

## Guide to Russell Hill Collection – 1983.09

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**Title** Russell Hill Collection  
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**Name and location of repository** Hazel E. Johnson Research Center  
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### Collection Summary

**Dates** 1919-1983  
**Bulk dates** 1921  
**Level of description** Collection  
**Extent** .25 cubic feet  
**Creator(s)** Russell J. Hill and Mrs. Charles Knapp

### Administrative/Biographical History

#### **Biographical note on Russell J. Hill**

Russell J. Hill was born on January 5, 1894 in New Sharon, Iowa. In 1917 Russell received a bachelor's in animal husbandry from Iowa State University. On August 22, 1918 he married Mabel Jane Wright. From 1920-1925 he taught at Greeley High School and owned the Greeley Hatchery. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and helped organize the Weld County Farm Bureau. He also coached livestock judging, was an interstate winner at the National Western Stock Show in 1920 and was a member of the team that won the international judging contest in Chicago in 1921. Russell died on October 17, 1985.

#### **Biographical note on Elmer C. Roberts**

Elmer C. Roberts was born on October 16, 1897. He graduated from Greeley High School and enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1918 where he served in France. On July 26, 1923 he married Fern Schenck. In 1926 he graduated from Colorado State Teacher's College and was the principal at Hayden and then the superintendent at Keota. In 1931 he received his master of arts.

From 1943 to 1955 he worked as an accountant for various companies. In 1955 he bought a soft drink distributorship and until 1979 he had a tax accounting business. He died on February 2, 1988.

### **Scope and Content**

Collection of photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and trophies focused on stock judging contests, including Greeley High School's victory at the state championship in 1921 for the third consecutive time. The team consisted of Reuel Heck, Russell J. Hill, George James, Charles Knapp, Robert Phelps, and Elmer C. Roberts.

<b>System of arrangement</b>	No original order. Order imposed by material type and subject.
<b>Conditions governing access</b>	There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.
<b>Conditions governing reproduction and use</b>	There are no restrictions on the use or reproduction of this collection.
<b>Languages and scripts of the materials</b>	English
<b>Immediate source of acquisition</b>	This collection was donated by Russell J. Hill
<b>Notes</b>	Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museum's Permanent Collection, #1983.09.
<b>Names</b>	Reuel Heck Russell J. Hill George James Charles Knapp Robert Phelps Elmer C. Roberts
<b>Places</b>	Chicago (Illi.) Greeley (Colo.)
<b>Subjects</b>	Livestock Tournaments
<b>Document forms</b>	Correspondence

Newspaper Articles  
Photographs  
Trophies

**Contents**

**Series I: Photographs**

Consists of seven photographs of the team members of the championship stock judging team from 1921, the trophies won, and some of the livestock.

**Series II: Newspaper Article**

Consists of one newspaper article about the Greeley High School championship stock judging tournament and the other schools involved.

**Series III: Trophies**

Consists of two first place trophies from 1919 and 1920 from stock judging tournaments.

**Series IV: Correspondence**

Consists of one letter from Mrs. Charles Knapp to Russell J. Hill about sending items in the collection to him to give to the museum.

**Container List**

**Series I: Photographs**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	1

**Series II: Newspaper Articles**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	2

**Series III: Trophies**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Rehoused with Objects	

**Series IV: Correspondence**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	4