

Geology, Geography, and Archaeology in North Dakota

Researchers have studied the landscape, people, and artifacts from North Dakota's past to help them understand the landscape and people today. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting geology, geography, and archeology in North Dakota and what researchers have yet to discover.

Archival Collections

10148 Paul Ewald Papers

Correspondence, printed material, subject files, reports, studies, photographs, slides, and notes relating to Indians, archeology, administration of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, historic sites, natural history, research, and personal and business affairs. Collection includes the diary and transcript of Joe Flying Eagle, 1913-1959.

10190 Will Family Papers

Box 2, Folder 42; Box 3, Folder 41; Box 5, Folder 36; Box 14, Folder 10; Box 15, Folder 43; Box 16, Folder 22; Box 16, Folder 64

The collection consists of the papers of Will family members. Includes correspondence, organizational records, research files, manuscripts, business records of the Oscar H. Will Seed Company, family papers, publications, newspaper clippings, maps, drawings, photographs, and moving image.

10392 Traill County History Records [microfilm]

Consists of biographical and historical sketches of persons, businesses, parks, hotels, landmarks, farming, weather, historical events, geography, etc., pertaining to the history of Traill County, North Dakota. Includes a transcript of a ledger from a Hudson's Bay Company Store in Caledonia, Dakota Territory, 1874-1875.

10518 Travis Nicholas Scrapbooks

The scrapbooks consist of promotional material, articles and printed material compiled for a school project at Lewis and Clark Elementary in Mandan, ND, and presented to Governor George Sinner during the statehood centennial celebration. One scrapbook documents North Dakota history and the other documents wildlife in North Dakota.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- Early geology of North Dakota
- Early geography of North Dakota
- Archaeology in North Dakota

People

- George F. Will Sr.
- Herbert J. Spinden
- Ernst R. Steinbrueck
- Chas Coventry
- J. Signe Snortland
- Kimball Banks

Locations

- North Dakota

Journal Articles

A Trip Through the Red River Valley in 1864

J. A. Gilfillan – *North Dakota Historical Quarterly* Vol. 1 Issue 4

A Resume of North Dakota Archaeology

George Will – *North Dakota Historical Quarterly* Vol. 7 Issue 2 & 3

North Dakota in the 1890's: Its People, Politics and Press

D. Jerome Tweton – *North Dakota History* Vol. 23 Issue 1

10536 Martin P. Mosbrucker Collection

The majority of the collection Archaeological files, drawings, research, correspondence, and publications that support Mosbrucker's archaeological collection, which is among the collections in the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Mosbrucker collected the artifacts with his wife, Lavinia, while living in Mandan (N.D.). The bulk of his collection came from the Boley site (32M037) (the site of a Mandan earth lodge village, 1725-1785), and from Fort Abraham Lincoln (32M026). The rest of the collection was collected at various sites in North Dakota.

10680 Frances M. (Cox) Wold Papers

Box 11, Folder 3

Consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, brochures, note cards, greeting cards, World War I and World War II ephemera, interviews, local history files on Burleigh County and North Dakota, a scrapbook of poems for children, ephemera, and working papers for articles in various publications.

10691 Roy Johnson and Louis Pfaller Collection Folder

Box 9, Folder 13

Newspaper clippings, articles, photographs, maps, pamphlets, and correspondence documenting the research of two historians, Johnson and Pfaller, on Major James McLaughlin, forts, battles, railroads, steamboats, exploration, pioneers, Native Americans, weather, murders, schools, missionaries, etc.

11116 North Dakota Humanities Council, Larry Remele Memorial Fellow Reports Folder

Box 1, Folder 5

Collection consists of audiocassettes, papers, programs, and reports to the people of North Dakota tabloids by Larry Remele Memorial Fellows of the North Dakota Humanities Council.

20169 William J. Twining Papers

Papers consist of an order and a reconnaissance report describing the geology, vegetation, forts, and settlements in northern Dakota Territory.

