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Sebastian L. Vogel Reminiscence, 195?
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BIOGRAPHY

Sebastian and Rose Vogel, Illinois natives, moved to a farm north of Fargo in 1913 where they raised their nine children. He died in 1959 and she in 1958.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

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