



Postscript: Sandhill Prosperity

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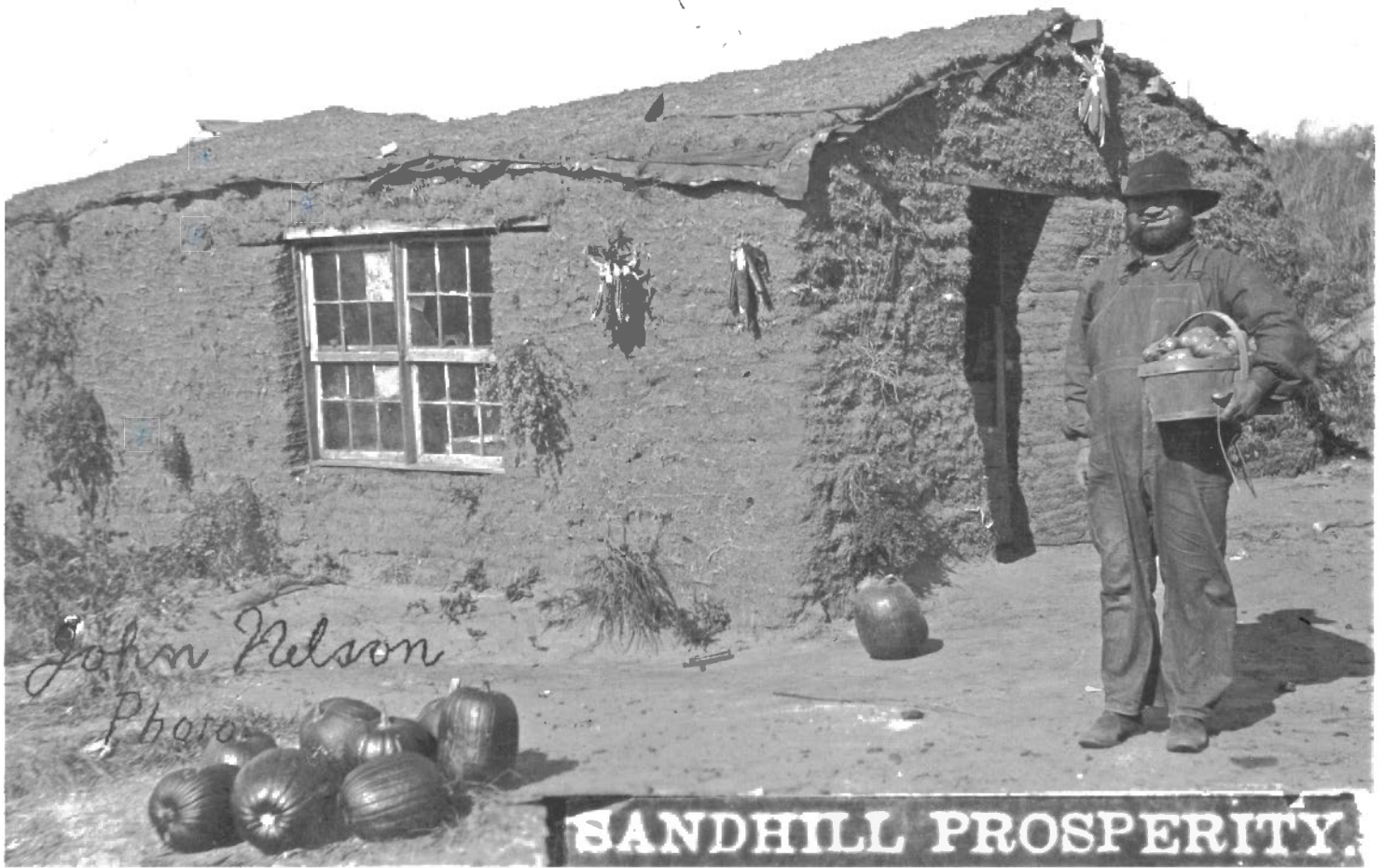
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Photographer John Nelson was born in Harestad, Sweden, in 1864, and came to Wheeler County with his parents at the age of seventeen. From there he traveled to the gold fields of Colorado, where he became acquainted with photography. Returning to Nebraska, he established a studio

in Ericson. His photographs tell the story of small town life in Nebraska during the first decades of the twentieth century. While this picture postcard is tongue-in-cheek, the basket of potatoes is no joke. Potatoes became an important crop in central and western Nebraska around this time. 🍠