

## Finding Aid to the “Besta: a story of North Dakota pioneers” by Cyrene Bakke Dear

**Dear, Cyrene Bakke (1896 – 1992)**

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### BIOGRAPHY

Born in Traill County, N.D., on July 12, 1896 and was the daughter of Karen and Ole Bakke. She married Albert J. (or Joseph Albert) Dear on May 15, 1926 in Denver Colorado. Moved to Washington, D.C. She died March 1, 1992 in Bethesda Maryland.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

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