Finding Aid to the
Aagot Raaen Papers

Raaen, Aagot, 1873-1957
Aagot Raaen Papers, 1915-1953
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Biography Scope and Content Box and Folder List

OVERVIEW

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BIOGRAPHY

Aagot Raaen was born in Iowa on December 3, 1873, the daughter of Norwegian immigrants, Thomas and Ragnhild (Rødningen) Raaen. In 1874 the family moved to Dakota Territory, settling in Newburgh Township, Steele County, near present day Hatton, N.D. Aagot attended the local schools and in 1903 was graduated from the Mayville (N.D.) Normal School. In 1913, she graduated from the University of

Minnesota. She later did graduate work at the Universities of Berlin and Hawaii. She taught rural schools in the area and also at the Oak Grove Seminary in Fargo. From 1917 to 1922, Aagot was Superintendent of Schools of Steele County. She was later employed at the Honolulu Teachers' College in Hawaii.

Miss Raaen traveled extensively and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and secretary of the Hallinglaget. She died on January 7, 1957, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and was buried in the Goose River Cemetery at Hatton N. D.

Miss Raaen was the author of several books, including *Grass of the Earth*, *Measure of My Days*, and a genealogy of the Hamarsbøn family. She also wrote a series of historical articles for local newspapers.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Aagot Raaen Papers consists mainly of correspondence, various drafts of *Measure of My Days*, and extensive genealogical material. The papers have been organized into four series: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Genealogy, Subject files. A later accession of photocopies of Raaen papers were processed as Mss 177.

The Correspondence Series, arranged chronologically, is with Erling Rolfsrud dealing with his historical research, as well as copies of the letters sent to the teachers and school officers by Miss Raaen while she was the Superintendent of Schools of Steele County, N.D.

The Manuscripts Series includes a typed draft, galley proof and page proof of her book, *Measure of My Days*. There is also a galley proof of Rolfsrud's *Lanterns over the Prairies, Book II*.

The Genealogy Series of the Hamarsbøn family includes correspondence, notes, hand written drafts by generation, plus a typed draft for the first seven generations. Almost all the material is in Norwegian.

The Subject File Series includes several handwritten historical sketches regarding Halvor Lerberg, Ole Mølnedalen, and the early Lutheran churches in North Dakota. The file also includes copies of Rolfsrud's, *The Top Drawer*, and material on Benjamin Wist, a long time educator in Hawaii.

SEPARATION RECORD

The following non-manuscript items were removed from the Aagot Raaen papers and have been sent to the section indicated.

Books (Institute book collection, consult catalog for the call number and location.)

- *Groth Family Record, including Haug, Gulbransgaard, Nastby, Halstenson, and Finnesgaard Branches*, 1724-1934, by Anton C. Groth.
- *A Brief Historical Sketch of the Heskin Family, Norwegian Pioneers of Wisconsin and North Dakota*, by Melvin Luchen, Sophie Thales Kjos, Agnes Brenden, Gurie Amb, June, 1939.

Pictures (Institute photograph collection)

- 1 snapshot of the children of Erling Rolfsrud, Christmas, 1951

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Biographical material, and Finding aid
	Correspondence Series
1/2	Teachers and School Officers, 1915, 1917-1919
1/3	Teachers and School Officers, 1920
1/4	Teachers and School Officers, 1921
1/5	Teachers and School Officers, 1922
1/6	Teachers and School Officers, from other North Dakota counties, 1917-1922
1/7	1935-1952
	Manuscripts Series
1/8	Draft, *Measure of My Days*, Chapters I – XII
1/9	Draft, *Measure of My Days*, Chapters XIII XXV
1/10	Draft, *Measure of My Days*, Chapters XXVI – Postscript
1/11	Galley proof, *Measure of My Days*
2/1	Page proof, *Measure of My Days*, Chapters I – XXV
2/2	Page proof, *Measure of My Days*, Chapter XXVI – Postscript
2/3	Galley proof, Rolfsrud's *Lanterns Over the Prairies, Book II*
	Genealogy Series
2/4	Correspondence, 1944-1953
2/5	Notes
2/6	Notes
2/7	Hamarsbøn genealogy drafts; Generations 1 – 3
2/8	Hamarsbøn genealogy drafts; Generations 4 – 5
2/9	Hamarsbøn genealogy drafts; Generation 6
2/10	Hamarsbøn genealogy drafts; Generation 7
2/11	Hamarsbøn genealogy drafts; Generation 8
2/12	Hamarsbøn genealogy drafts; Generation 9
2/13	Hamarsbøn genealogy drafts; Generation 10
2/14	Hamarsbøn genealogy typed drafts; Generations 1 – 7

Subject File Series

2/15	Book jacket designs and promotional literature for *Measure of My Days*
2/16	Newspaper clippings
2/17	Notes on early Lutheran Congregations in North Dakota
2/18	Notes on Halvor Lerberg (Stubbe Halvor)
2/19	Notes on Ole Mølnedalen, known as Dalingen
2/20	Pamphlets
2/21	*"The Top Drawer"* by Erling Rolfsrud, no. 1 – 8
2/22	Benjamin Wist Family
2/23	Articles by Aagot Raaen

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