

Finding Aid to the Robert G. Foss Negative Collection

Foss, Robert G., 1888-1929

Robert G. Foss Glass Negative Collection, ca. 1905-1920

312 glass plate negatives

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BIOGRAPHY

Robert G. Foss was born October 8, 1888 on the farm of his parents, Gustav A. and Carrie (Ihland) Foss, near Christine, N.D. As a boy, Robert worked on his parent's farm. On December 15, 1915, he married Randi Kragness. They had one child, Corine. He farmed near Christine, N.D. with his father and brothers for most of his life. One of his hobbies was photography. He remained in the Christine vicinity until his death on March 27, 1929. He was buried in Richland Lutheran Church cemetery, near Christine, N.D.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Robert G. Foss Glass Negative Collection consists of 301 4x5 inch glass plate negatives and eleven 5x7 inch glass plate negatives (these are filed at the end of the collection, numbered 302-312). Very few of the negatives are identified and thus the collection has been arranged alphabetically by topic. The negatives consist mostly of images of animals, children, farm scenes, funerals, outdoor scenes, people,

river scenes, threshing, and towns. Likely most or all were taken in the Christine, N.D. area. No prints accompanied the negative collection nor have any reference prints been made.

NEGATIVE NO.	DESCRIPTION
	Animals-
1	Cats
2-3	Dogs
4-12	Horses
13	Pigs
14-15	Rabbits
16-23	Barns
24	Barns, April 18, 1910
25-26	Binders
	Children-
27-65a	Group portraits
66-117	Individual portraits
118	Churches
	Farming Scenes-
119	Three men harvesting a field
120	Construction of a farm building
121	Women raking hay
122	Horse and wagon teams
123	Distant view of a field with haystacks
124	Animal pen
125-126	Man loading a wagon
127-131	Farmsteads
	Funerals-
132-133	Caskets with flowers
302-304	Caskets with flowers (5x7)
134-143	Caskets with flowers and photographs
305-309	Caskets with flowers and photographs (5x7)
144-146	Children's funerals
147-150	Family members around the casket
151-152	Greenhouses
153-154	Haying
155-156	Horse drawn machinery
	Houses-
157-176	Exteriors
177-178	Interiors
179-180	Under construction
181-185	Hunting
186-200	Outdoor scenes
201-203	Outdoor scenes, April 6, 1909
204	Outdoor scenes, April 18, 1910
205-207	Outdoor scenes - Bridges
310	Outdoor scenes (5x7)

	People-
208-215	Family portraits
216-236	Group portraits
237-238	Group portraits - Mary Kragness with a child ca. 1914-1915 in a farmyard south of Christine, N.D.
239-264	Individual portraits
311	Individual portraits (5x7)
265-266	Social gatherings
267	Social gatherings ca. 1910-1912 in north Richland County area
268	Social gathering afternoon coffee party in Christine, N.D.
269-278	River scenes
279-280	River scenes - Red River
312	Seed grain cleaner (5 X 7)
281	Schoolhouse
282-283	School children
284-287	Swimming
288-292	Threshing
293	Threshing - Richland Church area
294-295	Towns
296	Towns - Christine, N.D.
297-299	Trains
300	Wedding
301	Well drilling?