

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG2030.AM: Norden Club Project (Lincoln, Neb.)

Records and Papers: 1955-1959; 2000
Lincoln, Lancaster County, Neb.
Size: 0.5 cu. ft.

BACKGROUND NOTE

In 1955 the Norden Club of Lincoln, Nebraska made arrangements with the Nebraska State Historical Society to help finance the gathering of historical information about Scandinavians in Nebraska. Field archivist Donald F. Danker made trips for the project, gathering manuscript materials, photographs, museum artifacts, and taping interviews with Scandinavian pioneers. Church records, often in Danish, Swedish, or Norwegian were borrowed and microfilmed. Some of the taped interviews were transcribed by Bill Pearson and Phyllis Banks.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of interviews and other material gathered as a part of the Norden Club project to preserve information relating to the history of the Scandinavian people of Nebraska. It is arranged in five series: 1) Interviews; 2) Project materials; 3) Histories; 4) Miscellany; and 5) Small manuscript collections.

Collections of personal papers are retained as separate collections and are filed under the name of the person or organization from which they originated.

The original tapes of the interviews (Series 1) were transferred to the Audio-Visual Collections in May of 1990.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1: INTERVIEWS [transferred to AV collections, 5/90]

- * The interview is on tape and transcribed.
- + The interview is on tape only

<u>Name</u>	<u>Where Interviewed</u>	<u>Descent</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Adelson, Frank A.	Polk	Swedish	Scandinavian Insurance Co.
Alfred, Olaf F.	Polk	Swedish	
Anderson, Carl Robert	Hastings	Swedish	Saronville, blizzard of '88

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Anderson, Ruth (Bergstein)	Norman	Swedish	
Bang, Roy T.	Minden	Danish	
Benson, Ed	Hastings	Swedish	Eldorado
Bergstein, Anna L.	Norman	Swedish	
Boisen, John	Minden	Danish	crop failures, First Danish Baptist Church
Bostwick, Christina (Martinson)	Maskell	Norwegian	tornado
*Carlson, Amanda	Acacia	Swedish	Belthora Baptist Church
+Carlson, Christina	Potter	Swedish	
Christensen, August C.	Cordova	Danish-German	Pioneer Townsite Co., Danish brotherhood, blizzard of '88
+Christensen, W.A.	Cozad	Danish	
Creutz, Fred J.	Wausa	Swedish	founding and naming Wausa
Curtis, Albret T.	Hastings	Swedish	uncle of Sen. Carl T. Curtis
+Doran, Guy	Sydney		
Erickson, Anna (Norstrom)	Arcadia	Swedish	blizzard of '88, prairie fire
Erickson, Henry	Campbell	Norwegian	
Erickson, Olaf	Campbell	Norwegian	
Esperson, Marie	Nysted	Danish	
Flotree, R.T.	Albion	Norwegian	
+Forsling, Emil	Kimball	Swedish	cowboy and lawman
Gladem, Carl	Petersburg	Norwegian	history of pioneers of North Branch, Boone County
+Hald, V.P.	Cozad	Danish	Nystad, Danish history
*Halldorson, Sigurd T.	Long Pine	Icelandic	
*Haller, J.S.	Bassett	Icelandic	Icelandic settlement in Nebraska
Hansen, Jens P.	Blair	Danish	early farming, rural mail carrier
+Hansen, Rose	Potter	Danish	
Henricksen, Levi B.	Hampton	Danish	Evangelical Lutheran Seminary at Blair
+Herbolshimer, C.H. (Mrs.)	Potter	Danish	early settlers
+Holbert, John	Hay Springs	Danish	pastor of rural church at Mirage Flats
Holt, Charles	Campbell	Norwegian	
Hultine, John Albert	Saronville	Swedish	stock feeding, early settlers, Saron Church, cattle feeding
*James, Rudy (Holmberg)	Loup City	Swedish	
Jensen, T.C.	Cozad	Danish	
Jensen, Jens Anton	Dannebrog	Danish	Farmers' Union Co-op
Jensen, Ruby J.	Minden	Denmark	Jens Hans Jensen (her father), Danish brotherhood, Fredericksburg
*Johnson, Charles G.	Loup City	Swedish	
Johnson, Emil S.	Aurora	Swedish	
Johnson, Mary (Halvorson)	Newman Grove	Norwegian	
Johnson, Marie (Solhein)	Maskell	Norwegian	

