

Agricultural Education

Agriculture is a large part of North Dakota's economy. This pathfinder will lead researchers to resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting agricultural education in North Dakota.

Archival Collections

10111 Edwin Fremont Ladd Papers

Papers document Ladd's activities as chief chemist and Food Commissioner of North Dakota and consist of correspondence, sugar beet seed applications, and the "Benzoate of Soda Controversy" questionnaires. Correspondence deals with administration of the chemistry department at the Agricultural College and details such activities and interests as ordering laboratory equipment and books, testing chemicals, soil, water, and food for nutritional value, experimentation in sugar beet seed cultivation, food additives, pure food and drug laws, life insurance matters, agricultural exhibitions in various cities, paint laws, illegal products, meat preservatives and food additives, personal recommendations for employment, beverage registration, honest advertising, and legislation. The "Benzoate of Soda Controversy" questionnaires deal with medicinal use of benzoate of soda for infants and use of benzoate of soda, salicylic acid, sulfurous acid, formaldehyde, and boric acid as food additives and preservatives. The questionnaires were sent to physicians in North Dakota to survey their opinions regarding use of these chemicals. A chemist, Ladd served as President of the North Dakota Agricultural College (1916-1921), US Senator (1921-1925), and an advocate for pure food and drugs.

10204 Alexander C. Burr Papers

Correspondence, printed material, and subject files relating to professional activities. Dean of faculty and vice-president of Jamestown (N.D.) College, organizer and first president of the North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers, research director of the North Dakota Research Foundation, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church, Jamestown (N.D.).

10691 Roy Johnson and Louis Pfaller Collection

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.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- North Dakota Agricultural College (North Dakota State University)
- WDAY weather
- Miss Agriculture USA

People

- Daniel Posin, 1909-2003
- Maci Wehri
- Edwin Fremont Ladd

Locations

- Fargo, North Dakota
- Mott, North Dakota

Journal Articles

The North Dakota Agricultural College Controversy of 1893: Scientific Professionalism and Political Patronage
David B. Danbom – *North Dakota History* Vol. 53 Issue 1

Politics, Science and the Changing Nature of Research at the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, 1900-1930
David B. Danbom – *North Dakota History* Vol. 56 Issue 3

North Dakota Agriculture Since World War II
Fred R. Taylor – *North Dakota History* Vol. 34 Issue 1

11255 State and Local Agriculture Literature Preservation Project Records

Consists of microfilmed material relating to North Dakota's agriculture and rural life prior to 1946.

20991 Virginia Howell Collection

Color postcards of buildings and parks located in Fargo and Bismarck. Bismarck photographs include St. Alexius Hospital, Bismarck Hospital, State Territorial Capitol, Post Office, Liberty Memorial Bridge, Missouri River Bridge, State Penitentiary, and the Roosevelt Cabin. Fargo images include Auditorium Building, Sacred Heart Hall, Ford Building, New Ceres Hall at the North Dakota Agricultural College campus, Central High School, Cass County Court Houses, Masonic Temple, New Elks Home, Oak Grove, Northern Pacific Park and Skyscrapers Fargo, St. Mary's Cathedral, First Lutheran Church, St. Lukes Hospital, Fargo Clinic and Nurses Home, and St. Johns Hospital.

21192 North Dakota Farmers and Homemakers Week Records

Announcement bulletins detailing the North Dakota Farmers and Homemakers Week annual meetings at the North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) (Fargo, ND).

21455 Arthur F. Gorgen Collections

Postcards of Wahpeton, Oakes, Minot, Grand Forks, and Lake Metigoshe (N.D.) scenes; grounds maps for the University of North Dakota, North Dakota state capitol grounds, North Dakota Agricultural College, and Dickinson State Normal School; a notebook of Mary Meeschel (Richardton, N.D.) that contains poems, ruminations, and birthdays; and a program from Binford High School class of 1925.

Books

Farm Tenancy in North Dakota

1937 - Cap E. Miller and Willard O. Brown; prepared for annual meeting of North Dakota Academy of Science, Grand Forks, North Dakota, May 7 and 8, 1937
Call Number: 333.33553 M6474f 1937

The Research Program in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

1951 – Agricultural Experiment Station, North Dakota Agricultural College
Call Number: 338.1 N814 2

Observations of Potato Harvesting Cost: By Hand and by Machine in the Red River Valley

1953 – Lewis J. Downing, Perry V. Hemphill, Rainer Schickele
Call Number: 338.1 N814 7

The Extension

1909; 1911 - North Dakota Agricultural College
Call Number: 630.715 E969

Chemistry in Agriculture

1970 - H.L. Walster
Call Number: 630.24 W171

60 Years of Accomplishment, 1890-1950, North Dakota Agricultural College

1950 - North Dakota Agricultural College
Call Number: 378.784 N814a

The North Dakota Agricultural College; A Booklet Containing One Hundred Views Showing the Agricultural College in Action--and Otherwise

1920 - North Dakota Agricultural College
Call Number: 378.15 N814n

Posin, Daniel

General Information File Biography

Online Resources

Did You Know That

Bottineau Courant article about Daniel Posin from August 31, 2004

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

[North Dakota Takes Home National Crown](#)

KFYR-TV article about Maci Wehri and her emphasis on farm safety

[Historical Facts: A Few Interesting Historical Facts - 1883-1993 \(110 Years\)](#)

North Dakota State University 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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