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Ralph & Loretta (Jonas) Schultz  
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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Ralph & Loretta (Jonas) Schultz

**Accession Date:** August 2012

**Collection Number:** 105

**Quantity:** 0.5 linear feet

**Summary:** 50 photographic images, 8 German books, a printout biography of Regina (Geiszler) Schultz, and a newspaper clipping in the German language; all dating from the late 1880s to 2011.

**Languages:** German, English, & Russian

**Links:**

- [Historic Photographs from Fredonia, North Dakota](#)
- [Ralph & Loretta \(Jonas\) Schultz Photograph Collection on the NDSU Institutional Repository \(DSpace\)](#)
- [Crib First Held Baby Born on N.D. Statehood day, 1889](#)

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## BIOGRAPHY

Ralph Schultz was born on January 6, 1947 to parents Leonard and Ida (Krueger) Schultz. Ralph Schultz married Loretta Jonas on July 1, 1968. Loretta Jonas was born on October 19, 1945 to parents Carl and Frances (Nedrow) Jonas. Ralph and Loretta (Jonas) Schultz resided around Fredonia, North Dakota for many years, and they had two children: Jeff and Patty.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Ralph & Loretta (Jonas) Schultz Collection** consists of fifty photographic images, eight German books, a printout biography of Regina (Geiszler) Schultz, called “5th Generations Crib,” and a newspaper clipping in the German language. The collection is organized into three series: Photograph, Book, and Subject.

The [Photograph Series](#) is the largest in the collection. It contains fifty images ranging from town life to family portraits and snapshots. The first thirteen images are copied photographs of Fredonia, North Dakota, dating from the early 1900s to 1996. These images are only available in digital format. The other thirty-seven photographs are actual prints in several different formats. They are mostly family portraits and snapshots. In the collection, these photographs have been organized by their format. The vast majority of the photographs are unidentified and undated. However, the photographs probably range from the late 1880s to the 1950s.

The [Book Series](#) is comprised of eight books that are all in the German language. The books are in good condition and date from 1919 to 1960.

The [Subject Series](#) has a printed biography of Regina (Geiszler) Schultz, called “5th Generations Crib,” and a newspaper clipping from an unknown source. The clipping is in the German language. On one side there is an ad for a sleeplessness remedy and on the other side is an ad for tulips.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

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### PHOTOGRAPH SERIES

1/2	<b>Fredonia (2012.21.01 – 2012.21.13)</b>
	2012.21.01 Fredonia Co-op Mercantile Co. Inc. burning on corner where Home Plate Café is now located, 1947
	2012.21.02 Image of Fredonia, ND, with the Fredonia Baptist Church visible in the corner
	2012.21.03 Fredonia Coop Mercantile building burning, 1947
	2012.21.04 Snow removal in Fredonia, ND during the winter of 1996

- 2012.21.05 Group of men standing in front of a meat market. (Left to right): Simon Pokert, Fred Schmepp, Gott. Haas, Fred Marx, John Jacoby, Gott. Sukut, Sr., travelling man, Mr. Clark. (Front Row): W. Hellwig, Fred Gackle, John Meidinger; circa 1912-1914
- 2012.21.06 Group of people standing in front of Schempp's Hotel on Main Street in Fredonia, circa 1907-1914
- 2012.21.07 Interior view of a bar operated by Jake Groszhans, circa 1937-1938
- 2012.21.08 Stockyards, Buechler/Pruetz Elevator, Farmers Elevator, Woodworth Elevator, and Henry Ost elevator
- 2012.21.09 Street view of Fredonia, 1976
- 2012.21.10 Early Fredonia Post Office
- 2012.21.11 Group of people gathered in front of the John L. Shuldheisz General Merchandise Store in Fredonia, circa 1906-1907
- 2012.21.12 Group of people gathered for a Congregational Church dedication in Fredonia, 1931
- 2012.21.13 Group of people with horses and wagons gathered in front of the John L. Shuldheisz General Merchandise Store, circa 1906-1907

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**Cabinet Photographs and Matted Studio Photographs (2012.21.14 – 2012.21.21)**

- 2012.21.14 Portrait of three woman and four young children (photographed in Akkerman, Russia)
- 2012.21.15 Portrait of two young woman wearing Gibson girl outfits of white bodices and dark skirts standing next to a man seated in a wicker chair
- 2012.21.16 Portrait of an unidentified family
- 2012.21.17 Portrait of an unidentified couple, circa 1888-1907
- 2012.21.18 Portrait of an unidentified couple
- 2012.21.19 Portrait of an unidentified couple

2012.21.20 Portrait of an unidentified toddler sitting in a chair

2012.21.21 Image of a family gathered beside a house

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**Matted Studio Prints (2012.21.22 – 2012.21.24)**

2012.21.22 Portrait of two unidentified girls

2012.21.23 Unidentified portrait of and older couple

2012.21.24 Frederick Geiszler in a coffin, 1924

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**Photographic Postcards (2012.21.25 – 2012.21.33)**

2012.21.25 Image of two well-dressed children standing outside

2012.21.26 Image of two well-dressed boys standing behind a parlor table

2012.21.27 Portrait of three children dressed in white. The youngest sits on a wood stool

2012.21.28 Portrait of an unidentified couple

2012.21.29 Portrait of a young girl with a dark dress with light print and a ribbon in her hair

2012.21.30 Portrait of a woman holding a toddler

2012.21.31 Image of an unidentified infant

2012.21.32 Portrait of two women standing behind a seated man. Woman on the left wears light dress and the woman on the right wears a dark dress

2012.21.33 Wedding portrait of an unidentified couple

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**Photographic Prints (2012.21.34 – 2012.21.38)**

2012.21.34 Copied portrait of an unidentified wedding couple

2012.21.35 Image of a toddler sitting on a chair and holding a hair brush

2012.21.36 Copied portrait of an unidentified couple in dark outfits

2012.21.37 Portrait of a young boy and girl

2012.21.38 Wedding portrait of an unidentified couple

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**Snapshots (2012.21.39 – 2012.21.50)**

2012.21.39 Snapshot of an elderly couple standing in a garden

2012.21.40 Snapshot of a woman wearing a two piece two and glasses standing outside

2012.21.41 Snapshot of two women in white dresses standing next to a brick building

2012.21.42 Snapshot of two women wearing hats with one arm wrapped around the other woman's shoulders

2012.21.43 Snapshot of two girls in dresses standing outside

2012.21.44 Snapshot of two women standing outside

2012.21.45 Snapshot of three women standing next to the side of a house

2012.21.46 Snapshot of two men seated on the ground leaning on wall of a house

2012.21.47 Snapshot of a man with another man visible over his shoulder

2012.21.48 Snapshot of two children outside with a house in the background. One child sits on a wood chair

2012.21.49 Snapshot of two children standing next to a house

2012.21.50 Snapshot of a toddler sitting in a wood highchair outside next to a house

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### **SUBJECT SERIES**

- 1/8** Biography of Regina (Geizler) Schultz – “5<sup>th</sup> Generations Crib”
- 1/9** Newspaper clipping