

## Guide to the Fisher Brothers Farming Collection – 2013.43

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**Reference code** US CoGrCGM 2013.43  
**Title:** Fisher Brothers Farming Collection  
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**Name and location of repository** Hazel E Johnson Research Center  
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### Collection Summary

**Dates** 1913-1959  
**Bulk dates** 1913-1959  
**Level of description** Collection  
**Extent** .25 cubic feet  
**Creator(s)** Nancy Fisher

### Administrative/Biographical History

#### **Brief History of William S. “Slim” Fisher**

William S. “Slim” Fisher was born December 2, 1907 to James G. and Amanda M. Fisher in Greeley, CO. He grew up on a farm in the Greeley area and farmed for most of his life. He and his brother Jack Fisher formed Fisher Brothers Farming, which did custom farming and threshing for local farmers. During World War II, they hired prisoners of war to help with farming.

William Fisher owned Valley Sprinkler Systems in Weld County. He was a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in LaSalle and a member of the LaSalle Lions. He was an honorary Member of the LaSalle Fire Department and on the District Fire Board. He was a member of the LaSalle town board.

### Scope and Content

This collection consists of photographs of Fisher Brothers Farming operations including hay and grain processing from 1913 and 1939-1959; numerous photos of machinery; the Oscar Johnson farm in Peckham; the Royal McLeod farm west of Gilcrest; and images of male workers threshing.

<b>System of arrangement</b>	As no original order could be established, materials from this collection have been interfiled in an imposed order.
<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 of this collection.
<b>Languages and scripts of the materials</b>	English
<b>Custodial history</b>	The materials in this collection were created and assembled by various sources.
<b>Immediate source of acquisition</b>	The collection was donated by Nancy Fisher.
<b>Related archival materials</b>	2013.43
<b>Notes</b>	Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museum's Permanent Collection, #2013.43
<b>Names</b>	Edwards, E. K. Finley, O. T. Fisher, Amanda M. Fisher, Jack Fisher, James G. Fisher, Nancy Fisher, William S. Johnson, Oscar Kraft, Herb McLeod, Royal
<b>Places</b>	Gilcrest (Colo.) Greeley (Colo.) LaSalle (Colo.) Peckham (Colo.)

**Subjects**                    Agricultural equipment  
                                  Agriculture  
                                  Farming

**Document forms**        Photographs

**Contents**

**Series I: Photographs 1913**

This series consists of two 2 ¼" x 4" black and white photos of hay/grain processing from 1913; one 8" X 10" black and white photo from 1913 of twenty-one disc plows and harrow being pulled by an HP Rumley steam engine.

**Series II: Photographs 1939-1959**

This series consists of four 2 ¼" x 3" black and white photos of hay/grain processing; three 5" X 7" black and white photo of hay processing with the logo Herb Kraft – Beatrice Foods – LaSalle, CO in the corner; one 8" X 10" black and white photo of hay processing from 1943 with the logo Herb Kraft – Beatrice Foods – LaSalle, CO in the corner; four 8" X 10" black and white photos of grain threshing using a 75 HP Crosscompound Reeves engine and a 42-70 wooden Avery separator on the Oscar Johnson farm in Peckham; four 2 ½" X 3" black and white photos of threshing grain; one 2" X 3" black and white photo of grain threshing; six 8" X 10" and seven 2" X 3" black and white photos of threshing on the Royal McLeod farm west of Gilcrest in 1950 using a 36-64 Minneapolis separator; ten 2" X 3", four 3" x 5" and one 8" X 10" black and white photo of a Caterpillar Diesel D318 engine mounted on a truck driving a Smalley 40" hay grinder grinding 5 tons of hay per hour in Platteville; four 2 ¼" X 2 ¾" black and white photos of an overturned piece of machinery; one 2 ¼" X 3" and two 3" X 5" black and white photos of male workers threshing; one 3" X 5" black and white photo of the Fisher Brothers truck and one 3" X 5" black and white photo of the Fisher Brothers Shop.

**Series III: Photographs post 1959**

This series consists of three 5" X 7" color photos of John Deere tractors.

**Container List**

**Series I: Photographs**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
1	1

**Series II: Photographs**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
1	2-8

**Series III: Photographs**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
1	9