

Finding Aid to the Donald and Sara Lindberg Collection

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Summary Information

Repository: Institute for Regional Studies
Title: Donald and Sara Lindberg Collection
Identifier: Mss 3139
Date: 1932, 1962, 1970-2023

Physical Description: .5 Linear Feet

Language of Materials: English

Abstract

This collection contains correspondence, manuscripts, and research notes compiled by Donald and Sara Lindberg, much of which focuses on the early history of Dakota Territory politics, newspaper publishing, and early Fargo history.

Access

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

Provenance

Donated by Donald and Sara Lindberg in 2014, 2023, 2024 (Acc.2017-006irs Acc. 2023-34irs).

Property Rights

The Institute for Regional Studies owns the property rights to this collection.

Copyrights

Institute owns the copyrights to this collection.

Citation

[Identification of item]. Donald and Sara Lindberg Collection Papers (MS 3139 0848), Institute for Regional Studies, North Dakota State University, Fargo.

Biography

Donald Lindberg was born June 16, 1939 in Rolette, North Dakota. He graduated from Minot State Teachers

College. He taught history at Crookston, Minnesota, Wild Rose, North Dakota, and Fargo South High School in Fargo, North Dakota. He was married to Sara McDonald, born in Willow City, North Dakota on January 22, 1941. She graduated from Minot State College, and worked for Minnesota State University Moorhead bookstore, as well as Northern School Supply in Fargo. She also was involved with the Fargo-Moorhead American Association of University Women. Donald and Sara, are the parents of two daughters. Don passed away on March 14, 2023.

Scope and Content

This collection is made up of correspondence, manuscripts, and research notes compiled by Donald and Sara Lindberg, much of which focuses on the early history of Dakota Territory politics, newspaper publishing, and early Fargo history. It has been subdivided into three series:

The Correspondence Series is made up of letters sent from both Don and Sara Lindberg and reflect their interests in historic and literary history. It contains a set of letters sent to Sara Lindberg, from Father Charles L. Hughes, of St. Arnold's Church in Milnor, North Dakota. Much of them discuss books on order from the Northern School Supply, but reflect a personal friendship. Another set of letters can also be found sent to Sara Lindberg, from Richard Critchfield. There are letters between Don Lindberg and Dr. Anderson W. Donan, in regard to his research into Col. Peter Donan in 1973. A second set of letters from 1972-1977, are between Don Lindberg and Richford Edwards and Majorie Edwards Brush, a son and granddaughter of A. W. Edwards, early Fargo newspaper editor.

The Manuscript Series are made up of several unpublished manuscripts written by Don Lindberg. They reflect his research interest, with some dating back to his early years as a student at Minot State Teachers College. The oldest manuscript is "Glacier Maid" [1962], about gold mining near Minot, North Dakota, accompanied by a supporting document entitled "Cyanide Treatment of The Denbigh Gold Sands", by Duane L. Purves [1932]. The manuscript entitled, "Fargo, The Early Years in Dakota", is 246 pages, and split into two folders. It is a compilation of notes on early Fargo taken during years of research by Mr. Lindberg. There is also an essay about Thorstina Sigridur Jackson Walters, a historian and author known for her research into the Icelandic settlements in North America. Sara was involved in compiling and editing many of the manuscripts.

The Ephemera and Newspaper Clippings Series is mostly comprised of items of interest collected and saved by the Lindberg's, including a copy of the Chautauqua, a publication produced in 1986 for a Grand Forks performance touching on historical North Dakota figures. There is another folder that has a poster for North Dakota Humanities Council Historical Speakers' Bureau, and clippings about the Forum Communications and the printing business.

Related Documents

A digitized version of "Fargo, The Early Years in Dakota", is mounted on-line at:
<https://library.ndsu.edu/ir/handle/10365/29052>

Separated Maps

"Fargo, D.T. 1880: Diagram of the Business Centre of Fargo, Cass, D.T.", added to the Institute for Regional Studies Map Collection (Map 765). Digitized version on Digital Horizons at:

<https://digitalhorizonsonline.org/digital/collection/ndsu-histor/id/2906/rec/1>

"Progress Map Showing Major Glacial Drift Aquifers in North Dakota and Estimated Potential Yields, North Dakota State Water Commission" - added to the Institute for Regional Studies Map Collection (Map 766).

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Controlled Access Headings

- Critchfield, Richard.
- Edwards, Richford R., b. 1888.

Collection Inventory

Finding Aid and Biographical Material	Box 1; Folder 0 (Mixed Materials)
Correspondence Series	
Correspondence - Richard Critchfield	Box 1; Folder 1 (Mixed Materials)
Correspondence - Dr. Anderson Donan	Box 1; Folder 2 (Mixed Materials)
Correspondence - Richford Edwards & Majorie Edward Brush	Box 1; Folder 3 (Mixed Materials)
Correspondence - Father Charles L. Hughes	Box 1; Folder 4 (Mixed Materials)
Correspondence and general research notes	Box 1; Folder 5 (Mixed Materials)
Manuscript Series	
A Libel Case: A. W. Edwards vs. The Fargo Republican	Box 1; Folder 6 (Mixed Materials)

Boss Edwards and the Election of 1882

Box 1; Folder 7 (Mixed Materials)

Dakota Politics in 1892

Box 1; Folder 8 (Mixed Materials)

Edward A. Webb and the Northwestern Farmer and Breeder

Box 1; Folder 9 (Mixed Materials)

Evan S. Tyler, Early Fargo Entrepreneur

Box 1; Folder 10 (Mixed Materials)

Fargo Politics in 1893

Box 1; Folder 11 (Mixed Materials)

The Fargo Republican

Box 1; Folder 12 (Mixed Materials)

Fargo, The Early Years in Dakota, pg. 1-125

Box 1; Folder 13 (Mixed Materials)

Fargo, The Early Years in Dakota, pg. 126-246

Box 1; Folder 14 (Mixed Materials)

Glacier Maid

Box 1; Folder 15 (Graphic Materials)

The North Dakota Press, 1850-1883

Box 1; Folder 16 (Mixed Materials)

Peter Donan, Journalist and Bon Vivant

Box 1; Folder 17 (Mixed Materials)

Prohibition in Dakota Territory

Box 1; Folder 18 (Mixed Materials)

The Recent Garrison Water Controversy, 1973

Box 1; Folder 19 (Mixed Materials)

Thorstina Sigridur Jackson Walters 1887-1959

Box 1; Folder 20 (Mixed Materials)

Ephemera and Newspaper Clippings Series

Chautauqua [1986]

Box 1; Folder 21 (Text)

Ephemera and Newspaper Clippings

Box 1; Folder 22 (Text)