

Miss Rodeo America and North Dakota Rodeos

Rodeos are an important competition in North Dakota and are held across the state. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting rodeos in North Dakota.

Archival Collections

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.

10208 North Dakota Winter Show Records

Office files, programs, financial records, photographs, scrapbooks, journals, and ledgers.

10435 Greater North Dakota Association Records

A list of promotional motion picture film is available. Film consists of footage shot between 1948-1963. Film contains footage shot for the Greater North Dakota Association by Sebens and Snyder. Footage includes rodeos, farm and ranch life, Medora, Theodore Roosevelt National Park opening, oil well opening, Jewel Bearing Plant groundbreaking, Fargo Diamond Jubilee, and Melroe Manufacturing Company.

10477 Jamestown (N.D.) Chamber of Commerce Records

Minutes, subject files, committee files, memos, budgets, reports, audits, financial statements, photographs and negatives, scrapbooks, promotional material, by-laws, memorabilia, publications, records from the ND Goes Wild project (wildflower project), issues of the Credit Bulletin, 35 mm slides, posters, and programs.

10486 Fargo (N.D.) Chamber of Commerce Records

Records consist of subject files, correspondence, annual reports, audit reports, programs, promotional material, photographs, motion picture film audio-tapes, memorabilia, and scrapbooks.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- Miss Rodeo America 1983
- Miss Rodeo America 2007
- "Match of Champions" Rodeo
- "Champions' Ride" Rodeo

People

- Brenda Lee Bogonofsky, 1962-
- Ashley Andrews
- Ray Schnell
- Pete Fredericks, 1936-

Locations

- North Dakota
- Dickinson, North Dakota
- Home on the Range Ranch in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota
- Elbowoods, North Dakota

Journal Articles

Leo Harris at the Rodeo

Castle McLaughlin – *North Dakota History*
Vol. 61 Issue 4

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North Dakota Blue Book 2019-2021

Rodeos

North Dakota Blue Book 2005-2007

Pete Fredericks

North Dakota Blue Book 2021-2023

10557 Lee Mohr Collection

Mohr's negatives and prints during the period from the 1930s-1960s, and earlier photographic images attributed to G. L. Lutz. Four hand-colored oversize portraits of Native American subjects are included.

10581 Waldmar H. Itrich Film Collection

Footage of Hebron (ND) and surrounding areas, family vacations to Chicago, California, and Europe. Includes segments of rodeos, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, the Badlands, Hebron's 50th Anniversary parade, football and baseball games, elevator fire, and North Dakota Druggist Convention of 1930.

10684 Roy H. "Andy" Andersen Collection

The film in this collection contains segments of urban renewal project construction in Bismarck and demolition scenes, Mandan rodeo, Gene Autry, Sanish, N.D., Buffalo Lake, N.D., and Bismarck, N.D. scenes.

11243 Ray Schnell Papers

Papers that document the personal, political and business life of Ray Schnell (Richardton and Dickinson, N.D.). Papers include correspondence, biographical and genealogical information, speeches, political material, documentation of awards received by Schnell and his philanthropic endeavors, records from Schnell's ranch and livestock business, newspaper clippings, publications, broadsides and posters.

11351 Amelia Kelsch Wolf Family Film Collection

8mm color film of the Leo Kelsch family and events in and around Strasburg, Emmons County, North Dakota. Scenes include Christmas, birthdays, farm, cattle, parades, rodeo, weddings, church. Circa 1965.

11366 50 Years in the Saddle Club Collection

Research and organizational files of the 50 Years in the Saddle Club (Watford City, N.D.). The collection documents biographies and stories of ranchers and other residents of western North Dakota. The organization published the Series: 50 Years in the Saddle: Looking Back Down the Trail.

30358 Penitentiary. Department of Corrections. Warden's Subject Files.**Boxes 13, 14**

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, contracts, notes, security reports, inmate notices, budgets, and printed materials relating to administration of the State Penitentiary, inmate programs, and the federal prison system.

30999 Fair Association, State. Photographs.

Series consists of photographs, negatives, lantern slides, and 35mm slides depicting fair activities, exhibits, concessions, 4-H, rodeos, cattle judging, automobile racing, carnival rides, and visitors. Also includes images of storefronts and businesses which were taken for the 1935 Minot Golden Jubilee.

31689 Centennial Commission, North Dakota. Records.**Box 16, File 12, 40; Box 17, File 84; Box 19, File 6**

Contains museum transfer items (90.279) in box 54 and oversize photograph & poster of North Dakota High School Centennial Band at 990267. The 100th Tournament of Roses souvenir program is located in publications 394.5 T728 1988. See also museums collection number 90.279 for artifacts not transferred to Archives and Publications. May 17, 2007 accession consists of .10 ft of the Commission's Policy Manual Index and Budget from 1987-1989, index and budget were found in with accession records, and have been added to the end of the collection in box 54.

31743 Parks and Recreation Department. Tourism Division Records**Boxes 20, 22, 29**

Contains correspondence with other North Dakota state agencies; correspondence and dealings with national, regional, and state associations; Old West Trail information; records of activities with various associations and committees; minutes, membership reports, objectives, and conference agendas; records dealing with Cooperative Marketing Program, Familiarization (FAM) tours, the Governor's Photo contest, the Hospitality Training Program, Indian Tourism development, major tours, marketing plans, National Tourism Week, North Dakota Tourism Week, and Sport Shows/Exhibitions; information on Travel Industry Awards, foreign relations, international marketing, ideas for tourism in the state, and the Six State Centennial project; information on ND Tourism staff (interoffice memos, photos), Film Commission correspondence and information, and information center correspondence and records; and photographs used for tourism promotion, publications, and other activities.

32256 Highway Department. Tourism Promotion Bureau. Photographs and Negatives

Consists of photographic negatives, prints, and transparencies used by the Tourism Promotion Bureau of the North Dakota Highway Department in maps, brochures, and other promotional and tourism related publications. Images include scenic views, buildings, aerial photographs, people, historic sites, recreation, plants and animals from around North Dakota.

Books

Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo and Miss Rodeo North Dakota Pageant, Bismarck Civic Center, October 23, 24 and 25, 1981

1981 - Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn., Badlands Circuit

Call Number: 791.84 B1428 1981

60 Years of Action: A History of the Killdeer Mountain Roundup Rodeo, 1924-1984

1984 – edited by Janell Cole

Call Number: 791.8 K554

The Hook Rodeo Association Presents the Second Annual Van Hook Rodeo, Van Hook, N. Dak., July 2, 3, & 4, 1938

1938 – Hook Rodeo Association

Call Number: 791.84 H781 1938

North Dakota Rodeo Association Newsletter

North Dakota Rodeo Association

Call Number: 791.84 N864

North Dakota Winter Show Rodeo Program: Valley City, No. Dakota, March 1 thru 10, 1974

1974 – North Dakota Winter Show

Call Number: 791.84 N864 1974

Riding Pretty: Rodeo Royalty in the American West

2006 – Renée M. Laegreid

Call Number: 791.840973 L158r 2006

40 Years of North Dakota Rodeo

1993 — Phil Baird

North Dakota Rodeo Association organizational history and major events in N.D. rodeo, 1953-1993

Call Number: 791.8409784 B163

Online Resources

For the Love of the Sport

Dean Meyer—Beulah Beacon article from December 7, 2006

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

[Champions Ride Rodeo](#)

Home on the Range Ranch website

[Look Behind the Scenes at Champions](#)

[Match Ride Rodeo](#)

News article on the Sidney Herald website from August 14, 2016

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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