

## Finding Aid to the North Dakota Ephemera Collection

North Dakota Ephemera Collection, 1800s – [ongoing]  
ca. 2 linear ft.  
Collection number: Mss 1598

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### OVERVIEW

**Links:** Finding Aid to the [Fargo, N.D Ephemera Collection](#)

**Access:** The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

**Provenance:** Donated by numerous donors and unknown donors.

**Property rights:** The Institute for Regional Studies owns the property rights to this collection.

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### PROVENANCE

The North Dakota Ephemera Collection was established as a distinct, separate collection by the Institute staff in 1995. The eclectic nature of the collection reflects the diverse sources of the material, most items were donated as single items while other items were withdrawn from archival collections when being processed. Additions continue to be added, although no special emphasis is given in collecting items for it.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The North Dakota Ephemera Collection preserves documents important to our everyday existence. Many of these items are often overlooked in the collecting and preservation process since they are common, ordinary items printed for an occasion and then usually forgotten about or discarded soon after. Such commonplace items include tickets, programs, advertisements, announcements, calendars, documents, posters, labels, etc. These items are important to preserve for they help to inform us about events such as elections, meetings, celebrations, entertainment, sporting events, and everyday occasions. Almost all are related to North Dakota.

The Ephemera Collection was developed in 1994 by intern student Renee D. Tribitt. The organizational scheme is based upon similar collections at several other archives. It is divided into twenty-three broad topical and format categories. Depending upon the number and variety of items, some categories have been further subdivided. It should be noted that there are currently no items in the categories of Political & Social Movements and Social Services. Oversize items are noted with the term 'Folio'. If a subcategory includes items in the regular collection and in Folio, then '& Folio' is given.

There is a separate Fargo, N.D. collection very similar in organization to the general North Dakota categories, although the subdivisions many times are different which are based upon the items in hand.

The categories include:

AG	Agriculture, Land and Town Development
AR	Arts, entertainment & social events
CA	Calendars
CE	Certificates
CO	Commerce
ED	Education
EN	Environment
ET	Ethnic groups
GO	Government
HE	Health care
HI	History
IN	Industry
MI	Military
NA	Native Americans
OR	Organizations & associations
PE	People
PP	Political parties & elections
PS	Political & social movements (no documents to date)
RE	Religion
SO	Social services
SP	Sports & recreation
TO	Tourism
TR	Transportation

**FOLDER LIST**

**Folder number**

**Category and sub-categories**

**AG**

**AGRICULTURE, LAND AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

AG.A92	Auctions, Sales
Folio AG.B66	Bonanza Farms
AG.C66 & Folio	Conventions, Lectures, Festivals
AG.C76	Crops, Seeds
AR.F37	Farmers Union
AR.H65	Homestead certificates
AG.L35	Land/Town development & promotion
AG.M32	Machinery, Tools
AG.M43	Meetings
AG.P82 & Folio	Publications
AG.V47	Veterinary medicine

**AR**

**ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & SOCIAL EVENTS SERIES**

AR.A56 & Folio	Anniversaries, Centennials, Jubilees
AR.A72	Architecture
AR.B36	Banquets, Receptions, Roasts, Suppers
AR.C37	Cards
AR.C44	Celebrations, special events
AR.C52	Chautauqua
AR.C64	Coloring Books
AR.C66 & Folio	Concerts
AR.D36	Dance
AR.D422	Debates (Non-political)
AR.D424	Dedications
AR.E53	Engravings, Prints
AR.H64 & Folio	Holiday celebrations
AR.L42	Lectures
AR.M68	Movies
AR.P33	Pageants, Plays
AR.P46	Photography exhibits
AR.P52 & Folio	Picnics, Play days
AR.P56	Pioneer days, Frontier Days, Community days
AR.P63	Poetry
AR.R46	Rendezvous
Folio AR.R68	Round-ups & Rodeos
Folio AR.S384	Sculpture
AR.S536	Signs
AR.S537	Sketches

<b>CA</b>	<b>CALENDARS SERIES</b>
CA.A56	Anniversaries, Centennials, Jubilees
CA.B87	Businesses
CA.P52	Pictorial Series
CA.S473	City of Fargo – City Commission
CA.S474	Dakota Men

