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**Finding Aid to the
Peggy (Gustin) Emmel
Collection
2011.03**

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OVERVIEW

Donor: Peggy (Gustin) Emmel

Accession Date: 3 February 2011

Collection Number: 030

Quantity: 3 folders

Summary: A small collection of correspondence primarily ranging from 1922 to 1935, but there is also a letter from 2008. Six letters are written in German and two are in English.

Languages: English and German

Links:

- [“How They Lived Their Dash: Gustin/Renner Stories”](#) (DVD) [CS71.G254 2010]
- [2010 Special Gift Donations to the GRHC](#)

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Citation: Peggy (Gustin) Emmel Collection, 030, Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, NDSU Libraries, Fargo, ND.

BIOGRAPHY

Peggy (Gustin) Emmel was born on March 2, 1952. She married Duane A. Emmel, who was born on January 12, 1950. The couple reside in Moorhead, Minnesota.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Peggy (Gustin) Emmel Collection** consists of eight letters and one envelope. Six of the letters are in German while the other two are in English. Also present in the collection are photocopies of all the letters.

The German correspondence is the bulk of the collection, ranging from 1922 to 1935. The other two letters are in English. One is not dated but appears to be a number of years old. The letter is noteworthy because it is a scam. In the letter, the author beseeches the recipient for help in obtaining 360,000 dollars, and the author offers 120,000 dollars as a reward. The other English letter is more recent and dates to 2008. The letter was sent to Peggy Emmel from a man named Dave, who writes about the scam letter. In the letter he writes, "I don't know anything more about this letter, but I can tell you from my experience with the FBI that this swindle... is still being tried today from various corners of the world."

SEPARATION RECORD

The Peggy (Gustin) Emmel Collection also included the DVD "How They Lived Their Dash: Gustin/Renner Stories." The DVD has been cataloged and placed in the GRHC library. [[CS71.G254 2010](#)]

One letter has also been separated from the rest of the collection due its size. This letter has been placed with the GRHC's Oversize Box.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

2011 Small Collections Box

Collection/Folder	Contents
2011.03/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory
2011.03/2	CORRESPONDENCE SERIES Envelope, 1935 English Correspondence (2) German Correspondence (5) – 1922, 1934-1935
OVERSIZE	German Correspondence (1), 1929
2011.03/3	Photocopies of the correspondence