

# Guide to the Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family Manuscripts Collection, 1995

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## Overview of the Collection

**Repository:**

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**Reference Code:** USGZE UHC327

**Accession Number:** 11-024

**Collection Number:** University Historical Collection 327

**Creators:** Hildebrand, John (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire)

**Title:** Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family Manuscripts Collection

**Dates:** c. 1995

**Quantity:** 0.8 linear feet (2 archives boxes)

**Location of Collection:** A9/1c

**Languages:** Collection materials are in English.

**Summary:** In 1995, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire English professor John Hildebrand published his book *Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family*. This collection includes seven manuscripts of the book. Three of the manuscripts were returned to Professor Hildebrand from the publishers. An additional three appear to have been edited by his peers. The final manuscript is an unedited proof of the text. Professor Hildebrand joined the English Department at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1977. He specialized in teaching nonfiction writing and literature, the short story, and American literature. He retired in 2009 after 32 years of teaching

# Biographical / Historical Note

John Hildebrand, professor emeritus of English, received a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Michigan in 1971, and M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Alaska in 1974. In 1977, he joined the English Department at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire where he specialized in nonfiction writing and literature, the short story, and American literature.

Hildebrand is the author of three nonfiction books, the most recent of which is *A Northern Front* (2005), a collection of essays that previously appeared in such magazines as Harper's, Audubon, Outside, Sports Illustrated, Manoa, and The Missouri Review. He also wrote *Reading the River: A Voyage Down the Yukon* (1998).

Hildebrand's book, *Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family*, was published by Alfred A. Knopf in 1995. *Mapping the Farm* documents a century of American agricultural and rural life. It focuses on William and Catherine O'Neill, an Irish immigrant family who settled on a Rochester, Minnesota farm in 1880. Their grandson Ed runs the farm today, but none of his children farm full time and the future of the farm is uncertain.

Hildebrand received the Maxwell Schoenfeld Distinguished Professorship and the Excellence in Scholarship Award during his tenure at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He was also awarded a Bush Artist Fellowship, a Wisconsin Arts Board Fellowship, the BANTA Award from the Wisconsin Literary Association, and a Friends of American Writers Literary Award. His work has been anthologized in *Barnstorm: Contemporary Wisconsin Fiction* (2005), *Best American Sports Writing* 1999, *American Nature Writing* 1997, *The Great Land: Reflections on Alaska* (1994), and *Nature's New Voices* (1992). His work has been translated into German and Italian. He retired from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 2009 after 32 years of teaching.

## Content Description

Three manuscripts were returned to Hildebrand after the publication of *Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family*. The edited versions of the manuscript were returned to Hildebrand after the publication of *Mapping the Farm*. This returned material, referred to as "foul matter," is the material that is returned to the author after their book is finished: the edited manuscript and proofs of a book that are superseded by revised or corrected versions of the final printed work. Also included is one uncorrected proof of the manuscript.

# Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to Special Collections & Archives, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire prior to January 2011.

**Access Restrictions:** Collection is open to the public.

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**Arrangement:** Flat arrangement.

## Subjects

### Personal Names:

Hildebrand, John  
O'Neill Family

### Subject Terms:

Farm life - Minnesota—Rochester region.  
Family farms- Minnesota—Rochester region.

### Geographical Terms:

Rochester—Minnesota.  
Detailed List of Contents

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Box/Folder 1/1	Foul Matter: Manuscript # 1	1995
Box/Folder 1/2	Foul Matter: Manuscript # 1	1995
Box/Folder 1/3	Foul Matter: Manuscript # 1 Photo inserts and negatives	1995
Box/Folder 1/4	Foul Matter: Manuscript # 2	Oct. 1995
Box/Folder 1/5	Foul Matter: Manuscript # 2	Oct. 1995
Box/Folder 1/6	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass Galley: Manuscript # 3	1995
Box/Folder 1/7	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass Galley: Manuscript # 3	1995
Box/Folder 2/1	Edited Copy: Manuscript #4	Undated
Box/Folder 2/2	Edited Copy: Manuscript #4	Undated
Box/Folder 2/3	Edited Copy: Manuscript #5	Undated
Box/Folder 2/4	Edited Copy: Manuscript #5	Undated
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