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Jorgenson, Charles Jergen	Minden	Danish	Fredericksburg, grasshoppers, diphtheria epidemic, blizzard of '88, Farmers' Co-Op Grain Co., panic of 1894
Jorgenson, Hakon	Cordova	Danish	Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nysted
Keeshan, Leona (Jacobson)	Albion	Norwegian	
Kroh, Nellie E.	Ogallala		wife of John Simon Kroh
Larson, Ella (Nelson)	Polk	Swedish	biographical sketch of her grandmother, Christina Rydson Lend, blizzard of '73, wells, Hamilton County Baptist Church
*Larson, Dewey (Mrs.)	Potter	Danish	
Larsen, Engvert	Cordova	Danish	founding of Cordova (originally Hunkins), history of Cordova
Lee, Helen (Kaarstad)	Albion	Norwegian	history of her grandparents Mathias and Johanna Kaarstad, and of her parents Chris Mathiason Kaarstad and Kari R. Bruland
Limbo, G.O.	Oakdale	Norwegian	
Lofholm, Berdie E.	Loup City	Swedish	blizzard of '88
Luff, James M.	Marquette	Danish-German	discusses how he became a druggist in 1888, hard times in 1894
Lund, N.T.	Blair	Danish	blizzard of '88 (a very good account), prairie fire, American Germans in WWI
*Malm, Alfred Peter	Arcadia	Swedish	
*Mason, Vera (Wicklund)	Loup City	Swedish	Communist activities in the 30s, Young Communist's League, Mother Bloor
Meline, Ida	Polk	Swedish	
Neilson, Albert	Potter	Danish	
Nelson, Elmer	Maskell	Norwegian	blizzard of '88. Tornado in 1898
Nelson, Millie (Johnson)	Maskell	Norwegian	
Nelson, Otto	Wausa	Swedish	Mission Convent Church
*Nelson, Phillip (Mrs.)	Potter	Danish	
Nielsen, Anders	Dannebrog	Danish	Nysted school
*Nissen, Peter	Hay Springs	Danish	one of original settlers of Mirage Flats and a prime mover in the irrigation project there
Noreen, Anton	Stromsberg	Swedish	Sweden in the 50s
Pearson, Hilda (Bringleston)	Campbell	Swedish	includes a series of letters written in Swedish in the 1890s
Peterson, Peter	Marquette	Danish	
Peterson, Ed J.	Minden	Swedish	hanging of Richards
*Peterson, Holger	Gordon	Danish	
Peterson, Henry	Campbell	Swedish	
+Rasmussen, John	Potter	Danish	

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*Reinertson, Alfred (Mrs.)	Hazard	Norwegian	early history of Hazard
*Roos, Esther (Carlson)	Arcadia	Swedish	
+Sandall, Lawrence (Mrs.)	Bassett	Swedish	sandhills ranching and farming
Sherwood, Walter Allen (Mrs.)	Red Cloud	Norwegian	stockade
Spear, Lillian (Burkland)	Verona	Swedish	
+Stuckey, G.E. (Mrs.)	Lexington		local history from a pro-rancher viewpoint
Swenson, Hilda (Gunderson)	Maskell	Norwegian	
Sundberg, Albert	Polk	Swedish	early business in Polk
Tvedt, H. Louise	Maskell	Norwegian	
+Wicklund, Selam (Mrs.)	Gothenburg	Swedish	local history
Williamson, Thomas A.	Hampton	Danish	blizzard of '88, Populists, Farmers Alliance, politics, rural electrification
Williamson, Laura (Jacobsen)	Hampton	Danish	Harvest Festival at Kronberg, obituaries of Peter A. Jacobsen and William J.
Williamson			
Winroth, John P.	Hastings	Swedish	hobo

SERIES 2: PROJECT MATERIALS

Box 1

- F1 Completed questionnaires
- F1a Project materials, incl. Project Report, Feb. 1958
- F1b Research materials
- F2 Gift record
- F3 Reports of trips
- F4 Correspondence [3 folders]

SERIES 3: HISTORIES

Box 1

- F1 Histories of Grand Ridge settlement--includes biographical and historical sketches about the families of Marcus Graverholt, Matt Koch, G.J. Hangman, Hans O. Lund
- F2 Histories of churches--Saronville Methodist Church, ms by Melvin Hanson, Sweetwater Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, ms. By Rev. P.A. Widvey
- F3 Kensington Rune Stone

SERIES 4: MISCELLANY

Box 1

- F1 Notes, lists of Norden Club membership, Norden Club constitution, names of possible interviewees
- F2 Includes clippings

SERIES 5: SMALL MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Box 1

- F1 Bygland, Ivar S., Albion, member of the Nebraska House of Representatives, 1909 and of the Senate, 1915. Collection consists of a 30-page manuscript of a speech on corporation delivered before the Farmers' Alliance; a campaign leaflet of press comments on his campaign for state senate.
- F2 Banks, Benjamin Peter, of Campbell, Swedish pioneer in Webster Co. Collection consists of Banks' papers: letters, an 1887 railroad land deed, an 1896 citizenship certificate and other documents.
- F3 Nielsen, Alfred Julius: photographs, correspondence, certificate, ephemera
- F4 Donald F. Danker materials relating to the history and administration of the Project. Some photocopies. Includes a portrait of Dr. Danker

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Added entries:

Blizzards -- Nebraska -- 1888

Churches -- Nebraska

Communism

Cooperative associations

Danish Americans -- Nebraska

Farmers Alliance

Immigrants

Mirage Flats (Neb.)

Norwegian Americans -- Nebraska

Nysted People's College

Saronville (Neb.)

Scandinavian Americans -- Nebraska

Swedish Americans -- Nebraska