

**Finding Aid to the
Ransom County
Trust Company Photograph Collection**

Ransom County Trust Company (Sheldon, N.D.)

Ransom County Trust Company Photograph Collection, circa 1900-1920

1/4 Linear Ft.

Photograph 2118

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

The Ransom County Immigration Society was established in 1888 in Sheldon, N.D. Its initial purpose was the promotion of immigration and the development of lands in the immediate locality of Sheldon. It was incorporated in 1898 with the officers being F.W. Froemke, president; P.W. Froemke, vice president; Thomas Pierce, vice president; Ed Pierce, secretary and attorney; Frank E. Shaw, assistant secretary; A.H. Lindemann, treasurer; and A.L. Opsal, assistant treasurer. The company was one of the largest real estate firms in North Dakota and was instrumental in bringing hundreds of farms from Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana to the state, settling on farms in Ransom, Cass, Sargent and other counties.

After the initial purpose of settlement of lands around Sheldon, the company changed to funds investment, farm management, farm lands, farm loans, insurance, and the handling of estates. The firm purchased a large tract of land in Foster County, N.D. circa 1908, establishing an office at Bordulac. It helped bring many farmers to that area.

On July 1, 1916 its name was changed to Ransom County Trust Company. At that time its assets and liabilities totaled \$664,353.00. The company continued into the 1940s, although the exact time it closed is not known.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Ransom County Trust Company Photographs Collection** contains photographs from the Florida Fruitland Company that was owned by the Ransom County Trust Company. There are also photographs of other estates owned by the company in North Dakota and postcards from various locations in North Dakota. Some of the photographs have numbers on the back, which seem to match the case files for the Ransom County Trust Company Records.

[Ransom County Trust Company Records](#)

FOLDER LIST

Folder Content

Folder 1

[] - indicate which case file the photograph goes with for the Ransom County Trust Company Records.

1. Postcard-Herding Sheep
2. Postcard- Soo Line Railroad near Enderlin , January 1907
3. Postcard-Main Street-K.P Hall, circa 1911
4. Postcard-Main Street looking north in Minot, N.D. (Copyright 1911- Johnson Olson)
5. Postcard-Oats field near Sherwood, N.D.
6. Postcard-Different pictures of Sherwood, N.D.
7. Postcard-St. Mary's Church and Parsonage, Sheldon, N.D, circa 1908
8. Postcard- Houston farmstead , circa 1900
9. Postcard-Elevator on Houston farm, circa 1900
10. Two photographs-"looking north from buildings on Houston Farm" (left), Elevator on Houston farm (right), circa 1900
11. Two photographs-House and part of the barns on Houston Farm (left), "Elevator on Houston farm" (right), circa 1900
12. A view of the house and barn from the south on the 5 quarter tract [File #3521]
13. House on the 5 quarter tract [File #3521]
14. A view of the 2 quarter tract showing about 30 acres of land [File #3521]
15. House and barn on 2 quarter tract [File #3521]

16. Photograph of Frances De la Bere, she looks to be about 1 year old in this photograph, circa 1908
17. Photograph of Foreman in the Ransom County Trust Company Office- Ed Pierce farthest to the right, circa 1909-1915
18. Photograph of Houseboat Dakota. [File #3732]
19. Another photograph of Houseboat Dakota-“Sold in January 1909 for \$500.00” [File #3732]

Folder 2

Photographs of the orange groves in Lake Alfred, FL

1. “Looking N.E-P.M,” circa 1910s
2. Orange tree, circa 1910s
3. Orange trees, circa 1910s
4. “Looking north,” circa 1910s
5. “Center-Group “B,” circa 1910s
6. “Looking south-P.M,” circa 1910s
7. “Fruit on 7 year old tree,” circa 1910s
8. “Photo by Fishbaugh-Tampa, FL,” circa 1910s
9. “Photo by Fishbaugh-Tampa, FL,” circa 1910s
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16. “Photo by Fishbaugh-Tampa, FL,” circa 1910s
17. “Photo by Fishbaugh-Tampa, FL,” circa 1910s
18. “Looking N.W-A.M or Noon,” circa 1910s
19. “Looking N.W-A.M,” circa 1910s

Folder 3

Farmsteads and buildings, circa 1900s

1. “Opposite Lekken, East of Buttzville-John Arne”
2. Farmstead-Location unknown
3. “D.H Buttz” (Most likely David)
4. Farmstead with horses and people-Location unknown
5. “Erick Anderson”
6. “Peter Halkstad”
7. “Robert Robertson”
8. Farmstead with cows, horses and people-Location unknown
9. “G.W Balderson”
10. “Ole O. Olson”
11. “Meyer-Nome, N.D.”
12. “Karl J. Johnson”
13. Farmstead with horses and people-Location unknown
14. “Koenecke-Elliot, N.D.”

15. "Robinson Farm owned by Hoffman-Lisbon, N.D."
16. "Charles Uhrhammer"
17. Farmstead-Location unknown
18. Farmstead-Location unknown
19. Farmstead with people-Location unknown
20. "Martinus Johnson"
21. "M. Opgaard"
22. Farmstead with people-Location unknown
23. "M.L Satterlee"
24. Farmstead with horses and people-Location unknown
25. Farmstead with people-Location unknown
26. Farmstead-Location unknown
27. "A.E Rife"
28. Farmstead with a man and a horse-Location unknown
29. "Henry Tropp"
30. "Richard Newton"
31. "Looking West-Major Buttz' Farm Residence" (Also known as Charles W.)
32. Farmstead-Location unknown
33. "J.L Greene"
34. Farmstead with a man-Location unknown
35. "William Short"
36. "Hans Rolie"
37. "J. Severson"
38. "Karl Miller"
39. Farmstead-Location unknown
40. Farmstead-Location unknown
41. Farmstead with people-Location unknown
42. Farmstead with horses and people-Location unknown
43. Farmstead with horses and people-Location unknown
44. "Hansen-Nome, N.D."
45. "William Luke—Lisbon, N.D."
46. "Hans Skramstad"
47. "Claus-Southwest of Lisbon, 8 miles"
48. "Ole Christianson"
49. "Urbach-Elliot, N.D."
50. Samuel Breaw-Ransom County (Found in Sheldon Community History book-Inst. Rm. F 644 s55 s5 Page 25)
51. "J.J Wold"
52. "Lew Altman"
53. "Peter J. Roe—Preston, N.D." (Possibly Peder)
54. "Robert Ratteff"
55. "Sheyenne Valley South of Lisbon"
56. View of buildings in the country- Location unknown
57. Farmstead with horses and people-Location unknown

58. Farmstead with cows, a dog and people-Location unknown
59. Farmstead with calves, horses and people-Location unknown
60. Presbyterian Church
61. Sorenson Milling Co-Lisbon, N.D.
62. Court House-Lisbon, N.D.
63. Baptist Church-Lisbon, N.D.
64. "Fred G. Wall"
65. "Wallace Galbreath"
66. E.G Lock-Ransom County (Found in Sheldon Community History book- Inst. Rm. F 644 s55 s5
Page 25)
67. "R. Wallin" (Possibly Renhold)
68. "John Kreuger" (Possibly Krueger)
69. "John Gjesvold"
70. "Herman Krueger"
71. Farmstead with horses and people-Location unknown
72. Farmstead-Location unknown