

Finding Aid to the Katherine Hughes Gumb Collection

Gumb, Katherine Hughes, 1873-1963

Katherine Hughes Gumb Collection, ca. 1928-1941

.8 linear ft.

Collection number: Mss 993

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OVERVIEW

Access: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

Provenance: Donated by Katherine Gumb, Hope, N.D., 1955 (Acc. 993).

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BIOGRAPHY

Katherine Louise Hughes was born in Iowa on March 31, 1873, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew C. Hughes. In 1887, the family moved to Fargo, North Dakota, and later to Steele County, North Dakota. Katherine attended Mayville (North Dakota) Normal School and in 1897, married Daniel J. Gumb. The couple resided at Hope, North Dakota, where Mrs. Gumb was active in the Women's Club, Library, American Legion Auxiliary, Hope Community Club and local government.

In later years, Katherine became interested in the history of Steele County and did research and writing with the hopes of publishing a county history, a goal which was never attained. Mrs. Gumb died on October 3, 1963, and is buried at Hope, N.D.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Katherine Gumb collection consists of her manuscripts on Steele County history, plus records of the Old Settlers Association of Griggs and Steele Counties, North Dakota.

The **Steele County Series** history manuscripts are organized into the general material on Steele County, individual townships, cities, and several biographical sketches. For each folder, there is a typed copy of most of the manuscript material. Many files also contain biographical sketches of early settlers.

The **Old Settler Association of Griggs and Steele Counties Series** consists mainly of the Minute Book, from the origin on February 13, 1906, to 1918, plus a folder of miscellaneous correspondence and financial records.

(The Louis B. Hanna file includes correspondence with Mrs. Gumb, newspaper clippings, and Mrs. Gumb's biography manuscript.)

SEPARATIONS RECORD

The following non-manuscript items were removed from the Katherine Gumb Papers and have been sent to the section indicated.

Photographs (Institute Photo Mss 993)

- I Katherine Hughes Gumb
- 1 Mrs. Weltha Bemis (Mother of Myrtle Porterville)
- I Oldest log cabin, Newburgh Township, built by Ole Rodningen, 1874.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Biographical material, Finding aid
	Steele County Series
1/2	History—
	American Legion
1/3	County seat fight
1/4	Early animals
1/5	Early explorers
1/6	Early settlers
1/	Formation
1/8	How pioneers got their land

1/9	Lakes
1/10	Location
1/11	Miscellaneous
1/12	Pioneer hazards
1/13	Post offices
1/14	Red Cross
	Township Histories—
1/15	Beaver Creek
1/16	Broadlawn
1/17	Carpenter
1/18	Colgate
1/19	Easton and Village of Pickert
1/20	Edendale
1/21	Enger
1/22	Finley
1/23	Franklin
1/24	Golden Lake
1/25	Greenview
1/26	Hugo
1/27	Melrose and Village of Blabon
1/28	Newburgh
1/29	Primrose
1/30	Riverside
2/1	Sharon
2/2	Sherbrooke
2/3	Westfield
2/4	Willow Lake and Village of Luverne
	Town Histories—
2/5	Finley, North Dakota
2/6	"Hope is Born"
2/7	Hope - Churches
2/8	Hope - Organizations
2/9	Hope - Residents
2/10	Sherbrooke, North Dakota
	Biographies—
2/11	Fingal Enger
2/12	Louis B. Hanna, Correspondence, 1928-1941
2/13	Louis B. Hanna, Manuscript history
2/14	Louis B. Hanna, Newspaper clippings
2/15	Andrew Stavens

2/16 Miscellaneous papers
2/17 Minute book