

CWS Association and Organization Collections

ALTRUSA Records

Records, n.d.

4 Boxes, 20052

ALTRUSA is an acronym for Amity, Loyalty, Talent, Reciprocity, Unity, Service, Achievement. Altrusa, an international service organization for professional women and women holding executive positions in business, was founded in 11 Apr 1917 in Nashville, TN. It is the oldest of women's classified service clubs. Altrusa is nonpartisan and nonsectarian. In later years it was headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. This collection contains minutes and other records.

American Association of University Women

Records, 1923-

4.0 cu. ft., 20001

The American Association of University Women Collection contains records of the AAUW at the branch, state, and national levels including newsletters, convention programs, minutes, scrapbooks, procedural information, financial information, reports, yearbooks, and other papers regarding the work and history of the AAUW. This collection is an excellent resources concerning the efforts of a women's organization functioning in Sioux Falls throughout much of the twentieth century.

American Indian Culture Research Center

Records, 1980-

55 cu. ft., 20002

The American Indian Culture Research Center is located on the grounds of Blue Cloud Abbey, near Marvin, South Dakota. Father Stan Maudlin operates the Center, where he takes a keen interest in the culture of the Indian peoples. The records arrive at CWS pre-processed

American Lutheran Church Records

Records, ca 1961 – 1987

5 Boxes, 20059 Content appears to be primarily American Lutheran Church Yearbooks from 1961 - 1987, Reports from 1961 - 1986, and Comments from the Bishop from 1969 - 1980.

Loose copies of the "Normal Clarion" and the Grand Auxiliary of the Ladies of United Commercial Travelers (see 20060) also shelved with the ALC records.

Association of Christian Churches in South Dakota

Records, 1914-1979

1 cu. ft., 20003

Correspondence, constitution, by-laws, minutes, audit reports, and annual meeting reports for some of the members of the Association (originally the South Dakota Sunday School Association and later the South Dakota Council of Churches).

Beaver Creek Lutheran Church

Records, 1891-1999

3 Boxes, 20073

The Beaver Creek Lutheran Church collection documents the organization, programs, groups, and membership of the church from 1891 through 1999. Items included in the collection are treasurer's and secretary's record books, council minutes, Ladies' organizations, Sunday School, and church history. Many scrapbooks and photographs are included in the collection, as well as some oversized materials such as a framed certificate of corporate existence, a Sunday school photo album, and two registers.

Calvary Episcopal Church

Records, 1878-1983

Microfilm, 20004

Canonical parish registers of the Calvary Episcopal Cathedral, Sioux Falls, containing the records of families, baptisms, confirmations, burials, and marriages.

“Catfish and Cornbread Country” Slide Presentation of the Sioux Falls Bicentennial Commission

Records, ca 1976

1 Box, 20057

This carrying case contains two slide trays, cassette recording, and presentation cue sheets.

Civilian Conservation Corps

Scrapbook, 1937

1 folder, 20005

Collection contains a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) scrapbook that belonged to Ralph B. Johnson. It contains information about Johnson and the CCC Company he was assigned to. Company 711 was stationed in Ely, Minnesota, and had its camp on the Portage River near there. The scrapbook appears to be one that all CCC recruits received so they could record their activities. Photos of the members of Company 711 are in the book.

Dakota State Constitutional Convention

Transcript, 1885

5 in., 20006

Original transcript of the debates by members of the Second State Constitutional Convention held in Sioux Falls September 8-24, 1885.

Dell Rapids Action Group [DRAG] Records

Photographs, n.d.

1 Box, 20056

Content consists of approximately 30 slides and an inventory of 118 slides.

East Side Lutheran Church (Sioux Falls, SD)

Histories/Registers, 1934; 1944; 1919-1985

2 rolls microfilm, 20007

The East Side Lutheran Church is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This collection consists of two written histories of the church for its fifteenth and twenty-fifth anniversaries in 1934 and 1944 respectively. Also in the collection are two reels of microfilm containing church records for 1919-1985.

