Finding Aid to the
Joseph R. Askew Photograph Collection

Askew, Joseph R., 1893-1962
Joseph R. Askew Photograph Collection, 1917-1930s
5 gelatin silver prints
Collection number: Photo 493
Photo Folio 44.3

OVERVIEW

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Biography

**Scope and Content**

The Joseph R. Askew Photograph Collection includes five photographs taken of Askew and life on his farm near Casselton, North Dakota. All family members are seen variously in these photographs, and a family friend Alex McKinnon. All the photographs portray farm life in rural Cass County in the early 20th century. The collection is organized into a single series by the year they were perceived or known to be taken. Two of the photographs were taken by Casselton photographer, George Tise. For the remaining three the photographer is unknown.

The first image is of Joseph Askew on top of a horse drawn grain wagon in front of the Magill Co. seed house in Fargo, N.D. Attached to it is a copy of a personal check written to William H. Askew from the Magill Co. William H. Askew is Joseph R. Askew’s father. Image two shows Joseph Askew on a tractor near Casselton. The picture shows a tractor pulled and horse drawn chisel plows. Image three is of Otto Madson on a John Deere drill pulled by an International tractor, as well as Robert and William (Joseph’s sons). Joseph, Leah Askew and Alex McKinnon are on right side. The picture was taken near Durbin, N.D. Photograph four is a grain harvesting scene showing a 15-30 International Combine, D4 Caterpillar Tractor and a John Deere combine in center. The final image is also a harvesting scene, perhaps taken at the same time, of a John Deere combine, with Alex McKinnon on the combine and Joe, Leah and Clifford Askew on the left.

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