OVERVIEW

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Summary: Six scrapbooks of the Minot Chapter (Landsleute) of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS), 1971-2003; four award ribbons; and various loose material from the scrapbooks.

Languages: English

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HISTORY

The Germans from Russia Heritage Society was founded on January 9, 1971, at Bismarck, N.D., under the name North Dakota Historical Society of Germans from Russia (NDHSGR). For some time, meetings were held in the Grand Pacific Hotel, with Judge Ray Friederich serving as the society's first president. On July 14, 1979, the membership, by popular vote, changed the name
to Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS). Finally on January 21, 1982 the Society moved into its first permanent home on East Central Avenue.

Over the years the Society's activities and physical resources grew until in 1999 the members voted to initiate a fund drive to construct a new and much larger building. The move to the new headquarters took place on December 13, 2000.

The Society's Bismarck headquarters, ideally located in the heartland of our ethnic group on the continental northern plains, has become the leading research center for the Black Sea Germans from Russia in the United States and Canada. Their ancestors migrated in great numbers to Dakota Territory beginning in 1873. By the end of the century, they became a predominant ethnic group of this area. Although descendants of these immigrant forefathers have scattered far and wide, the ancestral ties always go back to the pioneer settlement heartland - the place of new World roots. [Courtesy of www.grhs.org/aboutus/history/history.html]

The Minot Chapter (Landsleute) of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) was organized on September 13, 1973.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Minot Chapter of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society Scrapbook Collection consists of six scrapbooks of the Minot Chapter (Landsleute) of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS), 1971-2003; four award ribbons; and various loose material from the scrapbooks. The materials not in the Scrapbook Series did originally come from the scrapbooks, but they were removed from the scrapbooks because they were either loose or because of preservation concerns. The collection is arranged into six series: Scrapbook, Ribbon, Convention, GRHS, Landsleute, and Subject.

The Scrapbook Series contains six scrapbooks that detail event material, articles, photographs, programs, newspaper clippings, reports, flyers, certificates, letters, notices, obituaries, convention material, etc. from GRHS and the Minot Chapter. The scrapbooks also contain information on the founding and history of the societies. The six scrapbooks date from 1971 to 2003.

The Ribbon Series is comprised of four award rosettes. There is one first place ribbon for best newsletter, two second place ribbons for a scrapbook contest, and one third place ribbon for a banner contest.

The Convention Series includes materials from various conventions. Most of them are from the annual Germans from Russia Heritage Society Convention, 1982-2000; but also present are materials from the 1st Canadian Convention, 1984; and Musik Fest, 1988.

The GRHS Series consists of reports, correspondence, rosters, and other materials relating to the Germans from Russia Heritage Society.
The **Landsleute Series** contains reports newsletters, meeting minutes, and other materials relating to the Minot Chapter (Landsleute) of GRHS. Most of the materials date from the late 1970s to the mid-1980s. This series features several issues of the Landsleute newsletter, *Landsleute News*, from 1979 to 1983.

The **Subject Series** is comprised of miscellaneous items that did not directly relate to any other series. The series includes funeral programs, information on the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC) and newspaper clippings.

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### SCRAPBOOK SERIES

1. GRHS Minot Chapter (Landsleute) scrapbook, 1971-1981 [2012.17.01]
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### RIBBON SERIES

1. Purple ribbon – First Place – Best Newsletter, GRHS, 1983 [2012.17.07]
2. Red ribbon – Second Place – Scrapbook Contest, NDHSGR [2012.17.08]
3. Red ribbon – Second Place – Scrapbook Contest, GRHS [2012.17.09]
4. White Ribbon – Third Place – Banner Contest, GRHS [2012.17.10]
CONVENTION SERIES

3/1  1st Canadian Convention – roster and information, 1984
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GRHS SERIES

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3/18 Heritage Review Author List
3/19 Membership Rosters
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LANDSLEUTE SERIES

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3/25 Miscellaneous items

SUBJECT SERIES

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