

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG5811.AM: Haar, David, 1885-1970

New York: Lawyer
Diary transcript: 1904
Size: 0.1 cu.ft.; 1 folder

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Lemberg, Austria, in 1885, David Haar came to the United States with his family when he was four or five years old, settling in New York City. Following high school he became a teacher in the New York City school system. During this time he also studied law at New York University, receiving his law degree in 1905. In the summer of 1904, Haar traveled to Nebraska and hired on as farm labor to earn money. He returned to the East and in 1907 entered Harvard as an undergraduate (class of 1911). Haar did not graduate however, leaving after two years, presumably for financial reasons.

Within a few years, David Haar started his own law practice and became a successful bankruptcy lawyer. In 1925 he married Janet Ginsburg and they had one son and one daughter. Haar continued practicing law into the late 1960s. David Haar died in 1970.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a typed transcript of the diary David Haar kept during the summer of 1904 when he travelled to Nebraska to earn money. The diary entries describe his travels to and from Nebraska as well as what the farm work was like. Included with the diary transcript is a photocopy of a newspaper article written by Haar and published in the *Chicago Daily Tribune* (Aug. 21, 1904) describing his experiences during the summer of 1904.

INVENTORY

Diary transcript and newspaper article, 1904

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Added Entries:

Agricultural laborers -- Nebraska
Farm life -- Nebraska
Seasonal labor -- Nebraska