

MANUSCRIPT RECORD

RG4232 Hord Family

Records: 1880's-1970's

Approx. No. of Items: 13 Boxes, 13 Oversize Volumes and 3 Map Tubes –
15 cubic ft. approx. total

HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1881 at the age of thirty-one, Thomas Benton (T.B.) Hord, an Ohio farmer, moved his family to Wyoming and entered the range cattle business. After various successes and setbacks, he transferred the bulk of his operation to Central City, Nebraska, in 1885-1886. From this location at the Home Ranch, he administered the ongoing expansion and diversification of his business interests for the next twenty-five years until his death in 1910.

Early Hord enterprises under his direction included the Lance Creek Cattle Company, T.B. Hord Land and Cattle Company, Wells-Hord Company, Hord & Shonsey Cattle Company, T.B. Hord Alfalfa Meal Company, and T.B. Hord Grain Company. With the establishment of the Lakeside Ranch Company near Alliance in 1906, Hord initiated his most lucrative long-term business enterprise. Management of the latter as well as all other Hord endeavors was fully assumed by Hord's son, Heber, I 1910. At this time, holdings included various ranch properties in central and northwest Nebraska, twenty livestock feeding operations, and forty grain elevators. During the next decade the Hords even dabbled in the short-lived Nebraska potash industry with their Hord Alkali Products Company of Lakeside. Overall, this influential Merrick County family contributed greatly to the economic development of Central City, central and western Nebraska, and even the Great Plains region as a whole.

Hord business acumen could not, however, avert the economic nightmare of the Depression Era. Only some Hord enterprises survived. A notable business entity to emerge from the times was Hord and Son, Inc., an umbrella organization. This company along with the Lakeside Ranch operation represented the latter-day focuses of business activity under Heber Hord until his death in 1949. Heber's son, Thomas Barge, then assumed control of the Hord enterprises and continued this same emphasis until the Lakeside Ranch Company was sold in 1972. With this transaction, Hord business operations ceased. The senior Hord, while still retaining property in Central City, subsequently moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. Some family members remain in Nebraska.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists primarily of business records relating to the various Hord Family companies. The material spans the period, 1887-1973 and is arranged in eleven subgroups: 1) Hord Family; 2) Wells-Hord Company; 3) Waddle Land Company; 4) T.B. Hord Alfalfa Meal Company; 5) M. Shonsey Cattle Company; 6) Lance Creek Cattle Company; 7) T.B. Hord Land and Cattle Company; 8) Belgrade-Hord Company; 9) T.B. Hord Grain Company; 10) Hord and Son, Inc.; and 11) Lakeside Ranch Company. Common series contained within these subgroups

include Correspondence, Minutes, Financial Records, Legal Records, Land Records, Livestock Records, Insurance Files, and Miscellany. The collection, consisting of approximately 15 cubic feet, is contained within thirteen boxes of varying sizes. Also, thirteen oversize volumes and three map tubes are included.

The bulk of this collection consists of records reflecting the ongoing business operations of the two primary Hord companies, Hord and Son, Inc. (Subgroup Ten) and Lakeside Ranch Company (Subgroup Eleven). The former subgroup represents a latter-day business entity of the family and includes six series: 1) Correspondence, 1932-1947; 2) Land Records, 1938-1958; 3) Legal, 1935-1970; 4) Insurance Files, 1959-1968; 5) Financial 1937-1972; and 6) Miscellany, 1935-1968. Specifically, the first series, 1) Correspondence, 1932-1947, contains a volume of incoming and outgoing letters treating various dealings with a Hord business associate, William Miller. Series Two, 2) Land Records, 1938-1958, includes records of sales, leases, and deeds for various Hord holdings. Miscellaneous business agreements and articles of incorporation form the third series, 3) Legal, 1935-1970. Series Five, 5) Financial, 1937-1972, incorporates statements and balance sheets illustrating the ongoing financial status of this Hord enterprise. Lakeside Ranch Company (Subgroup Eleven), contains the largest volume of material of any subgroup in the collection. It consists of seven series: 1) Correspondence, 1907-1953; 2) Minutes, 1907-1971; 3) Legal, 1907-1970; 4) Livestock Records, 1912-1960's; 5) Financial, 1907-1973; 6) Land Records, 1890's-1970's; and 7) Miscellany, 1907-1972. Four of the above series are particularly noteworthy. The second series, 2) Minutes, 1907-1971, includes two volumes of proceedings for directors and stockholders meetings. Series Three, 3) Legal, 1907-1970, is comprised of four file folders containing various business agreements and articles of incorporation for the company. The series, Financial Records, 1907-1973, includes balance sheets, statements, tax records, and several volumes of various account books for the company. The final key series in this subgroup is Series Six, 6) Land Records, 1890's-1970's. The latter includes deeds, leases, and other information regarding acquisition and sale of property by the Lakeside Ranch Company. Several maps delineating ranch holding (1930's-1960's) in Sheridan, Garden, and Deuel Counties, Nebraska, are also present in this series.