First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls

Records, 1884-1912

Microfilm, 20008

The collection contains the records of the First Baptist Church (1889-1912), the Mission Society Book (1884-1894), and the Ladies Aid Society's papers (1890-1902).

First Lutheran Church (Sioux Falls, SD)

Booklets/Album, 1900-1950

6 in., 20009

Miscellaneous collection of booklets from First Lutheran Church. Also included is an album of circuit reports documenting the activities of Lutheran Ladies' Aid Societies in South Dakota.

Flandreau Agency Census Report

Report, 1901-1903

Microfilm, 20010

Census of Native American Indians on the Flandreau Agency, South Dakota, 1901-1903.

Robert Force Norwegian Singers Association of America Collection

Collection, early 1900s

1 Box, 20046.001

This collection contains four rolled photographs from various NSAA Sangerfests or music fests (1922, 1924, and one in Duluth, MN w/o a year identified), 31 Sangerfest pins, and an 11th Biennial Sangerfest pendant. Also included are two railroad ticket stubs, probably obtained during travel to a NSAA event.

Grand Auxiliary of the Ladies of United Commercial Travelers

Records, n.d.

1 Box, 20060

Hampton Institute Collection

Report, 1892

Microfilm, 20011

Printed report on Native American students returned from the Institute in Virginia in 1892.

Joe Hooker Post No. 10 G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] Collection

Collection, 1882 - ; 1905; 1912; 1917

2 Folders, 20050

This collection contains one record book from the Headquarters of the Joe Hooker Post No 10 G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic]. Approximately 20 pages of the record book contain entries. Primary entries consist of "General Orders". There are death announcements of Post No. 10 members. Folder two also contains newspaper clippings and memoranda of member's deaths.

Hutchinson and Tripp County Records

Records, 1934-1938

1 Box, 2 Ledgers, 20076

Three ledgers are contained in one box. Ledger 1 contains individual names and addresses of applications from the Welfare Board for cash support. Ledger 2 contains Rural Rehab Corps relief and collection records for Seed Forage, Sudan Grasses, Millet Seed and Cane Seed. Ledger 3 deals with "Medical Relief" [medical/dental payments] made for applicants. It also includes documented work to pay off the bill, based on hours worked and hourly reimbursement accomplished to pay off the bill. The 2 large freestanding ledgers contain records of the federal Work Relief Administration in 1934. They include weekly records of relief for Human Needs and Livestock Needs, including Cash Values of hay, corn, wheat, oats, and fuel; Surplus Commodities of perishable foods and Other Commodities of clothing. Each record contains the name or names of Persons and their town and county. Also included are names of "investigators" and case numbers of people.

John Deere Plow Company, Sioux Falls Branch Office

Records, 1906-1907

6 in., 20012

Salesmen's reports from eastern South Dakota to Sioux Falls branch office, describing the towns and their receptivity to establishing businesses there.

Ku Klux Klan Collection

Papers, 1921-1937

Microfilm, 20013

A miscellaneous collection of items relating to Klan activities: KKK Constitution (Atlanta, GA, 1921), copies of the DAKOTA COURIER (1924, 1937), Klan promotional material (St. James, MN), Klan bulletin (1931), certificate of membership, Sioux Falls Klan letterhead, and miscellaneous newspaper items.

League of Women Voters of Sioux Falls

Records, 1953-1985

9 boxes, 20014

The League of Women Voters of Sioux Falls collection is arranged in five series: minutes, correspondence, financial records, subject files, and printed materials. The material within these collections include programs for annual meetings and conventions, newspaper articles, correspondences to various locations, state, and national League members, and various study items, guides, and surveys. The majority of the collection is based upon information concerning the League of Women Voters in South Dakota as well as the national charter of the League of Women Voters. This collection also contains information regarding the Sioux Falls Change of Government in the mid-1990s. It includes newspaper articles, correspondence and studies of local city governments.

