

## **New Archival Collections Opened for Research, August 2016 – May 2020**

### **Elizabeth Balcer Collection**

Recipe, n.d.

1 Folder, 30607

Two recipes for goro cookies (embossed Norwegian cookies that are made with a special iron). One recipe is a printed copy. The other is handwritten in a letter from Julia Christofferson in Appleton, Minnesota, to "Ruth." Additional artifacts donated with the recipes (Elizabeth Balcer's Norwegian bunad costume with accompanying accessories, a goro iron that probably belonged to her mother, and a marble engraving of Augustana College) are cataloged separately in the CWS art and artifact collections.

### **Bryan Breitling Papers**

Correspondence and Scrapbooks, 1990-1992

1 Box, 30613

Letters, scrapbooks, and other materials relating to Sergeant Bryan Breitling's experiences overseas with the 740th Transportation Company of the South Dakota National Guard during the Gulf War, 1990-1991. The bulk of the collection is correspondence, including letters written between Breitling and Mary Zastrow (his future wife), by other family members, and by South Dakota school children and church groups. The scrapbooks are mainly *Aberdeen American News* clippings, 1990-1991. Additional material includes a photograph of Breitling in uniform (ca. 1990) and a program from a welcome home banquet (1991).

### **Richard E. Brown Collection**

Papers, 1873-2018

1 Box, 30610

Primarily manuscripts, but also correspondence, clippings, event programs, and photographs relating to Richard E. Brown's Berdahl and Brown family history, with particular emphasis on Erick J. Berdahl (donor's great-grandfather) and Andrew J. Berdahl (Erick's brother). The brothers were Norwegian immigrants who settled in Minnehaha County in 1873. Highlights of the collection include: the original black ledger diary of Erick Berdahl (detailing his family's history from ca. 1750 to 1934), additional memoirs by Erick Berdahl recalling his experiences in the 1893 South Dakota legislature and his pioneer boyhood, a separate family history manuscript by Andrew Berdahl (covering the years ca. 1750-1915), and reunion materials celebrating the 1873 wagon train that brought the Berdahls to Minnehaha County.

### **Noel Egan Collection**

Book, ca. 1930s

1 Folder, 30599

Contains a copy of "Safe-Sure-Secure," a promotional booklet outlining the successes of the National Farm Loan associations and Federal Land bank during the 1920s and 1930s through first-hand accounts of farms and farm owners in Iowa, Wyoming, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

## **First Congregational Church of Sioux Falls Collection**

Records, 1867-2018

68 Boxes and 17 Oversized Plans Containers, 20099

The records of First Congregational Church in Sioux Falls are arranged in 32 series: (1) Governing Documents, 1879-1991; (2) Church Officers, 1897-1901; (3) Church Council, ca. 1954-2007, 2017; (4) Board of Deacons, 1942-2013; (5) Board of Missions, ca. 1922-2016; (6) Board of Music, 1884-2017; (7) Board of Christian Education, 1888-2014; (8) Board of Trustees, 1890-2013; (9) Board of Stewardship, 1899-2013; (10) InReach Coordination Team, 2017; (11) OutReach Coordination Team, 2017; (12) Resource Coordination Team, 2017; (13) Trustees Coordination Team, 2017; (14) Stewardship Coordination Team, 2017; (15) Nominating Committee, 1988; (16) Historical Committee, 1867-2017; (17) Camp Krof Committee, 1997-2014; (18) National/Regional/State/Local Organizations, 1952-2001; (19) Pastors' Papers, 1926-1971; (20) Staff Papers, ca. 1928, ca. 1970-2013; (21) Congregational Meetings, 1872-1889, 1956-2017; (22) Fellowship Groups, 1874-2009; (23) Land, Loans, and Mortgage Documents, 1871-2003; (24) Building Projects, 1879-2007; (25) Church Registers, 1889-2009; (26) Other Misc. Ledgers, 1944-2012; (27) Printed Materials, 1914-2017; (28) Photographs, ca. 1872-2009; (29) Scrapbooks, ca. 1907-2007; (30) Audiovisual Recordings, ca. 1955-1977; (31) Misc. Oversized, 1900-2002; (32) Building Plans, 1949-2015. Of particular note are the correspondence, sermons, and other writings of Pastor Charles Gerlinger, who served the church during World War II and actively supported the city's Army Air Force base.