Another important subgroup in the collection is Subgroup One, Hord Family. Essential series include 3) Legal Records, 1902-1931, and 4) Miscellany, 1894-1954. The former contains Hord Estate agreements, contracts and wills. The latter series incorporates a volume treating the Hord Family genealogy and various memorabilia items.

The remaining subgroups represent additional Hord companies and illustrate the diversity of family business activities over the years. In those cases where a company's name changed, the most recent name used for the operation is the subgroup designation. For instance, the Hord and Shonsey Cattle Company, which began in 1906 and became the M. Shonsey Cattle Company in 1924, has its records included under the latter company name. The same applies to the Hord and Carey Company (1901-1903) and Haas and Hord Cattle Company (1903-1920) records, both sets of which are included under the final corporate name, Belgrade-Hord Company (1920-1935).

The Hord Family Collection was donated by Thomas Barge Hord of Scottsdale, Arizona through the courtesy of Margaret Johnson of Central City, Nebraska, in March 1986.

DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP 1 HORD FAMILY

SERIES 1 LAND RECORDS, 1887-1967

Box 1

- Folder 1 Land Sales, 1887-1955
- Folder 2 Wyoming Lands File, 1891-1897
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous Maps, c.1900-1967
- Vol. 1 (OS) Entry Book, 1907-1956

SERIES 2 FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1901-1967

Box 1

- Folder 1 Statements, 1901-1907
- Folder 2 Statements, 1908-1961
- Volume 1 Cash & Ledger – Thomas B. Hord, 1919-1931
- Volume 2 Cash & Ledger – Effie B. Hord, 1917-1940
- Volume 3 Cash & Ledger – Helen Lucile Hord, 1918-1932
- Volume 4 Cash & Ledger – J.B. Richardson – California Trust, 1927-1928
- Volume 5 Cash & Ledger – W.H. Richardson, California Trust, 1927-1929
- Volume 6 Cash & Ledger – William H. Richardson, 1918-1936
- Volume 7 Cash & Ledger – Edna H. Richardson, 1923-1938
- Volume 8 Cash & Ledger – Jane B. Richardson, 1918-1936

SERIES 3 LEGAL RECORDS, 1902-1931

Box 1

- Folder 1 Hord Estate Agreements, Contracts, Wills, etc., 1910-1931
- Folder 2 Hord Estate Agreements, Contracts, Wills, etc., 1910-1931
- Folder 3 Business Agreements, 1902-1922

SERIES 4 MISCELLANY, 1894-1954

Box 1

- Volume 1 “The Hord Family” (Genealogy)
- Folder 1 Memorabilia, 1894-1919
(includes rail passes, ink blotters, etc.)
- Folder 2 Blank Stationery, n.d.
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous materials
- Folder 4 Miscellaneous materials, 1900-1954

