

## Finding Aid to the Welcome Valley School District #74 Records

### Welcome Valley School District No. 74 (Cass County, N.D.)

Welcome Valley School District No. 74 records, 1882-1955.

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### OVERVIEW

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### BIOGRAPHY

Gardner Township was named for Stephen Gardner, a land speculator who purchased section 2 in 1881. 27 residents signed a petition to formally organize the township in 1884. On December 16, 1909 a fire destroyed several buildings in the village of Gardner, and all township records kept at the time were also destroyed. Township records can now be found only back to 1910. The Farm Home Administration bought up much of the land in Gardner Township during the drought of the 1930s. This land was divided into smaller, more sustainable farms and sold to farmers from other areas who were deemed to be reliable. The farms could be purchased on a crop payment plan.

The first school in the township was built on Section 2 in the northeast portion of the township in 1882. Residents felt the need for a second school in the southwest portion of the township. This was built in section 29. It was School District #74, and was called the Welcome Valley School. The building was also used as a community center and church. The Welcome Valley Methodist Church met there, and community events were held there. The number of students at Welcome Valley dropped to 8, and the school was closed in 1954.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

School records include the Treasurer's and Clerks books, receipt books and loose receipts, papers relating to employment and worker's compensation, and various reports.

## **FOLDER LIST**

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