

**Finding aid to the**  
***North Dakota: A Human and Economic Geography Photograph Collection***

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74 gelatin silver prints

Collection number: Photo 2102

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**Provenance**

This collection of photographs likely was originally part of the records related to the production of *North Dakota: A Human and Economic Geography* that was published by the Institute for Regional Studies. In its archival records the files for this publication include correspondence, contracts, expenses, three drafts of the manuscript and the galley proof. At some point the photographs were separated from the other records, however they were retained as a single collection.

**Scope and Content**

The *North Dakota : A Human and Economic Geography* Photograph Collection includes all the images (with the exception of four from the first chapter) that were used in the publication of Melvin E. Kazeck's

book *North Dakota : A Human and Economic Geography* in 1956 (call number Inst. F636 .K3). The book received many positive reviews and was one of the first geographies of a single state ever published. The original photographs were mostly acquired by the author and publisher from the Greater North Dakota Association, many of which were taken by William P. Sebens of North Dakota. The collection has been organized into nine files; each by the corresponding chapter in the book: Stages in Human Ecology, The General Farming Area, The Wheat Region, The Cattle-Wheat Region, Industries, Transportation and Principal Cities, Soil and Water Development in the State, The Future of the State, and a Miscellaneous file. In total, this collection consists of 74 black and white gelatin silver prints, many of them have a stamp on the back that shows they came from the Greater North Dakota Association.

The **Stages in Human Ecology** file contains four images relating to Plains Indians, the Red River, and army forts. This file is missing four photographs that were used in the book.

The **General Farming Area** file contains ten images of various crops, farmers, farms, farming equipment, harvesting, and an interesting aerial shot of flooded Grafton, N.D.

The **Wheat Region** file contains nine images of a lake, the International Peace Garden, Rugby N.D, wheat fields, wheat harvesting, dairy cows, and a farm. One image of particular interest is image three which shows the Geographical Center of North America marker that is in Rugby, N.D. The other images, in general, may be helpful to someone who is researching farming in North Dakota.

The **Cattle-Wheat Region** file has seven images that relate to the area that extends from the Missouri River to the Montana border and from Mandan to the South Dakota border (the Southwestern corner of the state). This includes the badlands, Missouri River Bottomlands, grain elevators, cattle, and farms. This file contains some stunning images of different buttes in the badlands of North Dakota.

The **Industries** files have a total of thirteen photos relating to the productive, manufacturing, and extractive industries. One image of particular interest may be photo six which shows a burning sump pit at an oil well near Tioga, N.D.

The **Transportation and Principal Cities** file contains seven images of the major cities of North Dakota. Five of these photos are aerial views of Grand Forks, Minot, Jamestown, Williston, and Dickinson. The other two are somewhat different in the fact that they don't give a larger view of the town but focus on a specific part. One of them shows Broadway in Fargo and the other shows the state capitol building in Bismarck.

The **Soil and Water Development in the State** file has ten photos related to different field-types in North Dakota, hunting, and damming. One interesting photo in this collection is an elevated view of the Garrison Dam shortly after construction had been completed and not long before it was put into use.

The **Future of the State** file contains seven photos of irrigation, a small town, coal mines, and some scenery in the badlands. Especially interesting are the photos of the different types of irrigation.

The **Miscellaneous** file has seven pictures that were acquired with the rest of the collection but are not present in the book. Each photo looks like it could've at one point been considered for inclusion in the publication of the book but were ultimately left out. These include photographs of a butte, a mining scene, an alternate photo to photo 2102.7.1 which shows Broadway in Fargo, and hunting.

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