Lutheran Social Services Collection

Papers, 1952-1987

2.0 cu. ft., 20015

The majority of this collection contains papers from Lutheran Church and Indian People of South Dakota (LUCHIP). LUCHIP was headed by Walter W. Weber, Indian Concerns Consultant of Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS). Papers include correspondence, financial

information, program information, LUCHIP guidelines, board minutes, and essays by Walter W. Weber.

Minnehaha Centennial Commission Records

Records, n.d.

1 Box, 20053

Minnehaha Centennial Commission Record

Minnehaha County Cemetery

Records, 1895-1977

1 Folder, 20016

Photocopy of burial lists, indicating date of burial, age, and cause of death.

Minnehaha County Oral History Project

Records, n.d.

3 Boxes, 20054

See project guide for oral history listings.

Minnehaha County School District, No. 34

Register, 1875-1886

Microfilm, 20017

School register.

Minnehaha County Vigilance Committee

Records, 1880-1885

Microfilm, 20018

Secretary's scrapbook, unbound reports of the secretary and treasurer, and a record of horses in the county.

Minnehaha County Lodge No. 5

History, n.d.

1 Folder/Microfilm, 20019

History of Lodge No. 5 A.F. and A.M., written by its first master, Thomas H. Brown.

Minnehaha Mandskor Collection

Records, 1890-2004

2 Boxes, 20066

The Minnehaha Mandskor is a male chorus group that sings Scandinavian songs and participates in national Sangerfest gatherings, among other singing engagements. This group (chapter) is based out of Sioux Falls. This collection is a member organization of the Norwegian Singers Association of America, or NSAA. The two collections both contain Sangerfest materials, sheet music, and copies of the NSAA newsletter publication, the Sanger-Hilsen. The Minnehaha Mandskor Collection also contains minutes records books from 1890 to 1980, financial ledgers from 1924 to 1993, Trustees Meeting notes, and more. For more information about the NSAA, see the context information located at ID 20046.

Minnesota Historical Society Jewish Immigrants Collection

Clippings, 1907-1916

5 in., 20020

Donated by the Minnesota Historical Society, this collection contains photocopies of six articles from THE REFORM ADVOCATE from 1907-1916, which pertain to Jewish immigration. The articles list prominent Jewish citizens, businesses, and organizations. Cities or regions covered are: Duluth, MN (1913); Fargo, ND (1913); Grand Forks, ND (1913); Mesaba Range (1913); Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Moody County Historical Society Collection

Records, n.d.

1 Folder, 20061

Photocopies of the following: Pensioners on the Roll-1893, Order of Odd Fellows- 1900, Moody County Naturalization Books, Register of Old Settlers of Moody County, Patent Records, Moody County Cemetery Listings, Land Patents Index.

John Morrell and Company, Sioux Falls Plant

Records, 1911-1976

2 cu. ft., 43 volumes, 1 oversize volume, 20021

Photographs, negatives, printed materials, and scrapbooks of John Morrell & Company since the construction of its Sioux Falls meat-packing plant in 1911. The photograph collection consists of interior and exterior scenes of workers and equipment. The various stages of building the first plant are depicted in one set of photographs, Printed materials include a set of MORRELL'S MAGAZINE.

The Nordland Fest

Papers, 1975-

5 cu. ft., 20044

This collection contains extensive records of the individuals and organizations who have helped to promote and operate the Fest during its tenure.

Norse Glee Club

Collection, 1912-2004

9 Boxes, 20074

The records, provided and donated to the CWS Archives by the Norse Glee Club, are arranged in five series, History, Publications, Albums, Photos, and Artifacts

Norsemen's Federation

Collection, n.d.