## **Robert Glanzer Collection**

Documents, 1943, 2016

1 Folder, 30600

Accident and testimony documentation of a B-17 bomber crash that occurred outside Huron, South Dakota, on February 17, 1943. Originally gathered by Max Hansen of Huron, the documentation includes official flight and accident reports, contemporary maps, memoranda, hearing transcripts, weather reports, correspondence, and general research about the B-17. Collection also includes a copy of "WWII Tragedy Touches Huron," an article Bob Glanzer wrote on the subject for the March 2016 issue of *Prairie Tracks*.

## **Bruce Halverson Papers**

Papers, 1959-2017

2 Boxes, 30608

Materials documenting Bruce Halverson's experiences as a student (1962-1966) and later president of Augustana College (2000-2006) and his lifelong professional career in theater (1970s-2010s), especially in higher ed and with special interest in theater programming for the deaf community. The collection includes correspondence, manuscripts, publications, contracts, other documents, clippings, photographs, and artifacts. Presidential papers, consisting of correspondence, speech texts, event materials, and clippings, are minimal and mainly focus on his inauguration and retirement. Professional theater papers include subject files on productions he wrote and/or directed, other writings and publications, event programs, and publicity materials.

### **Huron Symphony Orchestra Records**

Records, 1957-2015

1.25 Lin. Ft. plus 1 Oversized Artifact, 20100

The Huron Symphony Orchestra (formerly known as the Huron College - Community Orchestra) operated in Huron, SD, from 1957 to 2015. This collection includes mainly public-facing materials of the organization, including event programs, brochures, advertising, newspaper clippings, audiovisual recordings of performances in multiple formats (CDs, DVDs), and a banner.

### **Ray Johnson Collection**

Papers, 1979-1996

1 Folder, 30605

Contains documents related to two South Dakota churches: pamphlets from the 110th (1981) and 125th (1996) anniversaries of Springdale Lutheran Church in Lincoln County, and a 1979 letter to former members of Sterling Lutheran Church (probably in Volga) regarding the liquidation of the church's inventory.

### **Lillian Johnsson Collection**

Records, ca. 1900-2016

23 Boxes, 30595

This collection contains records and artifacts pertaining to the lives of Lillian Johnsson and her husband, Gil Johnsson. The couple married in 1967 and spent their life together in the Midwest (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Dakota). Lillian was a domestic wife and was quite active in her local communities. She served as state president for the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) in South Dakota, and she and Gil were involved in many theater and library projects, as Gil was a professional librarian and storyteller. Collection materials include genealogical materials, military service papers and artifacts, obituaries, correspondence, diaries, notebooks, materials relating to their activities/hobbies and travels, Lillian's GFWC records, the Pioneer Daughter Collections Project information, Dakota Conference papers, newspaper clippings, postcards, photographs, scrapbooks, film reels, audio and video cassette tapes, Western/Native American themed art and artifacts, and a coat of arms plaque for Lil's father's family, the Starkenburgs.

### **Korean War Veterans Oral History Project**

Interviews, ca. 1950s, 2017-2018

1 Box, 30612

Oral history interviews of 13 Korean War veterans living in South Dakota and Minnesota, and accompanying documentation (including commission and release forms, interviewee biographical information forms, interview notes, and sometimes reproductions of photos/military service records). The recordings are born-digital files, but CD copies have been added to the collection. The interviews were conducted by CWS Board members Ron Christensen and Judith Howard in 2017-2018 as part of a CWS-commissioned project in conjunction with the 2018 Dakota Conference on the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

### **Ron Luce Collection**

Article, 1899

1 Folder, 30602

Reprint of "On Dakota's Prairies with Blizzards and Wolves: Rough Experiences of an Association Secretary," an article by Arthur Tibbets (Ta-Sun-Ke-Mani or "Walking Horse"), traveling secretary of the Indian Young Men's Christian Association. Tibbets describes a work-related journey on the Dakota prairie, ca. 1899. The article originally appeared in a publication titled *MEN* (26, no. 6), assumed to be a Young Men's Christian Association publication.