SUBGROUP 2 WELLS-HORD COMPANY

SERIES 1 FINANCIAL, 1901-1904

Box 2
Folder 1 Statements, 1901-1904

SERIES 2 MINUTES, 1903

Box 2
Folder 1 Directors & Stockholders Meetings (including By-Laws), 1903

SERIES 3 MISCELLANY

Box 2
Folder 1 Miscellaneous Material, 1901-1907

SUBGROUP 3 WADDLE LAND COMPANY

SERIES 1 MINUTES, 1902-1910

Box 2
Volume 1 Record Book (including Articles of Incorporation), 1902-1910

SERIES 2 CORRESPONDENCE, 1903-1907

Box 2
Folder 1 Business Correspondence, 1903-1907

SUBGROUP 4 T.B. HORD ALFALFA MEAL COMPANY

SERIES 1 MINUTES, 1908-1921

Box 2
Volume 1 Record Book, 1908-1921
Folder 1 Minutes, 1911-1913

SERIES 2 MISCELLANY, 1909-1910

Box 2
Folder 1 Miscellaneous Materials, 1909-1910

SUBGROUP 5 M. SHONSEY CATTLE COMPANY

SERIES 1 MINUTES, 1906-1926

Box 2

Volume 1 Minute Book (including Articles of Incorporation and Meetings of Directors and Stockholders), 1906-1926

SERIES 2 FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1917-1942

Box 2

Folder 1 Statements and Balance Sheets, 1917-1942

SUBGROUP 6 LANCE CREEK CATTLE COMPANY

SERIES 1 CATTLE RECORDS, 1878-1888

Box 2

Volume 1 Herd Book, 1878-1888

SUBGROUP 7 T.B. HORD LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY

SERIES 1 MINUTES, 1903-1919

Box 2

Volume 1 Record Book (including meetings of Stockholders, Directors, etc., and Articles of Incorporation), 1903-1919

SERIES 2 LAND RECORDS, 1896-1934

Box 2

Folder 1 Land Sales, Leases, etc., 1896-1934

Folder 2 Maps, etc., c.1896-1910

Vol. 1 (OS) Plat Book of Platte County Nebraska, 1914

SERIES 3 LEGAL, 1904-1911

Box 2

Folder 1 Business Agreements, 1904-1911

SUBGROUP 8 BELGRADE-HORD COMPANY

SERIES 1 MINUTES, 1901-1935

Box 2

- Volume 1 Record Book of Hord and Carey Company (including Articles of Incorporation), 1901-1903
- Volume 2 Belgrade-Hord Company (Haas and Hord Cattle Company), 1903-1935

SERIES 2 CORRESPONDENCE, 1907-1914

Box 2

- Folder 1 Haas & Hord Company, 1907-1914

SERIES 3 FINANCIAL, 1907-1930

Box 2

- Folder 1 Balance Sheets of Haas & Hord and Belgrade-Hord, 1907-1930

SERIES 4 LEGAL RECORDS, 1902-1910

Box 2

- Folder 1 Haas & Hord Company Deeds, 1902-1910
- Folder 2 Village of Belgrade vs. Haas & Hord Case, 1908

SERIES 5 MISCELLANY, 1901-1920

Box 2

- Folder 1 Hord and Carey Company, 1901-1903
- Vol. (OS) Nance County, Nebraska, Atlas, 1920

SUBGROUP 9 T.B. HORD GRAIN COMPANY

SERIES 1 LEGAL, 1930

Box 2

- Folder 1 Business Agreements, 1930
- Folder 2 Nebraska Fur Farm File, 1930

SERIES 2 MINUTES, 1941-1958

Box 2

- Volume 1 Record Book, 1941-1957
- Folder 1 Meeting Notices, etc., 1951-1958

SUBGROUP 9 (Cont)

SERIES 3 FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1906-1963

Box 2

- Folder 1 Statements (including liquidation fact information), 1930-1963
- Volume 1 Journal (Cashbook), 1952-1962
- Vol. 2 (OS) "Current Ledger, No. 1," 1906-1932
- Vol. 3 (OS) "Ledger No. 1," 1908-1959
- Vol. 4 (OS) "Ledger No. 2," 1916-1958

SERIES 4 MISCELLANY, 1917-1956

Box 3

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous Items, 1920-1923
- Volume 1 Shipping Book, c.1930's
- Volume 2 Common Stock Certificates (#300-400), 1942-1956
- Vol. 3 (OS) Standard Atlas of Merrick County, Nebraska, 1917

SUBGROUP 10 HORD AND SON, INC.