1 box, 20071

This collection is composed of NF history, meetings (1988-2002), membership, officers, finances, minutes, projects, stationery, certificates of appreciation, correspondence, miscellaneous material, Norwegian Song Sheets, and a box of Norwegian/American flag booklets (artifacts).

North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference / National Collegiate Athletic Association

Records, 1924-1991

2 boxes, 20045

The collection contains meeting minutes, reports, directories, various publications, and newspaper clippings pertaining to the NCC and NCAA. The NCAA records were deposited by Mel Klein from the Augustana Development office and added to the NCC records, forming this collection.

Norwegian Singer Association of America

Records, 1891-1990

5.5 cu. ft., 20046

The Norwegian Singers Association of America Records contain legal documents, minutes of meeting, and the Sangerfest Program.

Presbytery of South Dakota

Records, 1871-1985

1 Box, 20047

This collection consists largely of book and bound periodicals relating to the Presbyterian faith. Also included is a large rolled chart.

Records of Broom Tree Farm, Inc.

Records, 1991 – 2001

1 Box, 20058

Broom Tree Farm was developed by Pastor Don and Helen Berheim. Located near Irene, South Dakota, Broom Tree Farm was to “serve as a rest and renewal center for tired, weary members of the clergy of all church communions.” The records contain brochures, proposals, annual reports, history of Broom Tree Farm, and board of directors and committee reports.

RISE Collection

Papers, 1971-1993

1 box, 20062

RISE (River Improvement Society) papers and documentation, donated by Tom Kilian. Contains legal papers and reports about the actions of the society. The papers include media.

Sioux Falls Air Base

Collection, 1943-1945

5 in., 20024

The collection contains miscellaneous items such as clippings and articles on the Gray Ladies, Red Cross volunteers who worked at the base, and pamphlets.

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

Records, 1969-2003

1 Box, 20077

The records donated in 2007 include correspondence related to starting the foundation, as well as early by-laws, resolutions, and amendments. The bulk of the collection consists of minutes and

records from the Board of Directors, Trustees, Executive Committee, Grant Committee, Development Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, as well as others.

Sioux Falls Bicentennial Commission

Records, 1974-1977

2 cu. ft., 20025

Correspondence, documents, clippings, printed materials, photographs, press releases, memos, minutes, reports generated by the activities and projects of the Sioux Falls Bicentennial Commission in its celebration of the American Bicentennial.

Sioux Falls Commercial Club Collection

Records, 1888-1900

Microfilm, 20026

Constitution, by-laws, and names of the club's officers, directors, and members.

Sioux Falls Masonic Lodge Collection

Photographs, 1880s-early 1900s

1 Box, 20070

The collection consists of many photographs of buildings across South Dakota built by the Masons. The photos are arranged in alphabetical order according to town name. The collection contains two items that are not photographs. The first is a Sioux Falls Community Club scrapbook containing invitations and newspaper clippings dating back to the 1880s. The second item is a publication from the Mason library entitled, "In the World War: Minnehaha County, South Dakota." The book lists all of the Minnehaha citizens who served in the (first world) war. Many of the entries in the book also include a picture of the soldier.

Sioux Falls Ministerial Association

Minutes, 1907-1911, 1919-1929

2 volumes, 20027

Sioux Falls Oral History Project

Interviews, 1976

176 cassette tapes, 20028

Oral interviews (without transcripts) with older members of the Sioux Falls community, many of whom are of Norwegian descent. A bicentennial project sponsored by the Voluntary Action Center Aging Services Center.

Sioux Falls Packing House Cornerstone Collection

Records, 1890-1940

Microfilm, 20029

List of the contents of the cornerstone box of the Packing House, built in 1890 and demolished in 1940, and photographs of the Packing House before demolition of the opening of the box.

Sioux Falls Rotary Club

Records, 1915-1996

2 Boxes, 20078

The Sioux Falls Rotary Club Collection documents the club's proceedings from 1915-1996. The majority of the collection contains the meetings' minutes but also includes audit reports, articles about the club and photographs of Sioux Falls (1882-1920s).

