

Territory. I asked him if he couldn't give me a deed to the land on the condition that when I had made enough money I wished to come back to Iowa and redeem the land. Jason Chambers replied that they wanted me to come back and that if he made anything on the land I would be credited with it. I then went to see all the people whom I owed money and told them that I couldn't pay them now. When I came to John Chambers who had sixty dollars coming for equipment, he said: "Many a young man has done well up there. One move is good, but two is as good as a fire, and when you get five dollars to spare, send it to pay on the debt". Mother and the boys Arnie and Christopher, rented a farm near St. Ansgar. At the time I write this, the following spring will be the sixty-fourth spring of farming.

Just before the Presidential Election of 1876 I had obtained my citizenship papers. The first President I voted for was Rutherford B. Hayes. Friends helped me get my citizenship papers and instructed me to vote the Republican Ticket. I got the impression that the Democratic Party was dangerous.

The horses that made the trip to North Dakota were raised during the years I farmed, I having purchased them as colts. One had cost \$25.00, the