ula, born in 1888, died in 1949; Bert born in 1891, died in 1946; Lottie born in 1893, still living in Bismarck; Arthur born in 1895, still living in Bismarck; Eleanor born in 1900, died in 1967; and Rosetta born in 1906, still living in Bismarck.

Mr. Bates spent most of the rest of his life on the farm and died in 1945. He helped organize Apple Creek township, and served several years on the Township Board. He also served on the School Board.

The Albert Whitten family came to Bismarck from Augusta, ME, in the spring of 1883. Their homestead was the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-138-78. He helped organize Apple Creek township, and

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