<b>CE</b>	<b>CERTIFICATES SERIES</b>
CE.P76	Professional

<b>CO</b>	<b>COMMERCE SERIES</b>
CO.A38 & Folio	Advertizing
CO.G76	Grocery stores

<b>ED</b>	<b>EDUCATION SERIES</b>
ED.D56	Diplomas, Certificates, etc.
ED.P67	Posters
ED.P82	Publications

<b>EN</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT SERIES</b>
Folio EN.F566	Floods

<b>ET</b>	<b>ETHNIC GROUPS SERIES</b>
ET.N67	Norwegian
ET.U67	Ukrainian

<b>GO</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT SERIES</b>
GO.D34	Dakota Territory
GO.I52	Inaugurations
GO.L43	Legislature
GO.O73	Organizations
Folio GO.O732	Organizational chart of state government
GO.S63	Speeches
GO.W65	Women

<b>HE</b>	<b>HEALTH CARE SERIES</b>
HE.D56	Diplomas, Certificates, etc.
HE.S66	Smoking

<b>HI</b>	<b>HISTORY SERIES</b>
HI.A72	Archives
HI.F35	Family histories
Folio HI.G46	Genealogical charts

**IN**

IN.G37

**INDUSTRY SERIES**

Gasification

**MI**

MI.N27

Folio MI.O33

MI.O63

MI.R42

MI.S62

**MILITARY SERIES**

National Guard

Officer Candidate School (N.D.A.C.)

Operation Desert Storm

Recruitment

Spanish American War

World War 1

Folio MI.W671

MI.W672

Folio MI.W673

MI.W675

Folio MI.W676

Folio MI.W67651

Folio MI.W67655

Folio MI.W677

Folio MI.W6775

Folio MI.W678

Folio MI.W6785

Folio MI.W679

MI.W69

MI.W695

American Library Association

French (Souvenez-Vous)

Jewish Welfare Board

Miscellaneous

National Catholic War Council

Red Cross (A-L)

Red Cross (M-Z)

Salvation Army

War Camp Community Service

YMCA

YMCA/YWCA

YWCA

World War 2

Miscellaneous

**NA**

NA.C44 & Folio

**NATIVE AMERICANS SERIES**

Celebrations

**OR**

OR.C37

Folio OR.A43

OR.K

OR.M62

OR.I57

OR.N67

OR.N672

OR.S36

**ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS SERIES**

Certificates of Corporate Existence

American Library Association

Klu Klux Klan

Modern Woodmen of America

Insurance Federation of North Dakota

North Dakota Academy of Science

North Dakota Children's Home Society

Scottish Rite

**PE**

PE.E33

PE.E977

PE.G89

**PEOPLE SERIES**

Carl Ben Eielson

Extraordinary North Dakotans

William Guy Family

<b>PP</b>	<b>POLITICAL PARTIES &amp; ELECTIONS SERIES</b>
<b>PP-ND</b>	North Dakota
Folio PP-ND.C35	Campaign Material
PP-ND.C353	A-H
PP-ND.C355	J-N
PP-ND.C357	O-Z
PP-ND.C37	Campaign Publications
PP-ND.C47	Certificates of Elections
PP-ND.C66	Conventions, Rallies
PP-ND.E43	Election Material
PP-ND.E45	Election publications
PP-ND.N66	Nonpartisan League
PP-ND.P64	Political cartoons
<b>PP-US</b>	United States
PP-US.C35 & Folio	Campaign material & publications
PP-US.E43	Election material & publications
<b>PS</b>	<b>POLITICAL &amp; SOCIAL MOVEMENTS SERIES</b>
PS.G39	Gay marriage
<b>RE</b>	<b>RELIGION SERIES</b>
RE.C66	Confirmation
RE.D32	Death
RE.G46	General
RE.M27	Marriage
<b>SO</b>	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES SERIES</b>
SO.N67	North Dakota Children's Home Society
<b>SP</b>	<b>SPORTS &amp; RECREATION SERIES</b>
SP.B37	Basketball
SP.C35	Camps
SP.H86	Hunting & Fishing
SP.P72	Prairie Rose State Games
<b>TO</b>	<b>TOURISM SERIES</b>
TO.P76	Promotional
<b>TR</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION SERIES</b>
TR.A37	Airlines
TR.R34 & Folio	Railroads
Folio TR.S73	Steamboats

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