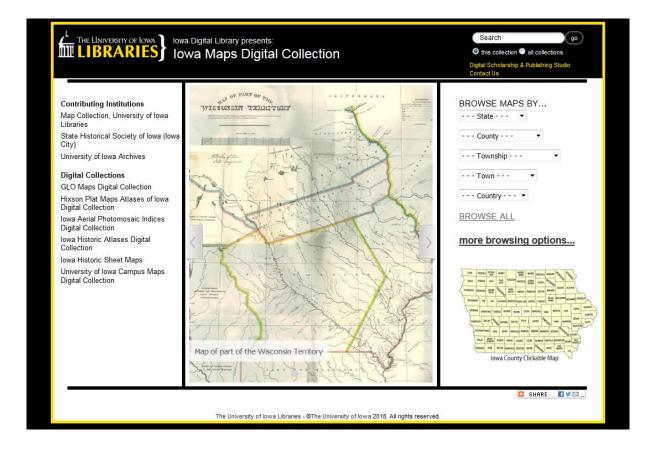
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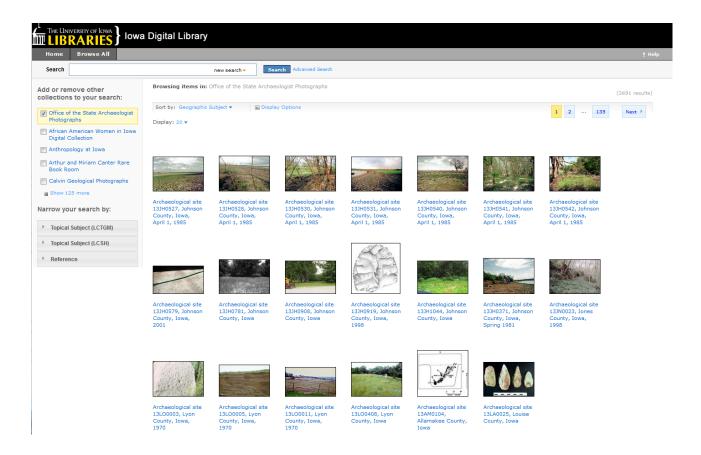
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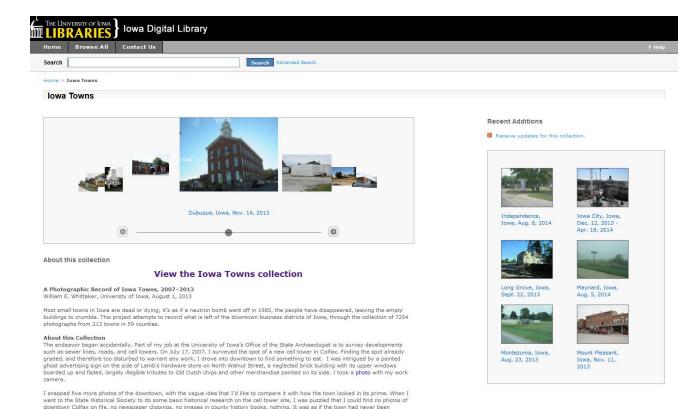
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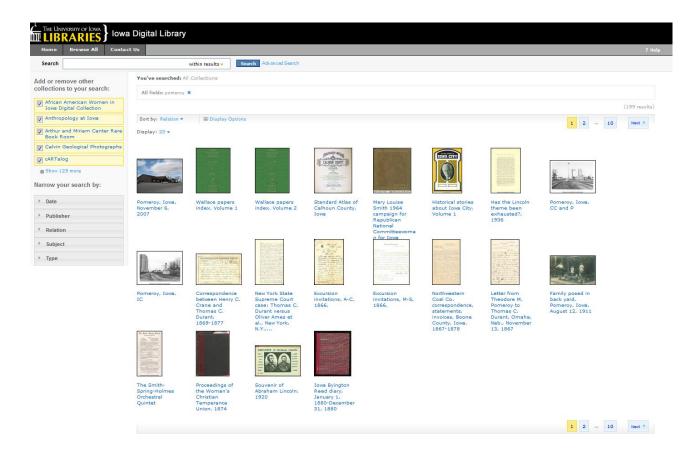
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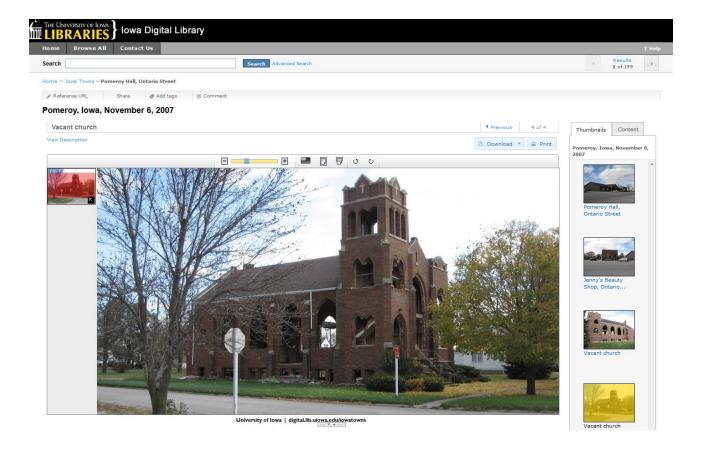
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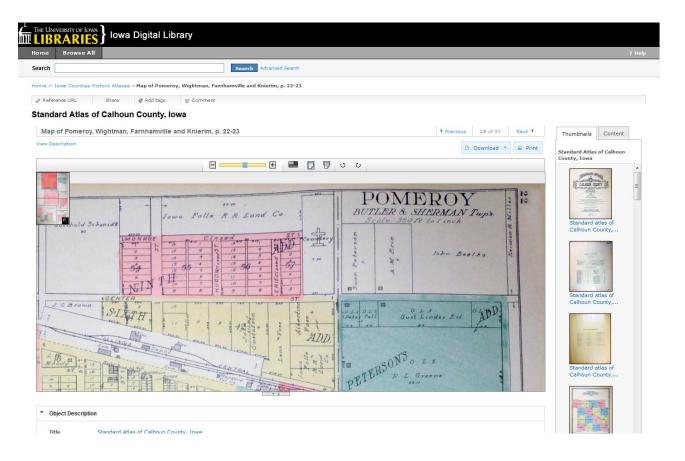
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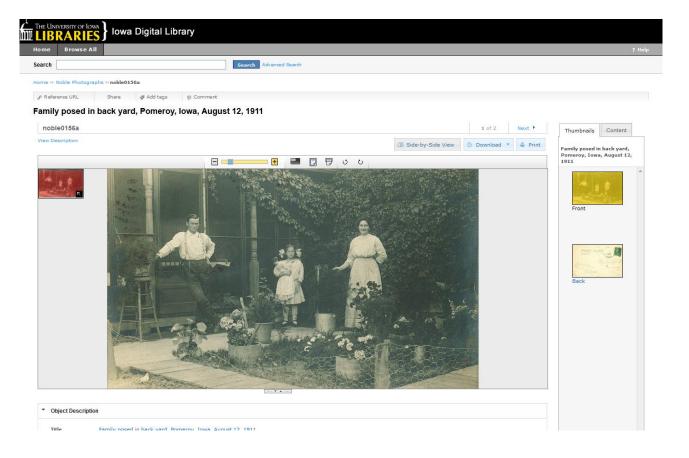
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The term "zine" (derived from the word "fanzine") refers generally to a small, informal, non-commercial publication. By their very nature, zines are hard to define exactly, but distinguishing common characteristics of zines include a small circulation (sometimes via subscription, but often distributed informally among interested parties) and a raison d'etre that stresses free expression over profit. With the exception of late 19th century amateur press hobbyists, zines entered the cultural Featured Items



