

Northcote Farm Papers, 1910 - 1920

6 boxes (one is half-size, #6) 4 volumes ^{and over-size}
This farm in Kittson County in northwestern Minnesota was originally a part of Humboldt Farm. In 1910 it was separated from that farm and operated thereafter by Walter J. Hill for his father, until November 14, 1914, when, apparently, he began to operate it for himself (at least, the records of operations in J.J. Hill's office in St. Paul cease, and a letter of Nov. 28, 1914 from J.J. Toomey to W. J. Hill referring to "bookkeeping of your farm" after November 14, "when Mr. James J. Hill told me ... we were to have nothing more to do with your accounts ... after that date." seems to indicate that such was the case). Young Hill's wife,

Dorothy B. Hill, frequently sent orders for supplies and provisions to the St. Paul office to be filled. Every month the St. Paul office made up a statement of operations, including expenses and receipts of the farm (until Nov., 1914). These have considerable value for the history of the farm. They are filed in the half-box. The other five boxes are almost exclusively correspondence, mostly Walter Hill's to J.J. Toomey and the latter's carbon copies of his replies. These letters deal mainly with operations of the barns, seeding, buying and selling of cattle, threshing, selling of grain, relations with the Lohr brothers, who had charge of Humboldt (and later bought both farms), employees, a typhoid outbreak, etc. In

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the years from 1917 to 1920 several contracts (filed in the half-box) with John M. Lohr for the purchase of Northcote Farm (by L.W. Hill, Sr (executor of J.J.Hill's estate) and consummated with the Northcote Land Co. (for J.J.Hill's heirs) were drawn up and executed. Among the volumes is a herd book and a volume of lists of cattle, etc. The other two volumes detail the operations of the farm.

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