SERIES 1 CORRESPONDENCE, 1932-1947

Box 3

- Volume 1 William Miller File, 1932-1947

SERIES 2 LAND RECORDS, 1938-1958

Box 3

- Folder 1 Land Sales, Leases, Deeds, etc., 1938-1958

SERIES 3 LEGAL RECORDS, 1935-1970

Box 3

- Folder 1 Business Agreements, 1937-1956
- Folder 2 Business Agreements, 1958-1970
- Folder 3 Articles of Incorporation, 1935-1970

SERIES 4 INSURANCE FILES, 1959-1968

Box 3

- Folder 1 Correspondence and Policies, 1959-1968
- Folder 2 Monthly Reports, 1960-1964
- Folder 3 Statements, 1961-1968

SUBGROUP 10 (Cont)

SERIES 5 FINANCIAL, 1937-1972

Box 4

- Folder 1 Statements, Balance Sheets, etc., 1947-1956
- Folder 2 Statements, Balance Sheets, etc., 1957-1967
- Folder 3 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1937-1939
- Folder 4 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1940-1943
- Folder 5 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1944-1949
- Folder 6 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1950-1954
- Folder 7 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1955-1962
- Folder 8 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1963-1967
- Folder 9 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1968-1972
- Folder 10 FICA and Withholding Records (including Payroll Information), 1952-1958
- Folder 11 FICA and Withholding Records, 1957-1961
- Folder 12 FICA and Withholding Records, 1961-1963
- Folder 13 FICA and Withholding Records, 1962-1968
- Folder 14 FICA and Withholding Records, 1969-1972
- Volume 1 Journal, 1955-1969
- Volume 2 Journal, 1970-1973
- Volume 3 Ledger, 1935-1962

Box 5

- Volume 4 General Ledger, 1960-1970
- Volume 5 Ledger, 1970-1972
- Vol. 6 (OS) "Cash Sheets," 1940's
- Vol. 7 (OS) Check Register, 1970-1972

SERIES 6 MISCELLANY, 1935-1968

Box 5

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous Items, 1950's-1960's
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous Items, 1950's-1960's
- Volume 1 "Hord and Son 1," (Capital Stock Certificates), 1935-1952
- Volume 2 "Hord and Son 2," (Capital Stock Certificates), 1952-1966
- Volume 3 "Hord and Son 3," (Capital Stock Certificates), 1966-1967
- Vol. 4 (OS) Atlas and Plat of Merrick County, Nebraska, 1953
- Vol. 5 (OS) Hord Siding Daily Report, 1961
- Vol. 6 (OS) Hord and Son, Inc. Manufacturing Report, 1961-1962
- Vol. 7 (OS) Station Report, 1954-1958

