VETTER AND HUMMEL FAMILY NORTH DAKOTA
HOMESTEAD PHOTOS

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For more information on the Vetter and Hummel families of central North Dakota in the first half of the twentieth century, see Eric J. Schmaltz, ed., “‘The Pick of the Litter’: A Bessarabian-German Family Remembers Growing Up in North Dakota,” Heritage Review, Vol. 33, No. 3 (Sept. 2003): pp. 17-36. The online version of this article is also available courtesy of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at the North Dakota State University Libraries in Fargo: https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/articles/journals/files/litter.pdf.

For additional online materials on the Vetter, Hummel, and related families, again consult the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at the North Dakota State University Libraries in Fargo: https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/history_culture/photo/vetter.html and https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/history_culture/family/vetter.html.

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Picture of farm yard, windmill on the right, rock/mud/wood roof barn on the left. The house is in the middle just above the trees. On the back of the original, written in red: “Sept 1915 — section 11-148-83 — Coleharbor ND.” It is believed that this is the Vetter home place. Built by Gottfried Vetter I (1863-1924), German Lutheran immigrant from Bessarabia, sold to his son Gottfried Vetter II (1884-1952). The farm was eventually taken by eminent domain because of the water backed up by the Snake Creek Embankment which formed Lake Audubon. The buildings are gone now, though not under water, but some of the farmland is. The farm was nine miles east of Garrison, North Dakota, and nine miles north of Coleharbor, North Dakota. Scanned photo courtesy of Dale Vetter, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and Vetter Family.
Picture of a farm yard, house on the right, Model Ford (?), several out buildings, people and horses, barn on the left. Taken in North Dakota in 1911, though no additional information on this image available at this time. The scan also shows that the original image was cracked in the middle. Scanned photo courtesy of Dale Vetter, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and Vetter Family.

Picture of a threshing or harvesting crew. On the picture itself, written in white: “Buffalo Pitts/1906 Chas. Christen, owner CB Eaton photo Aneta, ND.” No additional information on this image available at this time. Scanned photo courtesy of Dale Vetter, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and Vetter Family.

Photo of a threshing or harvesting crew, white horse with three boys (the one on the rear is Otto Vetter [1907-1991], age seven). On the back of the original, written in red: “1915 – Coleharbor – Gottlieb Hummel Sr. farm.” This farm was just a couple of miles from German Lutheran immigrant from Bessarabia
Gottfried Vetter II’s (1884-1952) farm. Scanned photo courtesy of Dale Vetter, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and Vetter Family.

Otto Vetter on horse, age 7, 1915.