

**Finding Aid to the Blaine and Muriel Schultz Family History Records  
(The Greatest Generation: Two Former North Dakotans, Blaine and Muriel  
(Tessman) Schultz- Their Life Stories)**

**Blaine and Muriel Schultz**

Schultz Family History and Photographs

2.25 Linear Feet

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**BIOGRAPHY**

Blaine Harris Schultz was born Jan. 30, 1922 in Caledonia Township, Traill County, North Dakota, son of William F.K. (1895-1974) & Helen (Olson, 1900-1996) Schultz. Muriel Eleanor Tessman was born Sept. 20, 1921 at Elkwood, N.D., daughter of William (1893-1971) & Mabel M. (Erickson, 1885-1951) Tessman.

Blaine Schultz attended North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo, N.D. with a major in electrical engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He met his future wife Muriel Tessman while attending college. Muriel attended business school in Fargo and in 1942 moved to Inglewood, California to live with her mother and sister. Blaine and Muriel were married September 3, 1944 in Inglewood. After World War II they returned to Fargo, N.D. in 1945. Their first child, Judith Ann Schultz was born there in 1946. He graduated NDSU in 1947 and they moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he worked.

Blaine Schultz passed away on November 24, 2016 at age 94 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Blaine and Muriel Schultz Family History Records have been organized into two series: Family History and Subject Files. All files reflect extensive research in their ancestral lines and include photographs, family trees, newspaper clippings, and family stories. All material formerly was in binders when donated and all are retained in the original order. The photographic prints are organized as a separate photograph collection. (Photo 2139)

**The Family History Series** is organized by the families of which they are descendants. Some family lines were represented in multiple binders and they are listed and described separately.

The **Erickson Family** had “Erickson Descend” label on the spine and consists primarily of family photographs. The introduction states the family data is “presented in four sections, one section for each Erickson grandparent, namely Gulbrandson, Ramseth, Olson and Otterson/Talle”. There are several family charts, articles, and photographs.

The **Erickson/Olson Family** begins with Erick Gulbrandson (b. 1815) and Anne Mathea Knutsdatter Ramset (b. 1821) of Stange County, Norway. They immigrated to United States in 1868 and settled in Wisconsin. They are the great-grandparents of Muriel (Tessman) Schultz. It includes biographical sketches, family group data, ancestral charts, and photographs.

The **Meyer Family** history of William Meyer (1844-1914) and spouses Adelheid Hadler (1846-1977) and Fredericka Freiburg (1860-1942) and their descendants. He and his first wife emigrated from Germany to Chicago, Illinois in 1867. In 1869 they moved to Minnesota and settled at Parker’s Prairie. It includes biographical sketches, descendant charts, and photographs.

The **Olson “Family Tree”** documents family of Edward Olson (1860-1931) and Marie Johnson (1866-1939) who lived in Traill County, N.D. Initial descendant chart begins with Marie Johnson’s great-grandfather Johan Erickson (b. 1759) and Pernille Pedersdatter (1767-1820) of Hadeland, Norway. It includes photographs, charts, and biographical sketches.

The **Ramsett Family** begins with “Svenskerud-Erickson Grenen branch” with the initial descendant listing written in Norwegian. Following is family group pages and beings with Elmer Erickson and Ruby

Ramsett. There are family photographs and copies of letters and other family documents written in Norwegian.

The **Schultz Family**, is the Schultz family history produced as a loose-leaf book by Blaine H. Schultz, but not dated. It begins with C. August Schultz (1829-1904) & Caroline Konell (1827-1895). C. August Schultz was born in Pommern, Germany (now part of Poland). In 1864 the family immigrated to the United States and settled at Maribel, Wisconsin. It includes numerous biographical sketches, descendant charts, and printed photographs. There is a biographical sketch of the donor Blaine H. Schultz.

The **Tessman Family** begins with brothers Michael Tessman (1865-1933) and Frederick Tessman (1870-1924) who emigrated from East Prussia. Michael Tessman settled in Minnesota and Frederick Tessman in Great Falls, Montana. It includes many family group sheets.

**The Subject Files Series** consisted of three binders that regard non-specific families but do relate to their family history research and various families.

**Ancestral Charts** consists of ancestral charts and family group charts compiled by Blaine Schultz on various family lines.

**Luster** consists of photocopies from the book Luster of farms in a Norway community.

**Photographs** consists of many family photographs.

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