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Edward Bjornholt Diary, 1903-1907
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BIOGRAPHY

Edvardt Gustafsen Bjornholdt was born in 1878 in Hadeland, Norway, but grew up near Oslo on the Hakloa farm. He immigrated to America in 1903 with two cousins, coming to Montevideo, Minnesota. He worked on a local farm until the fall of 1904 when he homesteaded in McLean County, N.D. west of Garrison, N.D. In November 1907 he married Rachel K. Hanson. They farmed in the area. He changed his name after coming to America to Edward (sometimes Edvart) Bjornholt.
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