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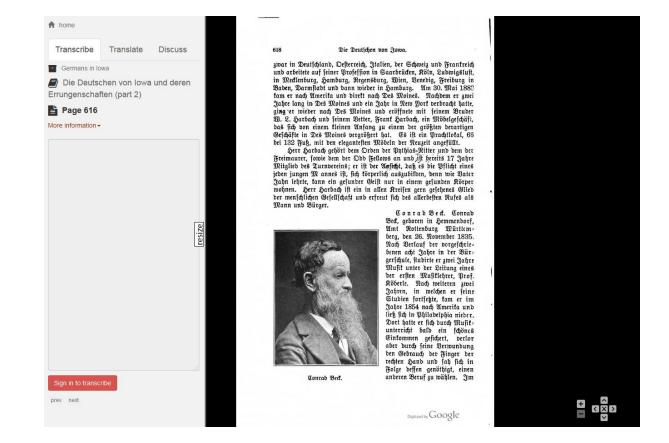
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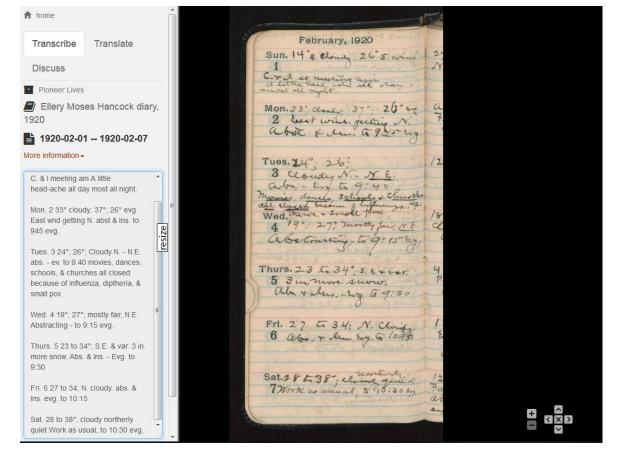
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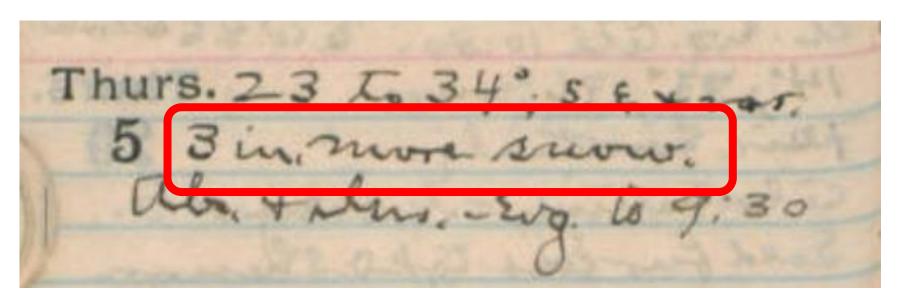
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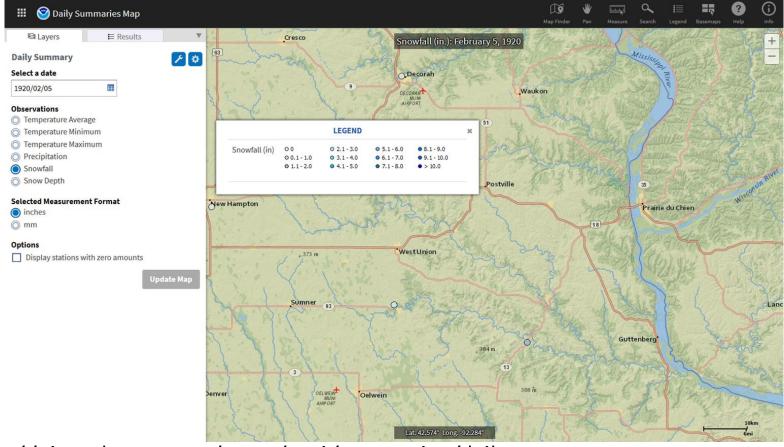
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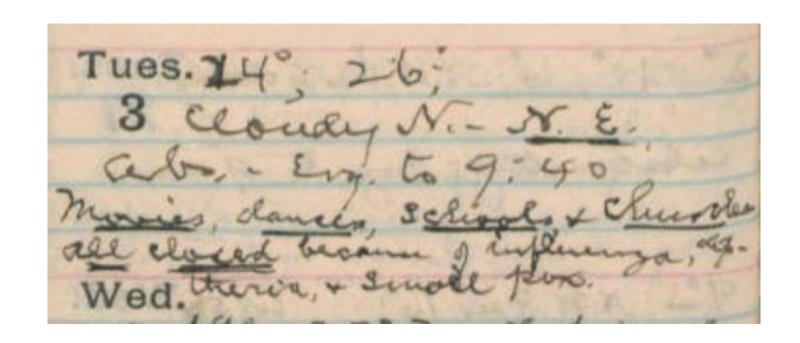
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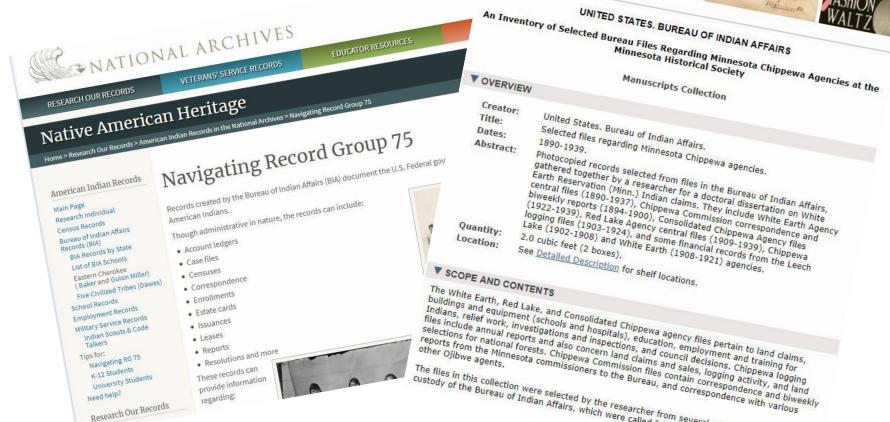
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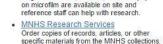
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Dakota Family History Research Guide: Overview