### **Duane Matz Collection**

Records, ca. 1860-1880, 1960-2000

15 Boxes, 30606

Research and course/lecture material of Dr. Duane Matz, a history professor at Augustana College from 1968-1998. Matz's doctoral thesis, "Images of (American) Indians in American Popular Culture Since 1865," was on American Indian stereotypes/myths, and much of the collection content relates to his research on this topic. Other research interests included general American Indian history, cowboy stereotypes/myths, the American West and its stereotypes/myths, and popular culture as history. The collection is divided into four series: dissertation research, course/lecture material, subject files, and media and artifacts (some of which also are related to his dissertation research).

### **Deb McMichael Collection**

Documents, 1981-2003

2 Folders, 30604

Memorabilia related to three famous South Dakotans – musician Lawrence Welk (three souvenir books from show events, wall calendar), musician Myron Floren (autograph, event program from Augustana College reception), and military hero and politician Joe Foss (newspaper clippings, 1995-2003).

### **Mary O'Neill Collection**

Records, 1872-2013

6 Boxes plus 1 Oversized Box and 1 Small Box, 30609

Documents, ledgers, photographs, scrapbooks, books, periodicals, and artifacts related to South Dakota history, with particular focus on Hanson County, the City of Fulton (donor's hometown), and St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Highlights of the Hanson County materials include Fairview Township property assessment records (1933, 1939, 1940), justice docket records (1914-1924), school district financial records (1921-1951), school employee bulletins, and an annotated bibliography. Fulton materials include Board of Trustees (1912-1951) and fire department (1916, 1928, 1933) minutes, property assessment records (1937), financial records (1904-1955), maps, art prints, and scrapbooks about the post office and several prominent citizens (banker Julius Bertsch, his wife Effie, and artist Mike Sougstad). Collection also contains a large selection of Fulton school records (1907-2016), including student newspapers, yearbooks, event/commencement programs, reunion planning materials, photographs, and scrapbooks. Highlights of St. Martin's Lutheran Church records include register records (1888-1956), St. Martin's and Elfert cemeteries records (1940-2005), multiple church histories, photographs,

scrapbooks (ca. 1890-2013), and a VHS recording of centennial celebration and centennial sermons publication (1988).

### **Rosemaling Patterns**

Documents, 1975

1 Folder, 30601

A collection of patterns for use in Norwegian folk art, primarily rosemaling. They were discovered within materials donated to Mikkelsen Library, but original provenance is unknown.

### **Phyllis Schrag Collection**

Papers, 1902-1951

2 Boxes, 30611

Photographs, postcards, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous documents related to Fred and Sylvia (Sundem) Kortemeyer of Chancellor, South Dakota (donor's parents). A large number of the photographs depict members of the Kortemeyer and Richter families of Chancellor, with a particular focus on Fred. Additional photographs, the majority of the postcards, and one of the scrapbooks relate to a 1939 trip to Yellowstone National Park, the Black Hills, and the Badlands. A second scrapbook depicts their cross-country honeymoon to the east coast in 1940. Of particular note in the miscellaneous documents is a souvenir guide from the New York World's Fair in 1940.

### **Ann Stalheim Smith Collection**

Book, 2017

1 Folder, 30603

Ann Stalheim Smith's autobiography, detailing her early life to the present day. Of particular interest to local scholars are the early sections referencing her experiences growing up on a farm near Garretson, South Dakota, and as a student at Augustana College from 1954-1958.

