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### **Photo Album of Rodeo Performers Donated to State Historical Society**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives recently received a photo album of 163 postcards and photographs of rodeos and rodeo performers in western South Dakota from the 1910s-1920s.

Clarence E. Slider collected the postcards and personally took a few of the photo album images. Slider was a former manager at the Blue Bell Lodge in Custer State Park and was an avid horseman and cowboy.

Most of the images are of bronc riders (including a few female riders). Other images include bull riding, steer riding, bulldogging, trick roping, trick riding, horse racing and horse jumping. Some of the images feature horse jumps over automobiles.

“Mr. Slider’s photo album is a real gem,” said Chelle Somsen, state archivist. “A number of great collections like these are still found throughout the state and make an excellent addition to any archives, library or historical society.”

The album images identify 49 male riders and nine female riders. Also identified are more than 40 horses with names such as “Skyrocket,” “Fire Fly,” “Dynamite” and “I-Be-Dam.”

Additional images from the collection are viewable on the South Dakota State Archives Facebook page.

To donate items relating to the history of South Dakota, contact Matthew Reitzel, manuscript archivist, at (605) 773-3615 or Dan Brosz, curator of collections, at (605) 773-6013.

The State Historical Society-Archives is located in the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The archives is open Monday through Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT. Contact the archives by phone at (605) 773-3804 or by email at [archref@state.sd.us](mailto:archref@state.sd.us)



**Editor's Note: This postcard from the Clarence E. Slider collection recently acquired by the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives shows Leonard Stroud riding "Chief" over an automobile at the Belle Fourche Round-Up in 1925.**

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*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*