SUBGROUP 11 LAKESIDE RANCH COMPANY

SERIES 1 CORESPONDENCE, 1907-1963

Box 6

Folder 1 Business Correspondence, 1907-1963

SERIES 2 MINUTES, 1907-1971

Box 6

Volume 1 Record Book (including Directors and Stockholders' Meetings),
1907-1920

Volume 2 Record Book (including Directors and Stockholders' Meetings),
1907-1971

SERIES 3 LEGAL RECORDS, 1907-1970

Box 6

Folder 1 Business Agreements, 1933-1954

Folder 2 Business Agreements, 1936-1962

Folder 3 Articles of Incorporation, 1907-1918

Folder 4 Articles of Incorporation, 1907-1970

SERIES 4 LIVESTOCK RECORDS, 1912-1960'S

Box 6

Folder 1 Certificates, 1912-1950's

Folder 2 Bills of Sale, 1950's-1960's

Folder 3 Bills of Sale, 1950's-1960's

Folder 4 Bills of Sale, 1950's-1960's

Folder 5 Bills of Sale, 1950's-1960's

Folder 6 Miscellany (including Brand Information), 1912-1960's

SERIES 5 FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1907-1973

Box 6

Folder 1 Statements, Balance Sheets, etc., 1908-1973

Folder 2 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1937-1941

Folder 3 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1942-1944

Folder 4 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1945-1948

Folder 5 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1949-1950

Folder 6 Corporation Income Tax Records, 1953-1959

Folder 7 FICA and Withholding Records, 1950's

Folder 8 FICA and Withholding Records, 1950's

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SERIES 5 (Cont)

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Folder 9	FICA and Withholding Records, 1959-1961
Folder 10	FICA and Withholding Records, 1961-1963
Folder 11	FICA and Withholding Records, 1963-1967
Folder 12	FICA and Withholding Records, 1966-1968
Folder 12	FICA and Withholding Records, 1968-1972
Folder 13	Miscellaneous Tax Information, 1947-1958

Box 7

Envelope 1	Ledger, 1959-1964
Envelope 2	Ledger, 1959-1966
Envelope 3	Payroll Sheets, 1961-1970
Volume 1	Cash Book, 1907-1920
Volume 2	Ledger, 1915-1958
Volume 3	Ledger, 1959-1972

Box 8

Volume 4	Journal, 1955-1973
Volume 5	Sales, Purchases, Assets, 1929-1953

SERIES 6 LAND RECORDS, 1890'S-1970'S

Box 8

Folder 1	Miscellaneous Land Sales, Leases, Deeds, etc., 1907-1956
Folder 2	Sales, Leases, etc., 1923-1954
Folder 3	Equitable Life Assurance File (Lakeside Farm Loan), 1956

Box 9

Deed – Property Conveyed to Lakeside Ranch, 1900-1935

Box 10

Deeds – Property Conveyed to Lakeside Ranch, 1910-1940's

Box 11

Miscellaneous Land Records, including deeds, Probate documents, Wills, Mortgages and Leases, c.1900-1965

Box 12 (OS)

Lakeside Ranch Land History File GLO Certificates, 1891-1907

Tube 1

Maps of Lakeside Ranch Company Holdings – Sheridan and Garden County, Nebraska, n.d.

Tube 2

Maps of Lakeside Ranch Company Holdings – Sheridan, Garden and Deuel Counties (including T.B. Hord & Son and Haas & Hord Holdings), c.1930's-1960's

SUBGROUP 11 (Cont)

SERIES 6 (Cont)

Tube 3 Miscellaneous USGS Quad Maps (mostly Sheridan County holdings), 1949-1951

SERIES 7 MISCELLANY, 1907-1972

Box 13

Folder 1 Insurance File, 1967
Volume 1 "LRC 1" (Capital Stock Certificates), 1907-1923
Volume 2 "LRC 2" (Capital Stock Certificates), 1923-1951
Volume 3 "LRC 3" (Capital Stock Certificates), 1952-1966
Volume 4 "LRC 4" (Capital Stock Certificates), 1966-1972

Box 14 Unprocessed materials

Added Entries:

RANCHES AND RANCHING. NEBRASKA
MERRICK COUNTY, NEBRASKA. HISTORY
GARDEN COUNTY, NEBRASKA. HISTORY
DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA. HISTORY
SHERIDAN COUNTY, NEBRASKA. HISTORY
RICHARDS, BARTLETT, 1862-1911
RICHARDS' AND CAIRNES COMPANY
RANCHES AND RANCHING. WYOMING
Wells-Hord Company
Waddle Land Company
T.B. Hord Alfalfa Meal Company
M. Shonsey Cattle Company
Lance Creek Cattle Company
Belgrade-Hord Company
Hord and Carey Company
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T.B. Hord Grain Company
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CENTRAL CITY, NEBRASKA. HISTORY
Hord and Shonsey Cattle Company
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Hord, Heber, 1877-1949
Hord, Thomas Barge, 1905-
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T.B. Hord Land and Cattle Company