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**An Inventory of Its Litigation File: Federal Land Bank et al. v
Hubert H. Humphrey III et al.**

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Attorney General. Civil Litigation Division.
- Series Title:** Litigation file: Federal Land Bank et al. v Hubert H. Humphrey III et al.
- Dates:** 1985-1987.
- Abstract:** The case concerns the constitutional challenge to the state's Farmer-Lender Mediation Act [Laws 1986 c398] brought by the Federal Land Bank et al. against [Attorney General] Hubert H. Humphrey III et al.
- Quantity:** 3.0 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The plaintiffs in the case were all member institutions of the farmer-owned Farm Credit System. The Mediation Act called for mandatory mediation in most farm-credit disputes. The case not only stated that the federal Bankruptcy and Farm Credit Acts pre-empted the mediation portion of the act but also challenged three other provisions of the act, those giving the former owner first option to buy or lease land that had been foreclosed, an increase in the homestead exemption from 80 to 160 acres, and procedural restrictions on deficiency judgments, on the grounds that their contract rights and due process rights had been violated. The case was dropped in August 1987, the plaintiffs deciding to pursue the changes through legislation.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The files are divided into legal documents, subject files, and Agricultural Extension Service files. They include attorneys' notes, correspondence, pleadings, depositions and deposition exhibits, research memos, State Planning Agency documents, legislation, newspaper articles, reports, and mediation forms, newsletters, and releases. There is substantial information on the roles of the attorney general's office and Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service in the farm credit mediation process.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

- Agricultural credit—Minnesota.
- Dispute resolution (Law)—Minnesota.
- Litigating.
- Mediation—Minnesota.

Persons:

- Humphrey, Hubert H., 1942-.

Organizations:

- Farm Credit System (U.S.).
- Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul.
- Minnesota State Planning Agency.
- Minnesota. Farmer-Lender Mediation Act, 1986.

Types of Documents:

- Depositions.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location

- 101.I.10.4F Legal Documents.
 Attorneys' Notes.
 Correspondence. 2 expansion folders.
 Master Pleading Register.
 Pleadings. 5 expansion folders.
 Depositions.
 Bauder, Darrell.
 Buegler, Larry.
 Callin, Glen.
 Fischer, Martin Lee.
 Floden, John.
 Gerber, Warren.
 Gilsrud, Ron.
 Harl, Neil E.
 Johnson, Dennis.
 Kettering, David.
 Schumacher, Neil.
 Shelstad, Merlyn.
 Sleiter, Dennis.
 Stock, Gordon.
 Theuninck, Donald W.
 Williams, L. Lawrence.
- 101.I.10.5B Deposition Exhibits, Nos. 1-40. 2 expansion folders.
 Subject Files.
 Agriculture Department Fiscal Analysis.
 Attorney General Staff Memos.
 Citizen Correspondence: Farm Crisis.
 Correspondence.
 Correspondence regarding Mediation.
 Correspondence with Farm Credit Services [FCS].
 Congressional Investigation.

Location

101.I.10.5B

Debtor/Creditor Farm Law: Agriculture Department Proposals.
Debt Restructuring.

Documents received from State Planning Agency. 3 expansion folders.

Effects of the Changing Rural Economy.

Farm Bill Workshops.

Farm Credit Partnership Act.

Farm Debt Refinance: Restructuring Proposal--Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood.

Farm Products Rule.

Governor's Office.

House File No. 2 (Special Session).

1987 Legislative History.

1987 Legislative History.

House Agriculture Committee.

Finance Division-House Agriculture Committee.

Senate Agriculture Committee.

Legislative History: Mediation.

101.I.10.6F

Mediation.

Mediation Act: Correspondence.

Mediation Legislation.

1986 Minnesota Farm Act: Its Impact on Farm Credit Services .

Minnesota Farm Financial Survey.

Minnesota Law Relating to Farmer/Creditor Relations.

National Mediation Act.

Newspaper Articles. 4 folders.

Research Memos.

Senate Counsel: 1986 Farm Bill Comparisons.

Senate Counsel Summary: Farm Relief Provisions.

Senate File No. 1636.

Agricultural Extension Service Files.

Documents received from Agricultural Extension.

Explanatory Information for Farmers regarding Mediation.

Farm Bill Working Group Farm.

Credit Mediation: Policy Manual and Operational Guidelines for Volunteer Mediators.

Farm Crisis Intervention Bill/Act.

Farm Financial Data Collection Task Force.

Meeting Notes

1985 Abstract of Report to Legislature, 1986

Report to legislature and executive summary.

Location

101.I.10.6F

FLB Correspondence and Reaction regarding Farm Omnibus Bill.
FINPACK.

Computerized farm financial planning and analysis package.

1986 Legislative Appropriations: Minnesota Extension Service and
Agricultural Experiment Station.

Mediation Forms.

Mediation Newsletters.

1986 Omnibus Farm Bill, Explanatory Notes, Bill, Summaries.

Press Releases: Farm Mediation.

Reports on Project Support.

Status Reports: Farm Lender Mediation.

Training: Farm Mediation.