

# Guide to the Solomon D. Butcher Photographs and Photographic Postcards of Nebraska

WA Photos 1273



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**CALL NUMBER:** WA Photos 1273

**CREATOR:** Butcher, Solomon D. (Solomon Devore), 1856-1927 , collector

**TITLE:** Solomon D. Butcher photographs and photographic postcards of Nebraska

**DATES:** circa 1870-1916

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.42 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Captions in English.

**SUMMARY:** Photographs and photographic postcards created by Solomon Devore Butcher of Nebraska, circa 1870-1916. Identified locations include Alliance, Anselmo, Ansley, Arcadia, Arnold, Bayard, Broken Bow, Callaway, Cozad, Crawford, Gibbon, Gothenburg, Kearney, Maxwell, Merna, Oconto, Pleasanton, Seneca, Shelton, and Wood River. Depicted are towns, businesses, events, sod houses, and landscapes. Included are postcards of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Andrew Smith Gallery Inc. on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2019.

## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Solomon Devore Butcher (1856-1927) of Burton, West Virginia, opened a photography studio, S. D. Butcher & Son, in Custer County, Nebraska, circa 1882. In 1886, Butcher began work on a history of the county, which he published in 1901.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by location.

## Collection Contents

b. 1	Postcards: Nebraska (A-L)
b. 2	Postcards: Nebraska (M-W); Colorado; Missouri; Kansas; Montana; Oklahoma
b. 3	Postcards: South Dakota
b. 4	Photographs

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Sod houses -- Nebraska -- Pictorial works

### **Geographic Names**

Colorado -- Pictorial works  
Kansas -- Pictorial works  
Missouri -- Pictorial works  
Nebraska -- Pictorial works  
Oklahoma -- Pictorial works  
South Dakota -- Pictorial works

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographic postcards  
Photographic prints  
Photographs  
Postcards

### **Contributors**

Butcher, Solomon D. (Solomon Devore),  
1856-1927, collector  
S.D. Butcher & Son

### **Acquired From**

Andrew Smith Gallery Inc., bookseller