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**Finding Aid to the  
Ardith (Amundson) James  
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2007.10**

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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Ardith (Amundson) James

**Accession Date:** 27 August 2007

**Collection Number:** 122

**Quantity:** 1 folder and a textile

**Summary:** Letter from 1937; two pedigree charts for the Amundson and Neumiller families; ten copied images of the Milde, Neumiller, Amundson, and Munsch families, dating from 1895 to 1997; and a woolen Afghan, circa 1960s.

**Languages:** English

**Links:**

- [Interview with Pauline \(Munsch\) Nelson](#)
- [Finding Aid to the Edward and Christina \(Munsch\) Berreth Collection](#)
- [Elsie \(Milde\) Amundson Photograph Collection](#) on Digital Horizons (State Historical Society of North Dakota)
- [Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection](#)

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## BIOGRAPHY

Elsie (Milde) Amundson was born in Selby, South Dakota on May 8, 1906 to Carl and Christina (Neumiller) Milde. Elsie grew up in Wishek, North Dakota, but they family later moved to Bismarck. On September 18, 1930, Elsie married Archie Amundson, and they had one daughter:

Ardith. In 1945, the family moved to California. Archie Amundson died on March 31, 1979. Elsie (Milde) Amundson died on October 20, 1995.

Ardith (Amundson) James was born on September 30, 1932 to Carl and Christina (Neumiller) Milde. The Amundson family moved to California in 1945. On August 15, 1954, Ardith married Henry James.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Ardith (Amundson) James Collection** consists of a letter from 1937; two pedigree charts for the Amundson and Neumiller families; ten copied images of the Milde, Neumiller, Amundson, and Munsch families, dating from 1895 to 1997; and a woolen Afghan, circa 1960s. The collection has been arranged into four series: Correspondence, Family History, Image, and Textile.

The [Correspondence Series](#) consists of one letter from Daniel and Anna (Milde) Nickisch of Wishek, North Dakota to Archie and Elsie (Milde) Amundson. The letter is dated December 21, 1937. The main topic of the letter is Daniel and Anna (Milde) Nickisch's golden wedding anniversary.

The [Family History Series](#) is comprised of two pedigree charts. One is a pedigree chart for Ardith Amundson that was created on 10 May 2000, and the other is a pedigree chart for Christina Neumiller that was created on 19 March 2002. Both pedigree charts were drafted by Ardith (Amundson) James.

The [Image Series](#) contains ten copied images that have been printed onto five sheets of printer paper. The copied images date from 1895 to 1997.

The first sheet has two images printed on it. One is an image of Carl Milde and Anna Milde, circa 1895. The second image is a portrait of Carl Milde, age 18, circa 1895. The photographer for both images is believed to be L.E. Stair Studio, Mitchell, Davison County, South Dakota.

The second sheet has one image printed on it. The image is of Emma (Neumiller) Larson, circa early 1980s. Also printed on the sheet is a brief obituary of Emma Larson and the 23rd Psalm.

The third sheet has four images. The top image is of Anne (Ulmer) Stroh, Gertrude (Ulmer) Anderson, Elsie (Milde) Amundson, and Ardith (Amundson) James, dated 1989. Anne (Ulmer) Stroh and Gertrude (Ulmer) Anderson were sisters and cousins of Elsie (Milde) Amundson. The second image is of Pauline (Munsch) Nelson, circa 1980s. She is wrapped in her mother's shawl and holding her family Bible. The third image is of Sigurd and Pauline (Munsch) Nelson in their home in Glendale, California, dated 1987. The bottom image is of Ardith (Amundson) James with Pauline (Munsch) Nelson, dated 1997.

The fourth sheet has two images. The left image is a portrait of the Andreas and Charlotte Munsch family, circa 1905. The image on the right is a portrait of the Phillip and Margaretha “Maria” Munsch family, circa 1899.

The fifth sheet has one image. It is a blown-up image of the portrait of the Phillip and Margaretha “Maria” Munsch family, circa 1899. This image is also available in the Edward and Christina (Munsch) Berreth Collection [photo #: [2011.41.93](#)].

The [Textile Series](#) contains of one Afghan, which was made by Emma (Neumiller) Larson in the 1960s. The Afghan (2007.10.02) was also used as a sofa covering. The Afghan has “hair-pin lace” crochet, and golden-yellow color yarn. The size of the Afghan is 33 inches wide and 66 inches long, with same colored tassels along 33 inch-edges. Emma (Neumiller) Larson was 88 years of age when she gifted her niece, Elsie (Milde) Amundson, with the Afghan.

## **SEPARATION RECORD**

The Afghan [2007.10.02] has been separated from the rest of the collection and is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection on the NDSU campus. Advance notice is requested for the viewing of this item.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

### **2007 Small Collections Box**

<b>Collection/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>2007.10/1</b>	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory

### **CORRESPONDENCE SERIES**

<b>2007.10/1</b>	Letter from Daniel and Anna (Milde) Nickisch to Archie and Elsie (Milde) Amundson, 1937
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### **2007.10/1 FAMILY HISTORY SERIES**

1. Pedigree chart for Ardith Amundson
2. Pedigree chart for Christina Neumiller

### **2007.10/1 IMAGE SERIES**

#### **Sheet 1**

1. Carl Milde and Anna Milde, circa 1895
2. Portrait of Carl Milde, circa 1895

### Sheet 2

1. Emma (Neumiller) Larson, circa early 1980s

### Sheet 3

1. Anne (Ulmer) Stroh, Gertrude (Ulmer) Anderson, Elsie (Milde) Amundson, and Ardith (Amundson) James, 1989
2. Pauline (Munsch) Nelson wrapped in her mother's shawl and holding her family Bible, circa 1980s
3. Sigurd and Pauline (Munsch) Nelson in their home, 1987
4. Ardith (Amundson) James with Pauline (Munsch) Nelson, 1997

### Sheet 4

1. Portrait of the Andreas and Charlotte Munsch family, circa 1905
2. Portrait of the Phillip and Margaretha "Maria" Munsch family, circa 1899

### Sheet 5

1. Portrait of the Phillip and Margaretha "Maria" Munsch family, circa 1899

## TEXTILE SERIES

### Location

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Afghan, circa 1960s [2007.10.02]



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