20484 Renville County History

Brief history of the county describing settlement, towns, climate, geology, demographics, schools, highways, origin of the county name, and county offices. Includes a list of county officials.

21371 Sadie Stearns Erickson Papers

Consists of 8th grade composition book belonging to Sadie Stearns Erickson while she went to school at White Earth, Mountrail County, North Dakota. Contents include writing of and about history, historic people, places, science, geography, and family birth dates.

21551 Ronald L. Michael Papers

Bibliography of archaeology in North Dakota.

30224 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division. Director's Files.

Series consists of subject files containing correspondence, reports, plans, budgets, and memoranda. Administrative files January 11, 2011 accession consists of three preservation 1/2" videos. April 1, 2011 accession consists of 1 file folder of correspondence from 1994, .05 ft.

30228 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Archaeological & Historical Survey

1 item. Archaeological surveying--North Dakota; History--Societies, etc.; Agreements

30231 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division. Plains Conference Records

Records consist of registration forms, planning files, posters, and correspondence concerning the 39th annual conference. OCLC 18305141 Plains Archaeological Conference; Archaeologists--North Dakota; Administrative files; History--Societies, etc.

30259 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division. Archaeologist's Office Files

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, and reports relating to excavations, surveys, artifact identification, projects, ethnology, and research.

31461 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division. Environmental Impact Statements

Historical Society, State. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division. Environmental Impact Statements, ca. 1970s-1980s. First accession 1987/12/17.

31910 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Smithsonian contracts for the River Basin Survey

Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Smithsonian contracts for the River Basin Survey, [n.d.] [microform.] With other state series microfiche.

31946 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division. Granitoid files.

State Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Granitoid files.

32333 Historical Society. Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Audiovisual Material

Consists of audiovisual material of various archaeology, historic preservation projects, and historic sites. Subjects include Lake Ilo, the Mennonite Church in Casselton (N.D.), Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Lisbon (N.D.), the Governor's Residence, the Former Governor's Mansion, bank stabilization at Double Ditch Historic Site, preservation training videos, conferences, and various projects.

Books

Bibliography of the Geology and Natural Resources of North Dakota, 1814-1944

1946 - Chrissie E. Budge

Call Number: 016.55 B859

Finding Oil: the Nature of Petroleum Geology, 1859-1920

2011 – Brian Frehner

Call Number: 333.82320973 F861f 2011

The Bakken: an Archaeology of an Industrial Landscape

2017 – William R. Caraher and Bret A. Weber

Call Number: 331.76223382 C258b 2017

Disputing the Dead: U.S. Law on Aboriginal Remains and Grave Goods

1991 – H. Marcus Price III

Call Number: 346.73013 P945d

Historic Preservation in North Dakota, 2010-2015: a Statewide Comprehensive Plan

2009 – State Historical Society of North Dakota

Call Number: 363.69 N814pr 2009

The Sangamon Interglacial Stage in Minnesota and Westward

1913 – Warren Upham

Call Number: 551.314 U67s

Protecting Cultural Landscapes: Planning, Treatment and Management of Historic Landscapes

1994 — Charles A. Birnbaum

Call Number: I 29.84:36

A Preliminary Historical Outline for the Northwestern Plains

1953 — William T. Mulloy

Call Number: 5361

Online Resources

[Adventures in North Dakota Archaeology Collections: Amazing Things From Old Boxes](#)

Meagan Schoenfelder – State Historical Society of North Dakota Blog

[SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

[Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

[WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

External Resources

[Dinosaurs, Sharks, and Woolly Mammoths:](#)

[Glimpses of Life in North Dakota's](#)

[Prehistoric Past](#)

Brief textbook excerpt on the State Historical Society website

[State Plan—Archaeology](#)

Page on the State Historical Society website detailing the North Dakota Comprehensive Plan for Historic Preservation

State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email archives@nd.gov or call (701) 328-2668.



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