

## Finding Aid to the Bertha Wichern interview, 1954

### **Bertha Wichern 1870-1961.**

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### **HISTORY**

Born Bertha Bartz in West Prussia, Germany, daughter of Julius August and Otilie (Jahnke) Bartz. She was a twin, her twin sister was named Amelia. Immigrated with her family in 1880 to Ada, Minn. Began working about age eleven for a relative, and at age fifteen began working at Lockhart Farm. Wed John Wichern in 1891 or 1892. He died in 1953. She moved to Ada, Minn.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Typed summary of interview with Leonard Sackett (4 leaves) concerning her work on the Lockhart Farm near Ada, Minn. Includes mention of the family's one room sod house, working at age eleven, caring for small children, washing dishes, making beds, long work hours, quality of food, the stingy wife of the Lockhart Farm superintendent, Jack McPhie, a water well, hired men, and making butter.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

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1	Interviews with Mrs. John Wichern at Lockhart, Minnesota, 9/7/1954, to L. Sackett.