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### BIOGRAPHY

Simon Veeder Hoag was born September 8, 1833, in the Mohawk Valley, in Charleston, New York to Stephen and Elizabeth (Veeder) Hoag. The Family moved in 1853 to a farm in the Black Walnut Forest of Ohio, and Simon later went to farm in Whiteside County, Illinois. In 1861 he enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry Regiment, Co. C, and fought through the entire Civil War without being wounded, though three horses were killed under him. He was also the first man to ride into Gettysburg with the advance guard before that battle. He returned to Illinois after the war for a time, and then moved in 1870 to Yankton, Dakota Territory, where he took up a pre-emption claim and hauled provisions to the Missouri River for the Federal Government in 1871 he moved to Harwood Township in Cass County, Dakota Territory, where he established a thriving farm, later adding land near Argusville and Gardner.

Mr. Hoag was first married in 1861 to Martha Bradley of Ohio, who died in 1866. On October 29, 1876 in Cass County, Mr. Hoag was married to Elizabeth Sarah (Lizzie) Leverett, born in Errol, New Hampshire, March 5, 1854 to William and Sarah Leverett, who were homesteaders in 1872 on the site of the present day Fargo City Golf Course. They sold wood and provisions to passing steamboats, were members of Fargo Grange and Mr. Leverett was the first secretary of the Cass County Board of Commissioners. The Hoags had ten children, Stephen, Gertrude, Phoebe, Mary, Nellie, Cora, S. Bender, John, Amelia and Lizzie. Mr. Hoag died September 27, 1920, Mrs. Hoag in 1929. They are buried in Harwood Cemetery.

Mr. Hoag was a member of Fargo Grange, and of the Masons. He was on the Harwood Board of Supervisors, and was a Cass County Commissioner. He belonged to the John F. Reynolds Post, No. 5, G.A.R., and was a Republican.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Simon V. Hoag Papers contains correspondence and subject files on the Grange (patrons of Husbandry) and on the Red River Valley Old Settler's Association.

The [Correspondence Series](#) deals with the Old Settler's Association and includes letters to Ed Pierce from A. T. Whitehouse, Rep. Thomas Marshall, L.B. Hanna, Rep. A.J. Gronna, T.F. McCue, W.E. Parcell and Gov. John Burke and letters from Ed Pierce to P. S. Lewis, Judson La Moure, George Hollister, E.S. Lovelace and W. A. Scott concerning a reunion (1907-08). There is a letter from the George Webster Theatrical Exchange listing acts available (1912) and Correspondence of Rev. Eben E. Saunders with A.W. Byerly and T.N. Putman (1925-26).

In the [Subject Files Series](#) are proceedings of the 1874 and 1875 meetings of the Dakota Territorial Grange. Items from the Fargo Grange, No. 55, include the National charter (1874), Quarterly Reports, membership lists, the Roll Book and the Secretary's Record book (1874-1877). Also included are the Constitution, Parliamentary Guide and Manual of Subordinate Granges for the National Grange (1874-1875). Of interest are programs from Old Settler's Reunions of 1915, 1916 and 1918, as well as orations by Gov. John Burke on July 4, 1902 to 1904 at various Old Settlers Association's meetings.

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