Overview Getting Started Books Manuscripts Newspapers Church & Vital Records Census & Lists

Research Options

• Visit the MNHS Library



Original materials, records, and newspapers

- Your Local Library
 Many books listed in the Secondary Sources can be checked out at other libraries.
- Local Historical Societies
 A list of MN county and town historical societies, with contact info and web links
- Ancestry.com
 A genealogy website with records from all over the world. Access requires a subscription. Visit the MNHS Library to use our subscription.
- Family Search
 A free family history site that allows you to search records from around the world.

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- Family History Overview
 A guide to getting started on family history research at MNHS.
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Minnesota is the homeland of the Dakota people. A Dakota person's family history can re back as stories can tell. Elders and other storytellers are often the best guide. This online help with the more recent part of that history, especially in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Minnesota Historical Society has a variety of resources to help you learn about your f history such as birth and death, marriage, education, employment, religious, military servi property ownership, and state institution records. You can access many of these materials Minnesota Historical Society Library, as well as additional valuable items.



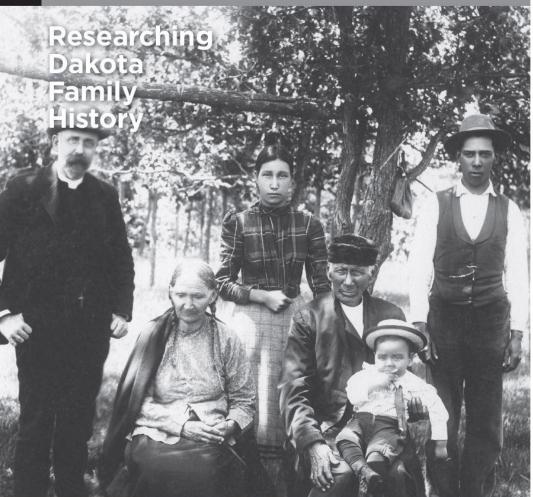
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This guide will help your research your family history by exploring:

- Books & Other Publications
- Vital Records
- Census & Annuity
- Church Records
- Land Records
- Archival and Manuscript Collections
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Dakota, Mixed Blood Indian, and White Biographical Files Notebook

Compiled by Alan Woolworth from the Minnesota Biographies Project, this notebook contains photocopies of biographical information about Dakota people and whites who married into Dakota families. Most entries include date and place of birth and death, a brief life narrative, and citations to newspaper articles or other sources. Arranged alphabetically.

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Grey Cloud Woman Notebook

Notebooks compiled by the MNHS Education Department staff, containing photocopies of various articles and other material concerning Grey Cloud Woman. Notebook number II contains genealogical material, including family tree charts.

