

HEZEKIAH FENNELL

Hezekiah was born on August 6, 1859 in Montague Township. He was 1, 9 and 18 years of age respectively in the 1861, 1871 and 1881 censuses.

According to the 1900 census of North Dakota his date of entry into the state was 1882. His parents had sold their farms in Montague Township in that year and he moved with them and with his younger sister, Susanna, to Pulaskie Township where three of his older brothers were already settled.

The 1885 census of Walsh County shows him, age 22, living with his parents. On December 29, 1888 he was granted a Homestead Patent on 80 acres on N1/2 NW1/4 of section 35, township 156, range 51, W5.

On July 9, 1889 Hezekiah married Charlotte Weir, a sister of John Weir, who married Hezekiah's sister, Susanna, on the same day. Charlotte was the daughter of William and Sophia Weir who emigrated from Cobourg, Ontario to North Dakota. The Weirs arrived in Walsh County about the same time as the Fennells and occupied the farm beside the Red River immediately north of the farm of Thomas Fennell. The double wedding was said to have taken place on the Weir farm. It was performed by Rev. H.P. Cooper who was pastor at that time of the Drayton Methodist Episcopal Church.

On December 10, 1892 Hezekiah purchased the NE1/4 of section 33, township 158, range 51, W5 (St. Andrews Township) near the town of Drayton. It was not until November 6, 1899 that he sold the farm in Pulaskie but the family had moved in early 1893. On April 8, 1940 Hezekiah transferred the farm to Charlotte; he died on April 11, 1940 and was buried in the Drayton Cemetery.

Charlotte moved to Grafton soon after Hezekiah's death and died there at the age of 103 on April 21, 1970.

There were six children of this family:

Roy	November 1890	(died 1907-age 16)
Laura	May 1892	(alive in 1992 in Grafton)
Ida	August 1894	
Cora	February 1896	
Elmer	November 1897	
Alvin	May 1900	