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**Finding Aid to the  
Fred P. Boeshans  
Collection  
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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Sylvia (Boeshans) Kramer

**Accession Date:** 30 August 2007

**Collection Number:** 124

**Quantity:** 1 folder and a map

**Summary:** Correspondence, family history information, copies of deeds, and a map, all relating to the Boeshans family and dating from 1909 to 2007.

**Languages:** English

**Links:**

- [Obituary of Sylvia \(Boeshans\) Kramer](#) (*Star Tribune* – 11 April 2012)

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## BIOGRAPHY

Fred Boeshans, Sr. was born on December 11, 1915, north of Beulah, North Dakota, to Joseph and Katherina (Meier) Boeshans. On October 25, 1936, Fred married Lydia Weidner, and they had seven children: Sylvia, Mable, Kathleen, Fred Jr., Vernon, Waybe, and Jerome. Fred Boeshans, Sr. farmed around Beulah until he retired in 1980. Fred Boeshans, Sr. died on September 25, 1993 at the age of 77. Lydia (Weidner) Boeshans died on April 6, 2001.

Sylvia (Boeshans) Kramer was born on February 6, 1941, in Mercer County, North Dakota, to Fred and Lydia (Weidner) Boeshans. She was raised north of Beulah on the family farm until she

attended nursing school in Jamestown. On June 20, 1964, Sylvia married Donald Kramer, and they had six children: Debbie, Paula, Mary, Steve, Doug, and Kurt. Sylvia (Boeshans) Kramer died on April 10, 2012 at the age of 71.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Fred P. Boeshans Collection** consists of correspondence, family history information, copies of deeds, and a map, all relating to the Boeshans family and dating from 1909 to 2007. The collection has been arranged into four series: Correspondence, Family History, Deed, and Map.

The [Correspondence Series](#) contains three photocopied sheets that were part of a letter sent from Ed Boeshanz, of Davis, California, to his second cousin Fred P Boeshans, Sr. The letter is dated April 22, 1996. The first sheet has some family history of Boeshans from Nausatz, Crimea, to Heil, Grant County and Krem, Mercer County, North Dakota. The second sheet is a family census document notarized at Naustaz, Crimea in 1874. The third sheet has two book pages, 215 and 223, from *75th Diamond Jubilee Book of Elgin* [Grant County,ND] for Robert and William Boeshans, Joseph Boeshans family, William Boeshanz, Jr. family, William and Marie Boeshanz family, and Jacob and Karolina Boeshanz family.

The [Family History Series](#) is comprised of four photocopied documents relating to the Boeshanz and Boeshans family. The first document is an address list of Boeshanz and Boeshans. The second document has an image of the Boeshans stone-and-batsen (rammed adobe) house constructed by Gottlieb Stern (from Neustatz, Crimea) near Freeman, Hutchinson County, South Dakota. The third document is a family history of Joseph Boeshans, published in Beulah's newspaper in October (sometime after 1970). The fourth document is an obituary of Fred Boeshans, Sr. from 1993.

The [Deed Series](#) consists of two photocopied deeds relating to the Boeshans family. The first deed is for a ranch purchased by Wilhelm and Marie Boeshans on 10 May 1915. On the back, is a land description by the Northwest Improvement Company, Northern Pacific Railway (incorporated in New Jersey). The second deed is for Wilhelm Boeshans of Heil, Morton County [later Grant County], North Dakota dated 7 July 1909. The deed is from George Dittus and was notarized by Edwin Owings of Ramsey County (St. Paul), Minnesota. Deed was by the Northwest Improvement Company, Missouri Division.

The [Map Series](#) contains one map, "Die Deutschen Kolonien an der Wolga" [2007.15.01], by Karl Stumpp. The map dates to after 1941.

## SEPARATION RECORD

The map, "Die Deutschen Kolonien an der Wolga" [2007.15.01], has been separated from the rest of the collection and placed in the GRHC's map press.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

### **2007 Small Collections Box**

#### **Collection/Folder**

#### **Contents**

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Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory

#### **CORRESPONDENCE SERIES**

**2007.15/1**

Letter from Ed Boeshanz to Fred P Boeshans, Sr., 1996

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#### **FAMILY HISTORY SERIES**

Address list of Boeshanz and Boeshans

Photocopied image of Boeshans house near Freeman, SD

Joseph Boeshans family history

Obituary for Fred Boeshans. Sr., 1993

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#### **DEED SERIES**

Land deed for ranch purchased by Wilhelm and Marie Boeshans on 10 May 1915

Land deed for Wilhelm Boeshans, dated 7 July 1909

#### **MAP SERIES**

#### **Location**

#### **Item**

**MAP PRESS**

“Die Deutschen Kolonien an der Wolga” – by Karl Stumpp, dated after 1941 [2007.15.01]