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Humboldt and Northcote (Minn. : Farm)
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HISTORY

Farms in Kittson County, Minn., established by James J. Hill. Son Walter managed parts of the farms, others were managed by the Lohr Brothers. Farm names are taken from Minnesota towns Humboldt and Northcote. Humboldt Farm was disposed of by the James J. Hill estate in the early 1900s. John Lohr worked there, concentrating on the noxious weeds infestation. Walter Hill's farm was to be a large cattle feeding project. Northcote Farm was purchased by John Lohr in 1917.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

Typed copies of correspondence from Nils A. Olsen, of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, C.C. (Chester) Morrison, Great Northern Railway employee, E.C. Leedy, R. Budd, and W.P. Kenney, possibly a Great Northern Railway Company employee. The correspondence discusses the business papers of James J. Hill, original owner of the farms and the fact that the papers had been disposed of previously. Also includes a typed carbon copy of a paper entitled "Humbolt & Northcote farms" by C.C. Morrison, (1953). This history gives a detailed look at the livestock which included Belgian horses, milking Shorthorn cattle, the acreage, other large but not bonanza farms such as Elk Valley Farm (Larimore, N.D.), Garnett Farm (Saint Thomas, N.D.), Fingal Enger Farm (Hatton, N.D.), and large farms in general. Also discusses Walter Hill's farm plan as developed by James J. Hill.

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