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Finding aid to the Sandra (Bengerdes) Miles Collection
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OVERVIEW

Donor: Sandra (Bengerdes) Miles

Accession Date: 22 March 1995

Collection Number: 028

Quantity: 0.25 linear feet

Summary: Correspondence, c. 1995; photocopies of family trees and passports for the Speaker/Spiker and Heagel familes; and a Heritage Review from 2006

Languages: English, Russian, & German

Links:
- "Sandra Miles' Colors" An article about Sandra Miles.

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BIOGRAPHY

Sandra (Bengerdes) Miles, an artist who is a member of "Gallery 4" in Fargo, is the founder and president of the Red River Watercolor Society. Her textiles were included in the 1995 exhibition, "The Kempf Family: German from Russia Weavers on the Dakota Prairie". Her grandmother, Christine Marie Heagel, was from the Lutheran ancestral village of Norka in the South Volga region of Russia.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Sandra (Bengerdes) Miles Collection** is comprised of materials related to her German Russian ancestry. Included within this collection are family trees for the Spiker/Speakar and Heagel Families, two photocopied passports for Christian Spiker, and an unknown individual with the surname Kasper, both of which are in Russian. Also present in this collection is a correspondence between Miles and Michael Miller concerning the history of a textile that is part of Miles' family history, dated 1995. Also included in the collection is a Heritage Review (Vol. 36, No. 2, June 2006) that includes an article written by Sandra (Bengerdes) Miles, entitled "Unraveling the Fibers."

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