

Photography

In the late 1800s, important changes were made to cameras. One of these changes was the switch from plates to film roll, facilitated by an invention from Dakota Territory resident, David Henderson Houston. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the important role photography has played in North Dakota history.

Archival Collections

10105 Frank Bennett Fiske Papers

Fiske family correspondence, minutes of the Catholic Order of Foresters (Fort Yates, ND), Fiske's research files, manuscripts, articles, diaries and journals, studio registers, cash books, guest register, programs, notes, notebooks, broadsides, audio recordings and a play script by Angela Fiske.

10200 Nancy Hendrickson Papers

Diaries discuss gardening, housework, farming, family affairs, photography work, a broadside advertising the estate auction at the Christenson farm (Morton County, N.D.) and photographic images of animals, community events, people, home life and agricultural scenes. Photograph formats include an album of photographic prints, loose prints, glass plate negatives, and film negatives.

10547 Kathie (Ryckman) Anderson Papers, Folders (Box 7, Folder 4, Box 7, Folder 13)

Papers consist of a draft manuscript copy entitled "Dakota: The Literary Heritage of the Northern Prairie State" from which excerpts were published in North Dakota History, as well as research, notes and publications about North Dakota authors and musicians, and cassette tapes of interviews with North Dakota authors.

10553 Frank E. Vyzralek Collection, (Box 3, Folder 3—Box 5, Folder 14)

The collection includes the research files, personal papers, photographs and audiovisual materials of lifelong researcher and former North Dakota State Archivist Frank Edward Vyzralek. Notable areas of research include North Dakota photographers, baseball, beer and bottling, mills and elevators, crime, the North Dakota Teachers Insurance and Retirement Fund, North Dakota "Centennial Moments," biographies, place names, Bismarck (N.D.), railroads and steamboats.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- Photography
- North Dakota photographers
- Film roll cameras
- Kodak cameras
- Animal photography

People

- David Henderson Houston, 1841-1906
- Orlando S. Goff, 1843-1916
- Stanley J. Morrow, 1843-1921
- David F. Barry, 1854-1934
- Frithjof Holmboe, 1879–1966
- Frank B. Fiske, 1883-1952
- Wayne Gudmundson, 1949—
- Jane Gudmundson
- Leo D. Harris, 1897-1962
- Nancy Hendrickson, 1886-1978

Locations

- Hunter, Dakota Territory
- Bonanzaville, North Dakota
- Mandan, North Dakota

Journal Articles

Imagery, Immigration and the Myth of North Dakota, 1890-1933

Warren A. Henke – *North Dakota History* Vol. 38 Issue 4

Leo D. Harris: Cowboy Photographer of the Badlands

Virginia Heidenreich-Barber – *North Dakota History* Vol. 61 Issue 4

Historical Photography and Film in North Dakota

North Dakota History Vol. 57 Issue 3

D. Jerome Tweton, Michael Anderegg, and Frank E. Vyzralek

10691 Roy Johnson and Louis Pfaller Collection**Box 13, Folder 16; Box 13, Folder 17**

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.

10809 Wayne Gudmundson Collection

Consists of work for exhibits or publications: "Iron Spirits," "The Faces of the Oil Patch," and "Heimahagar- Homeplaces" (a collaborative exhibit with Gudmundur Ingolfsson), as well as research on and records of Sigurbjorn Gudmundson, Kristjan Niels Julius Jonsson (K.N. or Kristjan Niels Julius), the legal case of Gudmundson et. al. vs. Thingvalla Church and information about Mountain (N.D.).

10958 William E. "Bill" Shemorry Papers

The collection consists of office files (research, newspaper and magazine clippings, article drafts, and published articles), slides, photographs, negatives, and glass plate negatives related to Shemorry's career as a newspaper publisher, photographer, reporter, historian, researcher and author in Williston, N.D.

11456 Zimmerman Family Collection

Papers of the Zimmerman and Burr families, including legal documents, diaries, poetry, reminiscences, newspaper clippings, notes, genealogy, information about farm sales to the U.S. Government for the construction of the Garrison Dam.

21134 History of the Kodak Collection

Collection consists of "History of the Kodak" by Mina Fisher Hammer (1940) (typed) and newspaper clippings about inventor David Henderson Houston.

Books

History of the Kodak and Its Continuations: the First Folding and Panoramic Cameras; Magic Lantern--Kodak--Movie; Close up of the Inventor and the Kodak State
1940 - Mina Fisher Hammer
Call Number: 770.9 H179

David Henderson Houston: North Dakota Inventor of Photographic Equipment
2001 – John Rolczynski
Call Number: 920 H8432r 2001

American Photographic Patents 1840-1880: the Daguerreotype & Wet Plate Era
2002 – Janice G. Schimmelman
Call Number: 770.2 S335a 2002

Pioneer Photographers of the Far West: a Biographical Dictionary, 1840-1865
2000 – Peter E. Palmquist, Thomas R. Kailbourn
Call Number: 770.92278 P5754p 2000

They Captured the Moment: Dakotas Photographers 1853-192
2006 – Robert Kolbe with Brian Bade
Call Number: 770.9783 K812t 2006

Photography and the Old West
1978 – Karen Current; photos. selected and printed by William R. Current; editors Margaret L. Kaplan, Ellen Shultz; designer, Deborah Jay
Call Number: 779.9978 C936

Frontier Photographer: Stanley J. Morrow's Dakota Years
1956—Wesley R. Hurt and William E. Lass
Call Number: 920 M835h

A Considered View: the Photographs of Wayne Gudmundson
2010—Prairie Public Broadcasting
Video—Chronicles the route Wayne Gudmundson has taken, how his Icelandic heritage relates to his craft, the mentors and muses that inspire him, the students who enthuse him, and the philosophy that explains his considered view.
Call Number: 799.99 G934c 2010

Civilized Cats: An Album in Words & Pictures
2015—pictures by Nancy Hendrickson; words by Jules Verne, et al.; designed by Murray Lemley
Call Number: 636.8002 H4984c 2015

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Online Resources

[Chasing an Enigma: Frontier Photographer Orlando S. Goff](#)
Louis N. Hafermehl—*North Dakota History* journal article on the State Historical Society of North Dakota website

[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

[Wayne Gudmundson Photography](#)
Gudmundson's current website

[Nancy Hendrickson: North Dakota Photographer and True Trailblazer](#)
North Dakota Horizons Magazine website

[Houston, David Henderson](#)
North Dakota Council of the Arts archived website

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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