

Finding Aid to the Manor Farms Crop Records

Amenia and Sharon Land Company

Manor Farms Crop Records, 1924

.75 Linear Feet

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OVERVIEW

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BIOGRAPHY

The Amenias and Sharon land company began in the 1870s after the residents of Amenias, New York, and Sharon, Connecticut lost their wealth due to the railroad bonds became worthless. They exchanged those bonds for land in Cass County, North Dakota. The residents sent stakeholder's secretary, Eban W. Chaffee to survey the land and they settle on land that is eight miles north of Casselton, North Dakota. The first crop seeded on this new land was wheat and was planted in the spring of 1877.

As the company grew, it continued to purchase more and more land. It would eventually become the largest bonanza farms in the state of North Dakota. When its first general agent, E.W. Chaffee died in 1892, his son, H.F. Chaffee took over. He continued until 1912 when he and his wife, Carrie Toogood

Chaffee were aboard the HMS Titanic. When the disaster happened, H.F. put Carrie into lifeboat number 4 and she never saw him again. He perished on the Titanic. Once this happened. Amenia and Sharon Land company couldn't continue. Without a leader and the dropping grain prices due to World War I, the company dissolved, sold its properties to smaller farmers and closed for good in 1922.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains the records pertaining to the 1924 crops that have records for variety of crops including wheat, barley, flax, oats, corn, and clover. The collection is arranged by section number. The records include receipts, and notes on how much of each crop was purchased.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Content
1/1	Finding aid, and Historical information
1/2	Section 19-A: sweet clover, flax, rye, and oats
1/3	Section 23-A: sweet clover, flax, oats, and wheat
1/4	Section E-24A: flax, oats, barley, and wheat
1/5	Section W 1/2 - 24- A: Wheat, flax, oats, and barley
1/6	Section 25 A: oats, barley, wheat, and sweet clover
1/7	Section 26 A: wheat, oats, rye, flax, and corn
1/8	Section SW 1/4 - 30 -A: wheat oats, and corn
1/9	Section E-21-A: alfalfa, wheat, barley, oats, and flax
1/10	Section W1/2-31-A: "Kota", oats, and corn
1/11	Section 32A: wheat, barley, rye, flax, and corn
1/12	Section SW 1/4-34 Gum: barley
2/1	Section SW1/4-34 Gum: oats, rye, flax, and corn
2/2	Section W1/2-34 FL: Wheat, barley, oats, flax, and corn
2/3	Section 35A: wheat, barley, oats, flax, corn, sweet clover, and potatoes