Sioux Falls, South Dakota Miscellaneous Collection

Records, 1902-1938

2 Boxes, 20022

Various items relating to Sioux Falls organizations: the Study Club, Minnehaha County Bar Association, the Egyptian Theatre, the Orpheum Theatre, Fantle Bros. Department Store, Unity Lodge No. 130, and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Sioux Falls Stock Yards Company

Records, 1918-1976

6 items, 18 slides, 1 roll microfilm, 20030

History of the Stock Yards Company, photocopies of miscellaneous items, and monthly stock receipts (1930-1974).

Sioux Falls Theater Collection

Typescript, n.d.

1 box, 20065

The Sioux Falls Theatre collection contains "Footlights and Spotlights: A Journal of Sioux Falls Entertainment from 1870-1950," a typescript by June Beecher and Priscilla Hillgren. The paper details the history of theater entertainment in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from 1870-1950. It includes histories of the city's many theaters and discussions about the types of shows performed or shown in the city at various times.

Sioux Falls Water Company

Rate Book, 1884

1 item, 20031

Contains a booklet titled "Terms Upon Which the Sioux Falls Water Works Will Supply Applicants With Water".

Sioux Valley Hospital

Photographs, n.d.

21 items, 20032

Contains twenty-one unidentified photographs of various scenes of the Sioux Valley Hospital.

Sons of Norway - Gjoa Lodge No. 65, Sioux Falls, SD

Records, 1905-1969

10 in and 4 oversize volumes, 20033

Correspondence, minute books, record of attendance, financial and insurance records, printed materials, including various editions of the lodge's constitution and by-laws, ritual books and song books of the Norwegian fraternal organization. Of particular importance are the files for the American Relief of Norway and the Lief Erickson Memorial Association of America.

South Dakota Alliance for Arts Education

Records, 1980-1987

1.5 cu. ft., 20035

The SDAAE records contain legal documents, office files, correspondence, and administrative files.

South Dakota American Guild of Organists Collection

Records and Documents, 1943-2001

1.5 cu. ft., 20064

The SDAGO (South Dakota American Guild of Organists) materials were donated in January of 2005. The records include regulatory material, business documents, general correspondence, member listings, as well as exam booklets, performance programs, and convention materials. This Collection will be updated periodically by the members of SDAGO.

South Dakota Baptist Convention Program

Program, 1931

Microfilm, 20034

“50 Years Convention Program,” Madison, South Dakota. October 6-9, 1931

South Dakota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the South Dakota Pediatrics Society

Papers, 1965-1978

4 in., 20036

Correspondence, reports, minutes relating to the activities of the Academy and the Society.

South Dakota Collegiate Press Association

Records, 1947-1968

4 in., 20037

Correspondence, scrapbook, minutes, and constitution of the association, which sought to promote college journalism and improve relations among South Dakota colleges and universities. The collection also includes the booklet THOMAS JAMES WHITE HAWK, by Gerald Robert Vizenor (1968), and THE SUN SHINES ON SOUTH DAKOTA, by Louis N. Crill (1929).

South Dakota Committee on the Humanities – 1985

Records, n.d.

1 Box, 20055

South Dakota Committee on the Humanities - Official Records 1985.

South Dakota Constitution Revision Committee

Records, 1970-1975

Microfilm, 20067

These microfilm rolls are labeled: Legislative Research Council Constitution Revision Commission documents. Roll 2 includes the “proposed word plan to publicize the amendments publicity schedule.”

South Dakota Dental Association Journal

History, 1983

1 folder, 20038

Copy of NORTHWEST DENTISTRY (v. 62, no. 4, JI-Ag 1983), the journal of the state dental associations of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. This issue discusses the history of the South Dakota Dental Association.

