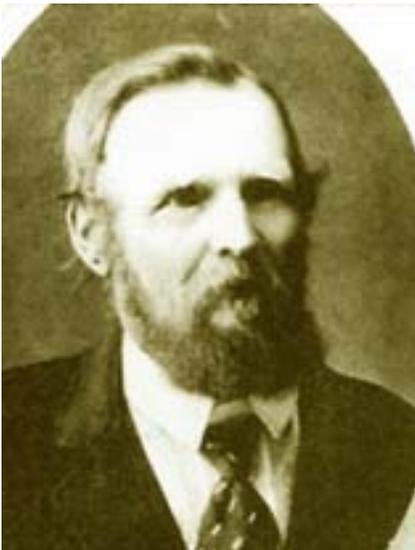


HISTORIC MINNEHAHA COUNTY - MOREFIELD

Morefield, SD was a bustling village in the early 1900s was settled by Norwegian immigrants. The name is the English translation of Meraker, mer = more aker = fields. The village was located 2 miles northeast of Crooks or 3 miles north of the Renner/Crooks exit from I-29. Part of the village was platted on August 25, 1908 on property belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Jonas Olson.



Morefield was a railroad town which had 2 general stores, a grain elevator and the depot. The railroad allowed the shipment of cream to Sioux Falls and livestock to the stockyards in Sioux City. Morefield had a community band known as “The Best in the West” and fielded both men’s and women’s softball teams.



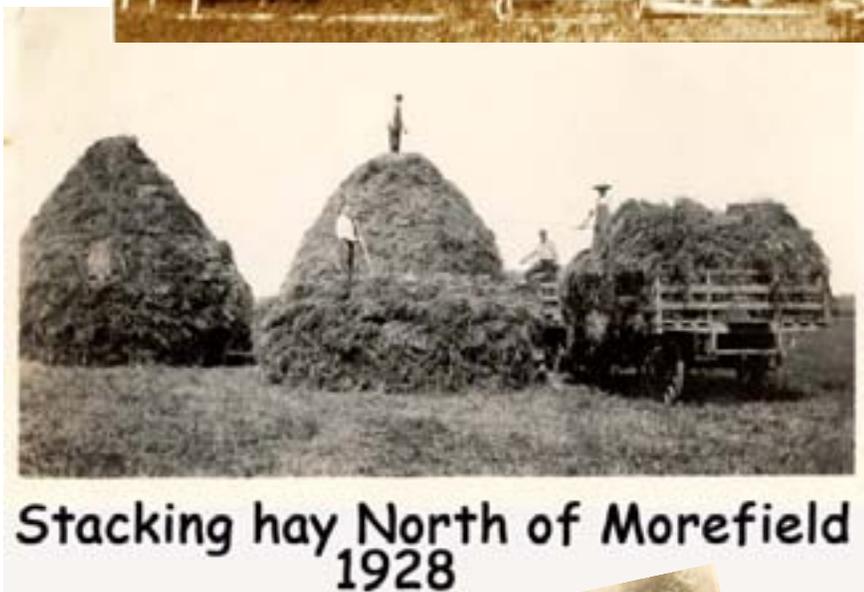
John Thompson

The Big Sioux River to the east of the village was the site of many gatherings in a spot known as Thompson’s grove on John Thompson’s farm. Old settlers picnics were held with special trains run by the railroad for people to get to the farm. The picnics were started sometime between 1892 and 1895 and featured sports, music, bands, horse races, tub races on the river, three legged races, ball games, and tug of war. Residents were members of Nidaros Church and children attended the Thompson school.



Morefield Men’s Softball Team

MOREFIELD, MINNEHAHA COUNTY



Morefield Depot



Thompson's Grove Picnic



1935 truck/train accident by Morefield