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Lenora (Schimke) Bienek  
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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** James Bienek

**Accession Date:** 19 September 2001

**Collection Number:** 003

**Quantity:** .25 linear ft

**Summary:** Theology books, newspapers, and marriage certificates relating to the Daniel Schimke family; dating from 1898 to 1996.

**Languages:** German, Ukrainian, & English

**Links:**

- [Our Heritage: Descendants of Simon Schimke and Christina Isaak](#) by Lenora Bienek

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## BIOGRAPHY

Lenora Schimke was born on January 16, 1916 in Harvey, ND, daughter of Daniel Schimke and Mathilda (Knopp) Schimke; she died August 1, 2001 in Harvey, ND. Lenora married Carroll Bienek February 19, 1939 in Harvey, ND. He was born December 25, 1916 in Drake, ND, son of Fred Paul Bienek and Nellie (Larson) Bienek. Carroll died January 21, 1971 in Harvey, ND. Both are buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery at Harvey, ND.

Lenora's father Daniel Schimke (1876-1945) was born in Kulm, Bessarabia, Russia, son of Simon Schimke and Christina Isaak. Daniel's first wife was Elizabeth "Lisa" Mend/ Mindt (1880-1904?). Elizabeth was born in South Dakota of parents born in Russia. They had four children. Lenora's mother, Daniel's second wife, Mathilda Knopp was born in Kulm, Bessarabia, Russia in 1888, to Michael Knopp and Louisa (Bich) Knopp. Daniel and Mathilda had twelve children. Mathilda died in 1980.

Lenora's grandfather Simon Schimke (1850-1943) was born in Bessarabia, Russia. He was orphaned at a young age. About 1893, leaving relatives behind, he emigrated to Parkston, SD and later to Kulm, ND. Simon and Christina (1852-1921) married in Bessarabia in 1844 and had nine children.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Lenora (Schimke) Bienek Collection** consists of materials relating to the Daniel Schimke family of Wells County, North Dakota, dated between 1898 and 1996. The **Book Series** contains two theology books. The **Newspaper Series** contains four newspapers; these newspapers are written in Ukrainian, German, or Russian. The **Certificate Series** contains two marriage certificates. Daniel Schimke was married twice and these certificates are from those marriages; they are written in German.

## SEPARATION RECORD

The marriage certificates, due to their size, have been separated from the rest of the collection and placed within the oversized material box.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1	Finding aid, inventory, genealogy information
1	<b>BOOK SERIES</b>  Hiller M. Philipp Friedrich, <u>Geistliches Liederkästlein zum Lobe Gottes</u> , Reutlingen: Fleischhauer und Spohn, n.d. 940 pages. [Two volumes in one; a book of daily devotions].  Reu, D. M. [Professor Johann Michael Reu 1869-1943], <u>Wartburg Lehrmittel</u> , Chicago: Wartburg Publishing House, n.d., 157 pages.

### **NEWSPAPER SERIES**

- 1/1**                    Deutscher Nimec'kij Kanal, No. 2, (23) 1995 Kiew.
- 1/2**                    Woechentliche Volkszeitung Jahrgang 24, No. 1220, St. Paul, Mittwoch 24 Juli, 1901.
- 1/3**                    St. Petersburgische Zeitung, No. 1-2, 1994.
- 1/4**                    Landsmannschaft, No. 2, 15 aBrycra 1996.

### **CERTIFICATE SERIES**

- OVERSIZED**            Marriage certificate (Tauschein) for Daniel Schimke, Harvey, ND and Elizabeth Mend, Harvey, ND, dated 7 January 1900 in Wells Co., North Dakota
- OVERSIZED**            Marriage certificate (Tauschein) for Daniel Schimke, Harvey, ND, and Mathilda Knopp, Kulm, dated 2 January 1905