South Dakota District Pastoral Conference

Records, 1918-1959

1 Folder, 20069

The collection consists of two record books for the South Dakota Pastoral Conference. (Lutheran Church) The first record book contains minutes and information from 1918 through 1941. The second book continues from 1941 through 1959. The record books were microfilmed by the Region III Archives at Luther Seminary in 1960.

South Dakota Flying Farmers and Ranchers

History, n.d.

1 folder, 20039

Two chapter histories, three copies of the South Dakota chapter newsletter, and five copies of the INTERNATIONAL FLYING FARMER, the magazine of the international association.

South Dakota Music Educators Association

Records, 1952-present

4 Boxes, 20079

This collection contains information regarding the South Dakota Music Educators Association. This organization serves to promote music education in the state. The records begin in 1952 through the present. They include Constitutions and By-laws, newspaper articles, "The South Dakota Musician," All-State Chorus and Orchestra Programs, Photographs and more. The collection also contains records, CD's, VHS's and DVD's of All-State performances.

South Dakota Music Teacher's Association

Records, 1954-2010

4 Boxes, 20051

This collection has been amassed by the South Dakota Music Teachers Association which was established in 1954. It contains all of the information from the yearly conventions which are organized by the SDMTA, beginning in the early 50's and continuing on to 2009. All of information pertaining to the organization's 50th anniversary is also housed within this collection. Yearly newsletters from 1971 to 2010 are catalogued, along with annual reviews of the competition handbooks and rules. Miscellaneous correspondence and audition information are also contained within this collection.

South Dakota Ornithologists' Union

Records, 1924-

2.0 cu. ft., 20040

The SDOU records contain legal documents, correspondence, and meeting minutes.

South Dakota Poetry Society

Records, n.d.

1 Box, 20068

diskettes, magnetic media

South Dakota School for the Deaf Collection

Records, 1880, 1907

Microfilm, 20041

Newspaper clipping of the early history of the Deaf Mute School, founded in 1880, and photographs of the school and its officers.

South Dakota State Medical Association Collection

Records, 1883-1982

10.0 cu. ft., 20042

Manuscripts, minutes, legal documents, printed materials, clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, logbooks, and tapes collected by the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) as part of its centennial celebration in 1981. The manuscripts include a history of the association, a history of St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, SD, a biography of Frederick Angier Spafford, and ...

South Dakota State Medical Association Auxiliary Collection

Records, 1910-2010

1 Folder, 20080

This collection contains "Centennial Caption: 1910-2010"

South Dakota State Penitentiary

Records and Case Files, 1885-1970; Restricted

199 reels microfilm, 20043

Microfilm of miscellaneous papers, photographs, legal documents of Dakota Territory and South Dakota prisoners. Contains prisoner case files No. 1 - 10,450. Original records held by State of South Dakota. Records are restricted.

Veteran Chorus Collection

Collection, 1950-1998

1 Box, 20072

The Veteran Chorus is a group within the Norwegian Singers Association of America. After members have participated for 3 or 4 years, they are eligible to join the Veteran Chorus. This is a separate organization, and although within the NSAA, it has its own constitution and officers. The collection consists mainly of dues- and membership- related materials.

Wentworth, South Dakota, Women's Club

Records, 1941-1960

Microfilm, 20048

Five scrapbooks recording the various activities and members of the club.

Wind River Indian Reservation

Printed Materials, ca 1970

4 in., 20049

Educational materials used on the Wind River Reservation, Riverton, WY, relating to Arapaho and Shoshoni cultures.

Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) Collection

Collection, 1878-1989

1 box, 20063

The Women's Christian Temperance Union Collection contains materials pertaining to the WCTU culled from the South Dakota State Historical Society and sent to the Center in 1993 and 2001. The materials include WCTU songbooks, handbooks, annual reports, yearbooks, minutes from conventions, histories of the organization, and various pamphlets and books related to the temperance issue. It should be noted that these materials concern not only alcohol, but often tobacco and other drugs as well.

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