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James McLaughlin Papers, 1855-1937

Microfilm of the Major James McLaughlin Papers. This collection contains letters, applications for land patents, publications, financial records, notebooks, letter books, and other papers relating to McLaughlin's work as Dakota Indian agent at the Devils Lake and Standing Rock reservations in North Dakota (1876-1895), and as agency inspector and treaty negotiator for the U.S. Office of Indian Affairs (1895-1923). They concern his inspections and negotiations at agencies throughout the U.S. and his work in determining the competency of Indians for citizenship and land patents.

Rolls 5-13 contain information on allotments, citizenship work, and applications for citizenship.

Roll 21 contains a listing of Standing Rock Dakota, giving the Indian and English names, their ages, and family relationship.

Roll 38 contains the index created by the Abbey Archives on 15,675 cross-reference cards, that give the exact frame numbers to pinpoint information on individual persons and Indian agencies.

The "Census of Medawakanton Sioux of Minnesota," lists entire families and their locations. The Santee Sioux Roll of individuals living in Minnesota and elsewhere can be used in fulfilling a Court of Claims judgment (reel 1 of M405).

MNHS call number: See the finding aid in the Library (M230) and (M405).

Papers Relating to Prairie Island Indian Community, 1958-1959

Typescripts and photographs containing biographical and historical information on the Prairie Island Indian Community and, especially, on members of the Rouillard and Wells families who settled there beginning in the 1880s. Also included is a list of Indian names from the mid-1860s and mid-1870s.

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1851 census of Eastern Cherokee Indians, known as the Drennen Roll

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Applications for enrollment and allotment of Washington Indians, 1911-1919

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Approved roll of Osage Indians in Oklahoma, 1921 Author: United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs

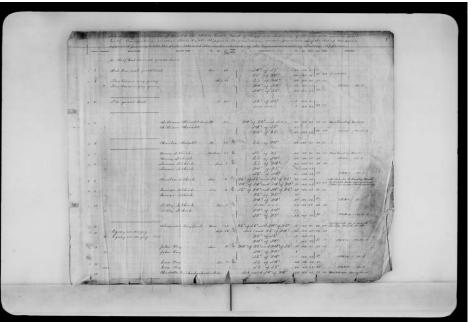
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Biographical and historical index of American Indians and persons involved in Indian affairs

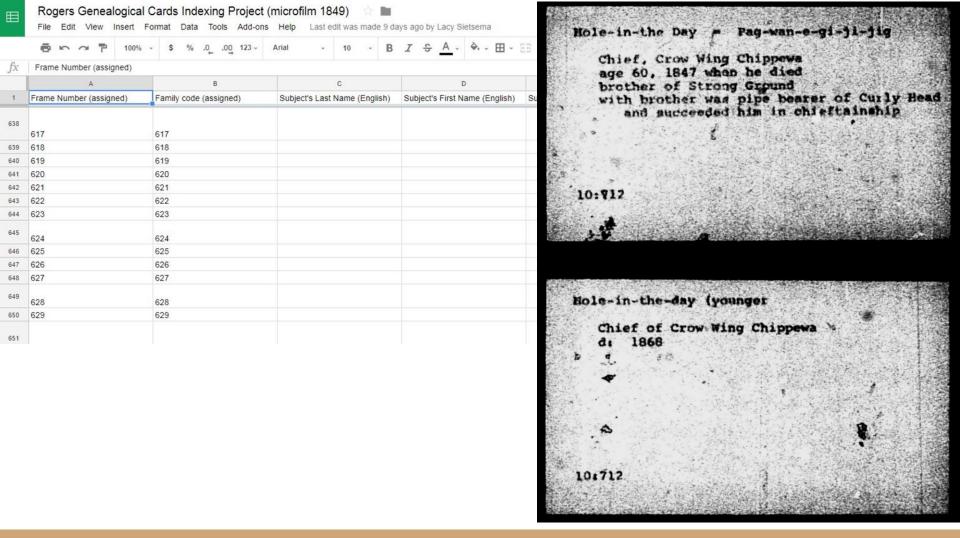
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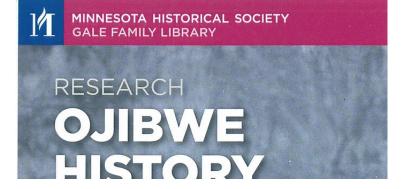
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At the Gale Family Library



Gale Family Library at the Minnesota Historical Society

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A useful resource for American Indian genealogy is the Indian Census (1885-1940) produced by the US Office of Indian Affairs. This census was taken every year, is arranged by reservation, and is searchable by name online. Post 1930, these records show degree of Indian blood, marital status, ward status, place of residence, and other useful information. Only persons who maintained a formal affiliation with a tribe under federal





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Landing at K-State Archives and Special Collections: Collections You Don't Expect to Find Here.

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- ▶ Cookery Collection
- Consumer Movement Archives
- Kansas Life and Culture
- University Archives
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The Kansas Aerial Photography Initiative (KAPI) makes available select black and white aerial photographs of Kansas dating between the 1950s and 1970s. These photographs are part of a collection of over 65,000 historic U.S. Department of Agriculture photographs and provide a pictorial record of the cultural and physical features of a large portion of the state. All images are in the public domain.

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Consumer Movement Archives



The Consumer Movement Archives (CMA) was established in 1987 through the initiative of Richard L.D. Horse, a prominent leader in the consumer movement and Kansas State University professor. Broadly defined, the consumer movement consists of individuals and organizations that advocate for the rights and welfare of consumers, especially when those rights are violated by corporations and governments.

The CMA preserves and documents the history of the consumer movement in the United States. It provides a repository for the papers and records of consumer leaders, activists, and organizations, and it promotes scholarly use of the material.

