



GERMANS FROM RUSSIA
GRHC
HERITAGE COLLECTION
NDSU LIBRARIES

**Finding aid to the
Tom Mueller
Collection
2004.17**

[Special Collections](#)

[Home](#)

OVERVIEW

Donor: Tom Mueller

Accession Date: June 2004

Collection Number: 035

Quantity: 1 artifact

Summary: A sod brick used to build the John H. Buerkle home near Fredonia, North Dakota.

Languages: English

Links:

- Images of the [John H. Buerkle home](#) on Digital Horizons ([Father William C. Sherman Collection](#))
- [The Last Link: Dakota Territory Logan County, 1887](#)
- [“Grandpa Salomon's German Christmas Tree”](#)
- [Dreams of Dust](#)

Access Restrictions: Open to the public, available upon request. Copyrights to items in this collection remain with original copyright holders or are in the public domain.

Citation: Tom Mueller Collection, 035, Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, NDSU Libraries, Fargo, ND.

BIOGRAPHY

Thomas Mueller was born on August 22, 1949, in Bismarck, North Dakota, to parents Norbert and Helen (Ivanov) Mueller. Tom grew up in Napoleon, ND, and he graduated from high school there in 1967. In 1969, he graduated from Dakota Business College in Fargo, ND. On June 5,

1970, Thomas Mueller married Joyce Nelson, and the couple had three children: Stacy, Shane, and Sara. Tom is the owner of Dakota Belt and Buckle in Jamestown, ND, and he is also an author of family histories and old stories reflecting on life in North Dakota.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Tom Mueller Collection** consists of a brick from a sod house. The brick is made of clay, manure, and straw. It was used to help build the John H. Buerkle home in 1888, three miles north of Fredonia, North Dakota. Notes donated along with the collection indicate the home was built by Christ Hehr, the father-in-law of John H. Buerkle. The brick's dimensions are 11" x 4.5."

Images of the Buerkle home are featured in the Father William C. Sherman Photograph Collection. To view this images, visit the link under the "Links" section above.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory
1	Sod house brick