



OVERVIEW

Donor: Ruth (Schmidt) Humphries

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Summary: Fourteen family photographs, circa 1895-1955, relating to the Schmidt family of Artas, Campbell County, South Dakota.

Languages: English & German

Links:

- [Ruth \(Schmidt\) Humphries Photograph Collection on the NDSU Institutional Repository \(DSpace\)](#)
- [Edwin Schmidt memorial](#) (Find A Grave)
- [Jacob Schmidt memorial](#) (Find A Grave)
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BIOGRAPHY

Jacob Schmidt was born on December 25, 1870 in Hoffnungstal, Bessarabia, South Russia. Jacob immigrated to the United States in 1884, settling around Artas, Campbell County, South Dakota. On December 3, 1894, Jacob Schmidt married Maria Mueller, daughter of Martin and

Fredericka (Pftizer) Mueller. Jacob and Maria (Mueller) Schmidt had then children: Daniel (1895-1897), Paul (1897-1898), Daniel (1898-1898), Christina, Magdalena, Johannes, Mathilda, Albert, Bertha, and Edwin. The Jacob and Maria (Mueller) Schmidt family resided around Artas, SD. Jacob Schmidt died on May 5, 1949. Maria (Mueller) Schmidt died on October 13, 1964.

Ruth (Schmidt) Humphries, daughter of Edwin and Minnie (Holzwarth) Schmidt, is a granddaughter of Jacob and Maria (Mueller) Schmidt.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Ruth (Schmidt) Humphries Collection** contains fourteen photographs relating to the Schmidt family, circa 1895-1955. The collection has been processed into three series and has been arranged as follows.

The [Location Series](#) contains three images, 2011.17.01 – 2011.17.03. Image 01 dates from circa 1955 and features a group of five men at a display of electronics. Two of the men have been identified; Jacob Schuh and John Schmidt. Image 02 depicts the farmhouse of the Jacob Schmidt homestead, Artas, South Dakota, circa 1901. Image 03 depicts a group of children and adults standing outside at the Jacob Schmidt homestead in Artas, circa 1908. Image 01 is a gelatin silver print; Images 02 and 03 are albumen prints.

The [Children Series](#) consists of three portraits, 2011.17.04 – 2011.17.06, that depict groups of children, circa 1910-1923. Two of the images are gelatin silver prints; one is an albumen print. The names of some of the subjects are Matilda Schmidt Schuh, Arthur Schmidt, Edwin Schmidt, Florence Schuh, and Gideon Schuh.

The [Adult Series](#) contains eight images, circa 1895-1910, of individual or group portraits of adults, Images 2011.17.07 – 2011.17.14. Some of the names of the subjects depicted are: Henry Knoepfle, Katherine Schmidt, John Schmidt, Wilhelmina (Buck) Schmidt, Jacob Schmidt, Maria (Mueller) Schmidt, Magdalina Wagner, Hertha Miller, Fredricka Miller, Minnie Holzwarth, and Martin Miller. Image 013 is a cabinet photograph taken by Dickmann and Zeller of Harvey, North Dakota. This series contains three albumen prints, ten gelatin silver prints, and one cabinet photograph.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

2011 Small Collections Box

Collection/Folder	Contents
2011.17/1	Finding aid and inventory

2011.17/2**LOCATION SERIES**

- 2011.17.01 Interior view of an electronic appliance store with five men standing by refrigerators. Banners advertising General Electric and sign "O & K Furniture" visible in background. Circa 1955 [Second and third man from the left identified as Jacob Schuh (Schuk) and John Schmidt]
- 2011.17.02 Jacob Schmidt Homestead, Artas, SD, circa 1903
- 2011.17.03 Threshing crew on the Jacob Schmidt farm, Artas SD, circa 1903

2011.17/3**CHILDREN SERIES**

- 2011.17.04 Three children posed near building with white clapboard siding. Boy is wearing winter suit and hat. Inscribed on reverse "Matilda Schmidt Schuh Arthur Schmidt Edwin Schmidt +- 1923."
- 2011.17.05 Toddler in carved wooden high chair next to young blonde girl, standing on stool. Inscribed on reverse "Florence Schuh/ Gideon Schuh" circa 1910
- 2011.17.06 Girl and young boy standing near building with dark clapboard siding. Children are wearing dark clothing with buttons on one side and sash belts. Inscription on reverse "Myself & Edwin Schmidt Aunt Tillie +-1923," circa 1915

2011.17/4**ADULT SERIES**

- 2011.17.07 Henry Knoepfle and Katherine Schmidt marriage portrait, 1918
- 2011.17.08 Seated man and standing woman in black posed in front of studio back drop with curtains. Woman is holding a small hat. Inscribed "G.P. & G.M. Schmidt," circa 1900
- 2011.17.09 Jacob Schmidt/ Maria Mueller (Miller) Schmidt

- 2011.17.10 Jacob Schmidt in a flat cap, glasses, and overcoat standing next to white stucco building with arch doorway, circa 1925
- 2011.17.11 Snapshot of four women standing outside on blanket. Inscribed on reverse "Magdalena (Wagner) Miller, Tuttle, N. Dak./ Aunt Hattie (Hertha) Miller; Mrs. Adam Miller, Wishek, N. Dak./ Grandma Fredricka Miller, Tuttle, N.Dak./ Aunt Magdaline (Fry) Miller Mrs. John Miller," circa 1920
- 2011.17.12 Portrait of Minnie Holzwarth in black dress with white "v" pattern and lace collar and sleeve trim, circa 1943
- 2011.17.13 Cabinet photograph of seated man and standing woman. Woman is wearing black dress with mutton sleeves and lace neck ruffle. Photographers are "Dickamann & Zeller. Harvey, N. Dak." Circa 1900
- 2011.17.14 Studio portrait of twelve individuals: seven women and five men. Three women and one man are seated in front. Identified as Martin Miller family. (L to R, standing): Bertha, Berthold, Ruth, Adam, Elmer, Helen, Albert, Lydia. (L to R, sitting): Hildegard, Magdalena, Martin J., Martha – 1936