The CMA holdings include collections from individuals who worked to protect the rights and safety of consumers. State and national consumer organization records from groups like the Arizona Consumers Council, National Consumer Law Center, the American Council on Consumer Interest, and the Consumer Federation of America are also preserved. In addition, several collections document consumer activities at the international level.

Ckey issues of interest within the collection include consumer history, protection, rights, health and safety, linance (e.g. truth in lending and savings), products, representation in government, law, and cooperatives. Types of materials include correspondence, minutes, reports, policies, legal and financial documents, photographs, and electronic records.

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Alma Williams papers, 1958-1985

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American Council on Consumer Interests records, 1953-1983

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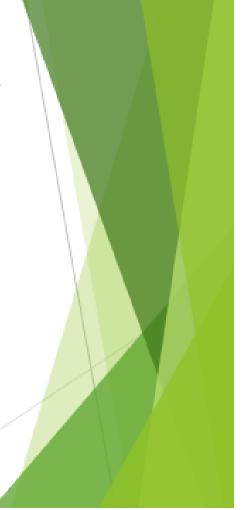
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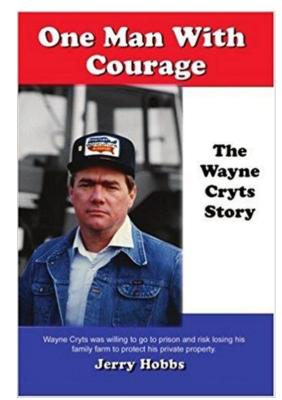
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- 3500 linear feet
- Thousands of photographs, maps and blueprints
- Digitized images collection

Wayne & Sandy Cryts Family Papers, 1977-2010

- Acquired in 2014
- 26.8 Linear Feet
- Typical things in family papers
 - Oral histories
 - Photgraphs
 - Scrapbooks
 - Letters
- Atypical items
 - Soybeans
 - Truck tailgate



Wayne Cryts: One Man with Courage





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Missouri Bean Farmer, Hero of Drive For a New Bankruptcy Law, Is Freed

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark., June 1 - A Missouri farmer who had been in jail here since April 28 was released today when a Federal bankruptcy judge said his confinement would serve no further

The farmer, Wayne Cryts, 35 years old, of Puxico, Mo., had been jailed for contempt of court by Judge Charles W. Baker of Federal Bankruptcy Court in Little Rock. He had refused to give the names of some 70 farmers who helped him remove 31,000 bushels of soybeans from a grain elevator in Bernie, Mo., on July 22, 1981.

Mr. Cryts was released after a hearing in Little Rock in which four co-defendants, including his wife and father, also refused to disclose the farmers' names. The judge said their refusal effectively foreclosed any possibility of identifying the other farmers. Attor-neys for Mr. Cryts had told Judge Baker that Mr. Cryts would continue to refuse to testify.

Latest Chapter in Long Dispute

The jailing of Mr. Cryts was the latest episode in what has been a two-year battle over the ownership of two million bushels of grain and soybeans stored in 11 bankrupt elevators in Missouri and Arkansas. The dispute has widened to include the larger question of economic protection for farmers at a time when elevator bankruptcies have become

Mr. Cryts has become a symbol of that fight to many American farmers, particularly those who belong to the American Agriculture Movement, of which he is a national officer.

He has also become a hero in Russellville, a city of 14,000 in the Ozarks of | to the stored crops. northern Arkansas. His cause has been Mr. Cryts held his crop in anticipa-

adopted by the American Constitutional kights Association of Klamath Falls, guessed right. The 1980 Missouri soyore, a conservative civil rights group, bean crop was devastated by drought. Rights Association of Klamath Falls, Ore., a conservative civil rights group, which gave him free legal help.

Took Case to Washington

Mr. Cryts took his cause to Washington in early May and picked up additional supporters. At the request of Senator Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, Judge Baker granted Mr. Cryts a four-day furlough from iail so he could testify before Congressional committees considering changes in the Bankruptcy Act.

Mr. Dole is the sponsor of a bill that would give farmers priority in claims against bankrupt elevators. Bankruptcy proceedings normally take years to resolve, in which time the farmers' assets, the stored crops, are useless to them. The bill would settle farmers' claims in 120 days.

Mr. Cryts said he was embarrassed at suggestions that he is a hero. "I was desperate," he said, "I did what I did out of desperation. The real heroes are those farmers who kissed their wives and kids goodbye and drove hundreds of miles to help me, not knowing what they were getting into.

Waited for Higher Prices

His reference was to the events of Feb. 16, 1981, at the Ristine grain elevator near New Madrid, Mo., in the fertile Boot Heel region of southeastern Missouri. Mr. Cryts and his family farm 2,000 acres in scattered parcels throughout the Boot Heel. In the fall of 1979 he stored 31,000 bushels of soybeans at Ristine. In return, he received bonded warehouse receipts, which, under Missouri law, provide clear title

But in June 1980, the owners of the Ristine Elevator filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the 1978 Federal Bankruptcy Law. The brothers who owned the elevator, Donald, George and Robert James of Corning, Ark., had pledged their holdings against a \$3 million loan from the First Tennessee Bank of Memphis and the bank had called in the loan.

Judge Baker, one of two Federal bankruptcy judges in Arkansas, froze the assets of the James brothers' concern. He ruled that the stored grain was an asset of the elevator company, since farmers would be hard-pressed to identify individual soybeans to prove owner-

Mr. Cryts arrived at the Ristine elevator early on the rainy morning of Feb. 16, 1981, accompanied by some 300 farmers from around the country and more than 75 grain trucks. Federal marshals and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation allowed the farmers to take the beans and truck them 25 miles to the elevator in Bernie.

