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Susan Grenz Collection
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OVERVIEW

Donor: Susan Grenz

Accession Date: 13 April 2011

Collection Number: 050

Quantity: 1 folder

Summary: Nineteen copies of Grenz family photographs, c. 1910 - 1963

Languages: English

Links:

- [Susan Grenz photographs on the NDSU Institutional Repository \(DSpace\)](#)
- [Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection](#)
- [The Complete Interactive Grenz Family Tree](#)

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BIOGRAPHY

Gottlieb Grenz was born 9 January 1863 in Guldendorf, South Russia, to Christoph Grenz and Elisabetha Riedlinger. He married Christina Hogue who was born 17 October 1866 in Grossliebental, Russia. In German it appears her name was spelled 'Hock.' All the children of Gottlieb and Christina Grenz were also born in Guldendorf. They described the village as a farming community.

At the time of their departure for America in 1905, a revolution or uprising was in progress. No trains were running so they walked to Kiev. From there they traveled by train to Helsinki, Finland, before boarding a ship for a seven day trip to Liverpool, England. Here they boarded the freighter, S.S. *Noordland*, which sailed 29 November 1905 on what was to be a harrowing voyage across the ocean to America. They arrived at the Port of Philadelphia on 13 December 1905.

According to the ship passenger list, their destination was Anamoose, North Dakota, where brother-in-law, J.P. Huber lived. Also, according to the passenger list, Gottlieb had declared \$1,000.dollars in cash, much more than most immigrants. The stoop at Anamoose was short for they were in the vicinity of Eureka, South Dakota, around Christmas time. They lived with, and worked for their sponsors during the winter. In the spring three quarters of land became available near Mound City and Gottlieb rented. The family members who were older got jobs as laborers and blacksmith's assistants. While in South Dakota Gottlieb purchased a buggy, grass mower, wagon and hay rake for \$180.

After two years, the family moved to the Hazelton district of North Dakota and Gottlieb purchased land in Liberty Township. He became an American citizen on 21 June 1912. Upon retiring, Gottlieb and Christina Grenz moved into the town of Hazelton. Son Jacob took over the operation of the farm. Gottlieb died on 22 September 1930 in Hazelton, ND. Christina died 5 December 1946, also in Hazelton, ND.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Susan Grenz Collection** contains nineteen scans of images relating to the Gottlieb Grenz family and their farmstead. There is one 4 x 5 print of a photograph of Gottlieb and Christina Grenz, c. 1910. The image features this photograph in an ornate circular frame with a floral motif.

Eighteen scans of images taken on one mile north of Hazelton, North Dakota are also included in this collection. These were scanned from the original photographs, which were taken in 1963. The images concern threshing and farming activities. Some of the identified subjects include Harry Grenz, Doug Grenz, Monte Humann, LeRoy Humann, and Arthur Humann. These photographs are maintained by GRHC in digital format and can be accessed upon request.

SEPARATION RECORD

The Susan Grenz Collection also features a textile shawl (2011.08.02) that is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection, NDSU. Advance notice is requested for the viewing of this item.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

2011 Small Collections Box

Collection/Folder	Contents
2011.08/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory
2011.08/1	Copied images