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## Walcher, John L., 1874-1968

John L. Walcher collection of papers, 1954, 1968. 3 items

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## **OVERVIEW**

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Born near Melrose, Minn. His family moved to Sargent County, N.D., between Milnor and DeLamere in 1885. Wed Christina Schmitt in 1904. He farmed near Tyler, N.D. retiring in 1950. She died in 1959, he died in Breckenridge, Minn. and was buried at Wahpeton, N.D.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Typed summary of interview (11 leaves) with Leonard Sackett concerning the Adams Farm (also known as Fairview Farm) and Elk Valley Farm. Includes mention of his father, John Walcher, a German immigrant, who hauled freight in Minnesota, moved to Sargent County, N.D. in 1885 to farm, later

moving to Sauk Center, Minn. to manage a hotel, son John L. working at Elk Valley Farm, plowing with mules, being struck by lightning, Deering grain binders, carpentering at Adams Farm, W.P. and Mrs. Adams, fencing a sheep pasture, a barn fire that killed 70 mules and horses, hauling hay, working at Adams' other farm at Odebolt, Iowa, Emil Mecklenburg, Henry Kniefle and his future bride, Pauline Nygard, poker games during rainy weather, and illegal beer. Also includes obituaries.

# **FOLDER LIST**

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| 1/1    | Typed summary of interview (11 leaves) Obituaries |

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