Although Mr. Cryts was later charged with obstruction of justice, a grand jury in St. Louis refused to indict

Soybeans Are Moved Again

The beans remained at the elevator in Bernie until July 22, 1981. At that point, Judge Baker ordered all the crops in the James brothers' 11 elevators to be sold. Fearful that his soybeans would be removed and facing a new date on a \$140,000 production credit loan by the Commodity Credit Corporation, Mr. Cryts moved his soybeans again.



Wayne Cryts kissing his wife, Sandy, after being released from county jati in Russellville, Ark.

of Judge Baker, has refused to accept | dered him jailed. payment of Mr. Cryts's note.

Cryts said in the interview. But the names of the farmers who helped him. just a man in the middle. Commodity Credit Corporation, leery When Mr. Cryts refused, the judge or-

The judge contended that the beans was not happy that the case was viewed some pickup trucks bear bumper stickbelonged to the bankruptcy court. He as a personal duel between Mr. Cryts ers reading, "Free Wayne, jail the obtained a grant of immunity for Mr. and himself. "It's between Mr. Cryts judge."

All the beans have now been sold, Mr. Cryts and ordered him to disclose the | and the trustee," the judge said. "I'm Mr. Cryts and his supporters see it

otherwise. "He's taking it personally, Judge Baker, 41, said recently that he Mr. Cryts said. And in the Boot Heel

Challenges of acquiring the Cryts Family Papers



Importance of this "Flyover Land"

- Important to document what happens locally in your area (geographically)
- But also important to realize that this incident caused actual change to occur



Importance of this "Flyover Land"



This collection has had some interesting uses already:

- Business faculty doing historical business management research
- Images used in a documentary entitled "Puxico"

Importance of this "Flyover Land"



"We need more justice in this world. But sometimes justice does not always land in your lap. Sometimes you've got to stand up and reach for it."

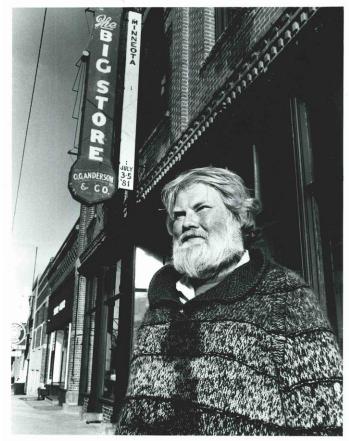
-Wayne Cryts

Bridging the Divide Urban, Rural, & the Regional Repository

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Bill Holm (1943-2009)



lcelanders, box elders, soybeans and poets

by Bill Holm

On the day before leaving eastern Vignina, I called the telephone company to have my phone disconnected and my bill forwarded to Minneota, Minnesota. I talked to a good-humored black woman. I saye her the address. There was a pause. "No street, no number?" None. She asked no to repeat and spell the address. I did. not that a real place?" It is, indeed, a place in southwestern Minnesota.

I was, in fact, born on a farm eight miles north of Minneota, Minnesota. The farm had been homesteaded about 1880 by my Icelandic grandfather, Sveinn. The house sat on a hill, surrounded by trees countable on the fingers of one hand, and miles of prairie rolling off toward South Dakota. My mother decided that I would read books and die without callouses on my hands, but my father would have preferred a son who took slightly more interest than I did in cultivating soybeans and repairing combines. When I was 18 what I wanted most in the world was to see the city limits of Minneota receding - for the last time - in the rear view mirror of an automobile driving east. New York, Boston, Washington, where men don't spit their snoose into brass spittoons, where they wore suits instead of clean bib overalls on Saturday night - where women did not wear shapeless print dresses, and discuss the price of eggs and the newest hot dish recipe, but were elegant and witty with painted eyebrows and long black gowns.

By gradual steps, I did make my way east, through college, graduate school, and into a teaching job — on the Atlantic Ocean, as far east as the American consciousness can move. However, a strange thing happened. Rather than finding genuine culture and civility, martinis and paté, conversation about Italian movies and politics, I found a kind of empty-hearted

rootlessness, books used as blant instruments, a sneering disbelief that midwestern farmers might have souls — much less intellects. So I began — much to the skeptical amusement of the casterners I knew — to tell Minneota stories of fierce winters, of eccentric old telanders who died of broken hearts, of treeless hills full of wildflowers in Lincoln county, of



Among the immigrants to Southwestern Minnesota in the late 19th century was Soffia Holm, shown here with her sons Gunnar and John.

pioneer graveyards with peculiar names in Norwegian, Polish, Belgian, Icelandic, of cleaning hog-houses with a tender nose and soaking tired bones in an old curved-leg bathtub, of country school with its brass bell, glass-doored oak book-cases, and half-mooned outhouses. And most of all - the rich variety of characters in small towns, and how it was possible to know and tolerate and forgive and love them in ways not available to the guarded privacy of the large city. As my mother used to say, Minneota is just like that book by Grace Meticulous (sic) - Peyton Place only better; the stories were true, and you knew the actors.

I do not mean here to write my autobiography, but rather to use myself as an example, duplicated many times in southwestern Minnesota, of the attempted escape from these bleak prairies, and of the discovery, usually after a passage of years, that you love a place, and belong there, and grow out of its black ground like a cornstalk.

I use Minneota, not because it is different from other towns in the southwest, but because it is like them. If you happen to know or be from another town — Adrian, Wabasso, Granite Falls, Hendricks — substitute them. They are all rich as tropical jungles with life and poetry.