### **Katherine P. Talley Collection**

Journal, 1896-1897

1 Folder, 30598

This collection contains two threshing account journals kept by Emil Larson and A. G. Thoren for the years 1896 and 1897. Their locations during those years is not evident.

## **Collections That Have Received Major Addendums, August 2016 – May 2020**

### **Association of Christian Churches in South Dakota**

Records, 1914-2014

6.5 Lin. Ft., 20003

The Association of Christian Churches in South Dakota was originally known as the South Dakota Sunday School Association, and later as the South Dakota Council of Churches. All Christian denominations, jurisdictions, churches, and units that accepted the association's constitution and bylaws and cooperated in some or all of its functions were eligible for membership. This collection contains constitutions and bylaws, legal documents, Board of Directors minutes, committee minutes, taskforce minutes, personnel records, treasurer's and audit reports, annual meeting reports, correspondence, numerous subject files, printed materials, organizational histories, and artifacts for the association, which ceased having paid staff in 2014.

### **Fred C. and J. Marie Christopherson Papers**

Papers, 1896-1991

25 Lin. Ft., 30036

The papers of Fred and Marie Christopherson document the personal and professional lives of two of Sioux Falls' best-known journalists and personalities. Fred Christopherson was the longtime editor of the Argus Leader and champion of a number of civic development projects relating to Sioux Falls and South Dakota. He also served as an army bomber pilot during World War I. Marie Christopherson was a journalist in her own right, the author of the World War II column "Driftwood," and in her later years a Sioux Falls socialite. The papers include financial records of the Argus Leader, business and personal correspondence, subject files, newspaper clippings, maps, speeches, medical records, photographs, audio tapes, social records, account journals, scrapbooks, and additions to the collection compiled by a student in the course of a research project.

### **Gary L. Conradi Collection**

Photograph Albums, 2000s

7 Flat Boxes & 1 Small Box, 30427

Collection contains themed photograph albums created by Gary L. Conradi documenting topics of his choosing: the 64 South Dakota county courthouses and the South Dakota Supreme Court, Carnegie Libraries in South Dakota, round and polygonal-shaped barns and structures in South Dakota, South Dakota and Dakota Territory governors' graves, South Dakota Medal of Honor recipients' graves, South Dakota Lustron homes, Mesker sheet-metal facades in South Dakota, New Deal/Works Progress Administration artwork in South Dakota, and sites and other materials affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in South Dakota. A box of negatives corresponding to the photographs has been added to the collection.

### **Gary Olson Collection**

Papers, 1883-2003

2 Boxes, 30161

Reports, correspondence, printed materials relating to the Sioux Falls Bicentennial Commission; research notes on the Fawick Flyer and the Silent Sioux, automobiles manufactured by Thomas L. Fawick; photocopies of 1891 court documents concerning the United States vs. Plenty Horses; photographs, clippings, printed materials on Pine Ridge Summer Recreation Program; photocopies of letters by Wesley Hunt from Dakota (1883), Lewis Perry to Wesley Hunt (1884-1885), station agent for the Boston and Maine Railroad in North Charlestown, New Hampshire, and the Ordner genealogy. Recent additions to the collection include Olson's drafts of his book, "Sioux Falls: A Pictorial History," as well as research materials for the book, including a number of Sioux Falls reports and publications.

### **South Dakota Symphony Orchestra**

Records, ca. 1953-2015

13 Boxes plus Oversized Artifacts, 20098

This collection contains the records of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra (previously known as the Augustana Town and Gown, the Sioux Falls Symphony Orchestra, and the Gypsy Orchestra) which operates out of Sioux Falls, SD. It includes board minutes, financial and other official documents, event planning and rebranding information, newsletters, event programs, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photographs, audiovisual recordings of performances in multiple formats (VHS, DVD, reel-to-reel, cassette, CD), and artifacts. Several event files pertain to the "Lakota Music Project" and "Music as Medicine" programs. Some of the materials relate specifically to the Dakota Wind Quintet and Dakota String Quartet ensembles of the larger organization, as well as to the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra.