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144. State Historical Society of North Dakota

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Publications: The State Historical Society of North Dakota has an extensive publications program that includes the quarterly journal, North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains, and the newsletters Plains Talk, The Local Network, and Volunteer Voices. It also publishes books. Recent releases include


Overview:
The State Archives is responsible for the documentary collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. It is the official state archives, and acquires and preserves all types of research materials relating to North Dakota and the Northern Great Plains, including manuscript collections, books, periodicals, maps, newspapers, audio and video materials, and photographs.
Archives and Manuscripts

The State Archives is the official repository of the historic records of state and local government in North Dakota. These records document the organization, function, policies, and transactions of government in counties, municipalities, townships, school districts, and in all branches of state government.

Manuscripts are letters, diaries, photos, maps, and other unpublished materials from private individuals and organizations that document economic, social, cultural, and political life. Both archives and manuscript collections can provide researchers with insight into North Dakota history through use of unpublished sources.

Genealogy

Genealogical resources at the State Archives are available in the Orin G. Libby Memorial Reading Room during regular business hours. The reference staff will attempt to answer specific requests by phone, E-mail, or mail if you are unable to visit the North Dakota Heritage Center. Although SHSND materials generally do not circulate, most newspapers, state censuses, and early atlases are available on microfilm through interlibrary loan. We encourage researchers to use this service and therefore will not do extensive searching of these materials.

Fargo, ND

145. North Dakota State University

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Overview:
The manuscript collecting program of the Institute for Regional Studies preserves personal papers and organization records of enduring historic value to support the research needs of undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and other scholars at NDSU and beyond. The uniqueness and strength of the manuscripts lies in extensive holdings of more than 1,200 collections. They range in size from a single letter to a more than a 100-box set of business records. These manuscripts document such phenomena as the agricultural development of the state, particularly the bonanza farming era; the everyday life of the early pioneers; the era of the Nonpartisan League; and the women of North Dakota as seen in diaries and their varied organizations. Also documented are the lives and works of North Dakota literary figures, our many ethnic groups and the development of an urban society through City of Fargo and Cass County records.

Noteworthy collections:

Grand Forks, ND

146. University of North Dakota

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Overview:
The mission of the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library, is to identify, acquire, preserve, and make available published resources and historical records, regardless of format, that document the political, economic, social and cultural heritage of North Dakota, the Red River Valley, the city of Grand Forks, and the University of North Dakota.

Noteworthy collections:
See http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/business.html for an index of business related collections and http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/ag.html for collections related to the agricultural industry.

  Collection documents the political, economic and social history of Grand Forks, the Red River Valley and North Dakota. Collections of personal papers include diaries, memoirs, correspondence, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings. Organizational records include bylaws and constitutions, incorporation documents, business records, minutes of meetings, financial records, reports, newspaper clippings and promotional materials. Over 25,000 photographs are housed separately in the Orin G. Libby Photograph Collection.