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Minneota was full of accents and languages when I grew up there in the forties, burry localned with its trilled consonants, some consonants of the language was a superstanding the language of the language that the language country is a single, thinly populated country in the middle of the American continent. Strangers to the praries would exclaim about the boring monotony of the but to a native vent a single section of land

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Bill Holm papers in the Upper Midwest Literary Archives (University of Minnesota): http://archives.lib.umn.edu/repositories/16/resources/5879

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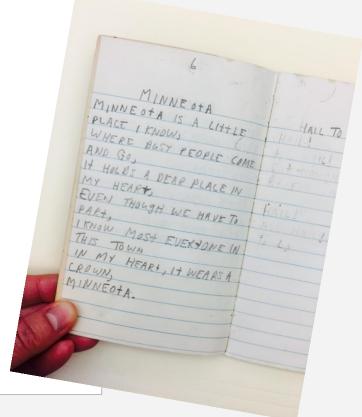
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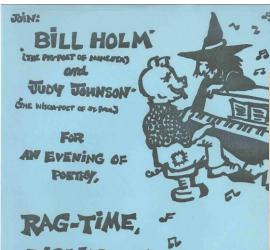
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army straight at me.

ASKED WHY, OF ALL THINGS, I WRITE POEMS ABOUT BOXELDER BUGS, I INVOKE THE GHOST OF MY MOTHER, WHO HAD MORE THAN HER SHARE OF ICELANDIC WISDOM.

Jona used nylon stockings as rope, Made cats out of beer bottles and light bulbs, Christmas angels out of rolled up newspapers, And patched the patches on the patches on underwear Till they looked like clown suits, She polished shoes with old socks And rosemaled coffee cans. You never know, she said, When it might come in handy, And you can always put it in the soup Where it'll taste good. In the thirties, she canned pigeons, Old torn pants became quilts And the pillows were stuffed with hair. Don't waste what little you've got, she said, Hard times are coming again, someday You'll be hungry and poor, Sorry for what you throw away Or ignore.





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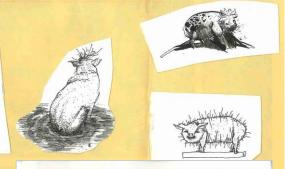
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MANOR LOUNGE, HAMLINE UNIVERSITY

(FREE ADMISSION)



Ralph, the Marion, Ind., mini-pig who has more than a little ham in him, will be rooting for himself today when a theatrical producer in Connecticut selects a four-footed thespian to play the part of Baloney the Pig in a new stage production of "Li'l Abner." Ralph is shown at home awaiting the producer's call. —AP Wirephoto







11th Annual

required, 6:45 a.m. and on. (872-6110)

BOXELDER BUG DAYS BUTTONS ARE NOW ON SALEI \$3.00 at Minneota business places. This button gives you FREE admission to the Bill Holm Variety Show, the Coronation, the Saturday Dances, and the Beer Garden. Buttons are \$4.00 after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

> BOYELDER BUG DAYS MEMORARII IA Buttons, T-Shirts, Mugs, and Notepad Cubes now on sale in Minneota business places.

"3 on 3" Basketball Tournament begins at 8:00 a.m. in the high school

5K Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. at the high school parking lot. Pre-registration

Arts and Crafts sale in the American Legion Building from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - crafts, ceramics, paintings and morel Pre-registration required. (872-5147)

Elea Market in Memorial Park beginning at 9:00 a.m., including new and used items, antiques, and collectibles. Pre-registration required. (872-6790)

Children's Parade at 10:00 a.m. on Jefferson Street. Registration at 9:00 a.m. in the bank parking lot. All entries eligible for prize drawings.

Boxelder Bug Races at 10:15 a.m. near The Big Store, Bill Holm's and

nnaslum. Pre-registration required. (872-6018 or 872-6537)

Farmers' Market beginning at 8:00 a.m. near Memorial Park.

Kiddle Games following children's parade in Riverside Park. Pedal Tractor Pull following children's parade on Jefferson Street near

Saturday Events Softball Tournament begins at 8:00 a.m. at the high school softball com-

a.m. Pre-registration required. (872-6219)

Food Stands in downtown area and softball complex for noon lunches.

Parade at 12:30 p.m. through downtown, Local and area entries, queen andidates, musical units, floats, classic cars and morel (872-6606)

Mel Thorne, Historian with oxen and covered wagon by City Hall. Prairie Winds Zoo shows by Brent Mielke at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. at

Milan Community Band performs after parade on Jefferson Street.

Concert by "Klondike Kates" from St. Paul Winter Carnival at Memorial Park after parade.

Sheep Shearing Demonstration in Memorial Park after parade. Weaving Demonstration by SW MN Weavers Guild in Memorial Park after

Native American Lodge (teepee) for viewing and interpretation in Dance - Music by the Larry Olson Old Time Band from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in

the American Legion Building. BOXELDER BUG POETRY CONTEST

Write a poem about boxelder bugs in not less than 4 lines * or more than 16 lines for prizes. Prizes awarded in two categories: 12 and under - 13 and over. Sponsored by the Minneota Area Chamber of Commercial Send entries to MACC, Box 413, Minneota, MN 56264... All poems become the property of MACC.

Commodities Contest sponsored by local businesses. (872-6159)

BOXELDER BUG DAYS are sponsored by: THE MINNEOTA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR MORE INFORMATION Call (507) 872-6792, (507) 872-6790,



Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday Events

Large Parade -

MINNEOTA, Minnesota Saturday & Sunday September 9 & 10, 1995

Flea Market in Memorial Park continues.

Softball Tournament continues at complex. Volleyball Tournament begins near the high school softball field at 10:00

Train Rides for kids at 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and after parade downtown.

hopper Feed, ice cream and morel Carpenters perform at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Park, east end.

LeRoy Alm Concertine Band performs at 12:00 noon at Memorial Park,

Kiddle Carnival by train ride after parade. Sponsored by FLA. Hayrack Rides by train ride after parade.

Classic Car Show on Jefferson Street after the parade

local winners' poetry will be read pribr to the races. In case of rain, races will be held in City Hall. Queen candidates introduced. Food Stands operated by local clubs located in many areas of downtown

Minneota and the softball complex. Pork burgers, barbecues, hamburgers. tacos, mini-doughnuts, Sno-cones and more, Rolle Bolle Tournament on Madison St. court at 12:30 p.m., register by

Roller Blade Demonstration & Rental 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on 2nd Street Pony Rides for \$1.00 for kids from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. downtown.

Train Rides for \$.25 for kids from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. downtown. Exotic Animal Petting Zoo downtown until 5:00 p.m.

Mel Thorne, Historian with oxen and covered wagon downtown at 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. by City Hall.

Tae Kwon Do Demonstration by the American Legion Building at 12:00

Prairie Winds Zoo in City Hall Community Room, Shows by Brent Mielke

LeRoy Alm Concertina Band performs near the American Legion Building in the afternoon. RC Airplane Show at 4:00 p.m. at the golf course.

The Bill Holm Verlety Show at 4:00 p.m. near the American Legion Building. Admission with Boxelder Bug Button. In case of rain, in the American Legion building.

Queen Coronation at 7:00 p.m. near the American Legion Building. Admission with Boxelder Bug Button, In case of rain, Minneota High School. Street Dance - Music by MICKEY WHITE AND MARSHAL STAR BAND playing classic rock and new country, following the coronation. Admission with Boxelder Bug Button. In case of rain, Minneota High School.

Line Dance in American Legion Building following the coronation mission with Boxelder Bug Button

Beer Garden near the American Legion Building from 1:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight. Admission with Boxelder Bug Button.



- RURAL LIT. - BILL HOLM, BAZIS, PH. 6451 5.5.237 2:00-4:65 T-T. BOOKS. 1) LATE HARVEST - DAVE PICHASKE 2) SELECTED PUEMS - THO CHIEN - TRANS. BY DAVID HINTON 3) A BOY'S WILL & NURTH OF ROSTON - FROST - DOVER THRIFT 4) THE NEART CAN BE FILLED ANNUVERE - MILKWEED) O PIONEERS . COTHER - DOVER) MAIN STREET - LEWIS - DOVER 7) HUME FROM THE FIELD - DANGEL WORK A TWO FEELS MID TOWN & FINANCE DE 248 OF COUNTY ON STREET TWO TESTS IN SEMESTER + FINAL 2) 17-8 PAGE ESSAY ON A LOCAL WRITER . SB, DAK., MINN., IOWA. ETC. FOR WHICH YOU READ AS MUCH AS YOU CAN OF THE WRITER'S WORK, INTERVIEW THE WRITER (IF ALIVE AND 1 F POSSIBLE), CONSIDER THE THEMES OF THE WORK, AND WHAT WISDOM IT OFFERS ABOUT RURAL + REGIONAL LIFE. (VISIT WRITERS HOMETOWN) 3) YOUR PRESENCE BOTH PHYSICAL + MENTAL AND ACTIVE PALTICIPATION. THIS COURSE, LIKE LATE HORUEST, WILL DIVIDE INTO THREE

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Farm Machinery

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grandfather farmed 300 acres with the M. 1980 when my father took over the used it to do most ox the feeding. This was also one of the got to drive and I found out really quick how rice power steering is! The steering wheel has a round know King and I received a nico hand after I let the steering Prof. / Author Bill Holm dad still uses this tractor to Department of English Is and to do other small tasks Southwest State University

Marshall MN 56258

Rural Life is an access point

- Archivists in regional repositories can use it to help people:
 - Understand the people documented in their collections
 - Understand the work and contributions made by individuals across the region
 - Understand the region itself through particular lenses and at particular times in history



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Bill Holm turns out another book - this time highlighting Min-necta and its interesting people. Bill will give a reading from his new book. The Heart Can Be Filled Anywhere On Earth: Minneota, Minnesota, this Sunday evening, July 14th, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. Come and hear some of the highlights by our author-in-residence, Bill Holm. ...Mascot photo

New Bill Holm book centers

on Minneota By Gayle VanVooren
Our very own author, Bill this one takes a close-up look

As most would agree, Bill Holm is also one of our most interesting characters in Min-neota. But he has relegated

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Fire does damage in two sites at Ghent By Gayle VanVooren

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207 McQuestion St. in Chent at around 1:85 am. on July 5th to extinguish their house fire.

They are fortunate to have had a dog who summoned them with his barking, or the couple would not be telling their story this week. The dog began barking when the smoke billowed from the first floor; and the couple escaped their home and ran next door to call for 911.

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By Gayle VanVooren
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Minneota ambulance "Informational" meeting held Monday evening By Jon Guttermsson

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And well is should be, this is a very serious subject; whether the Minneota ambulance service should accept a proposal from North Medical Transportation Services for a

Come one, come all, to the Music in the Park event at Memorial Park in Minneota this Thursday, July 11th. The music will begin at 7.00. The Lincoln HI Men's Ensemfrom the local level, or whether under the control of the City.

Minneota ambulance squad would be "relieved" of two of

The Munic in the Park events are aponsored by Minneota

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Firemen save barns



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Duck capture

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Archives uncovers early Holm poetry

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Bridging the divide

- Consider the political and social implications of preserving & sharing something (or not)
- Consider the divide between urban and rural your institution creates/perpetuates
 - Access hinges on outreach just as much as it does processing and description
- Share collections pertaining to Midwestern rural life with the communities that created them, involve them as much as possible