Dakota Resources: 
Women's History Resources in 
the State Archives at the South 
Dakota State Historical Society 

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A growing recognition of the significance of women and their contributions to South Dakota history can be seen in the increasing volume of women's resources added to the collections of the South Dakota State Historical Society and used by researchers in the State Archives over the past twenty years. Letters, diaries, reminiscences, photographs, and organizational records bring history alive, giving voices to the women who participated in events as they happened. Whether it be a description of day-to-day activities on a family farm or letters chronicling the lives of a prominent family, each item is a part of our history.

The following alphabetical list of manuscript collections at the State Archives, a program of the South Dakota State Historical Society, illustrates the large body of knowledge now available in the field of women's history. It is also a testament to the work of those who have helped to create an awareness of women's roles in South Dakota history over the past twenty years. While the major role of the archives is one of caretaker, the public at large has substantially broadened its partnership in the field of women's history resources by donating a myriad of collections documenting the lives of both individual women and women's organizations.

In a 1976 article in *South Dakota History*, Clifton H. Jones reported the limited number of manuscript sources in women's history available at the

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State Historical Society. Jones focused on the concept of “hidden women” as the main problem in identifying women's sources. He attributed this problem to incomplete processing and, in particular, the difficulty of identifying women's voices in collections whose main emphasis did not reflect their presence.

At the time Jones wrote his article, only one-third of the society's manuscript collections had been processed. Since then, archivists' knowledge about women's history sources has benefited from an ever-increasing use by researchers. When archives staff members began to spend long hours answering individual reference requests regarding women's history, it became clear that new finding aids were needed. Over the past two years, all uncataloged collections have been listed and described, at least briefly, instead of remaining unexamined until they could be fully processed. Upgraded computer equipment and software have made collection indexing faster and more flexible.

An initial inspection of the society's uncataloged materials revealed several large collections that women themselves had created. After these materials were analyzed, each cataloged collection that cited a female name in its title was reexamined to determine whether or not those items related to women's history. This process unearthed the many female voices listed below, but there are certainly others that still lie “hidden” within collections that have unrevealing titles.

The growing numbers of scholars who continue to consult the collections housed in the State Archives will unearth more and more topics and collections related to women. Second-generation homesteaders, woman suffrage, the League of Women Voters, Congregational missionaries, South Dakota's first ladies, prohibition, female attorneys, and lifestyles of pioneer women are only a few of the subjects researched recently. Scholars have also looked at the lives of missionary Mary C. Collins, Lakota historian Susan Bordeaux Betleyoun, Dakota Indian rights activists Zitkala-Sa and Jane Waldron, and suffragist Alice Alt Pickler. Deadwood's colorful Calamity Jane, Sitting Bull's friend Catherine Weldon, noted children's author Laura Ingalls Wilder, state librarian Mercedes MacKay, Dakotit linguist Fila Deloria, and celebrities with South Dakota ties have also been subjects of study.


Photographs provide another unique tool for a variety of researchers. The Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., recently used photographs of Indian women from the State Archives for exhibits. Publishers and film companies frequently use photographs of women and other subjects for books, documentaries, educational CD-ROMs, and computer games. On a more personal level, genealogists search for photographs of ancestors to enhance their family histories.

The following list includes papers, selected photographs, and other unpublished documents relating to women's history donated to the South Dakota State Historical Society by private individuals and organizations through November 1997. The State Archives has many additional resources in which women's voices can be found. Church records, state newspapers, county, city, and family histories, census records, naturalization records, and the archives' biographical file, general photograph collection, and South Dakota authors file are some of the resources that can yield valuable information. Still more materials may be found in other government record groups. South Dakota Department of Education records documenting teacher certifications, photographs from the Secretary of State's office, the State Cosmetology Commission licensing records, county mother's pension records, State Board of Nursing records, Works Progress Administration nursery project documents, and materials from the Commission on the Status of Women all provide insight into the lives of South Dakota women.

The collection descriptions provided here were compiled from State Archives working files. Just as the information in the files themselves varies, so do the content notes for each collection. Some collections are well organized, properly described, and have excellent container lists. Others are partially organized, and some remain unprocessed. The size of collections varies from one item to several cubic feet, but in all cases, the size of the entire collection is listed in each entry heading. The units of measurement listed reflect the system in use at the time the collection was processed, whether it was number of items, folders, linear inches, or cubic feet. Married and maiden names are not cross-referenced; instead, each entry is listed under the individual's most commonly recognized name. The number given in parentheses in each entry is the collection's archives accession number. A few of the collections cited in Clifton Jones's 1976 article are listed again below if additions were made to the collection or processing revealed more information. The following compilation, used in conjunction with Jones's earlier article, is a sample list of works featuring photographs of women from the society's collections:

vides a comprehensive listing of nongovernment women's documentary resources available at the South Dakota State Historical Society at this time.

Abild, Ethel Dowdell, Papers. 1 cubic foot (H92-95, H92-96, H92-97). Abild was a teacher and principal in eastern South Dakota before becoming state director of the Professional and Service Division of the Work Projects Administration, a position she held for ten years. She was affiliated with the South Dakota Historic Writers Association, the Mitchell Art Study Club, Westerners International, and Pierre University Women. Her collection is divided into historical and travel manuscripts (1926-1988), personal papers (1913-1988), and musical arrangements (1961-1974).

Adams, Elsie Hammill, Scrapbook. 1 scrapbook (H82-28). Calling cards, paper dolls, and various other cutouts of birds and flowers fill this scrapbook created by Adams, who was born in Miller in 1883.

Adams, J. C., Papers. 30 pages (H88-54). This collection contains photocopies of original letters written by South Dakota state senator J. C. Adams to his second wife, Irene, in Webster between 1887 and 1901. Topics include her suggestions regarding legislation for women and his observations on temperance legislation, land speculation in and around Pierre and during the opening of the Great Sioux Reservation, the construction of the Pierre Indian School, and capital-city hotel accommodations.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Records. 1 cubic foot (H94-75). In addition to a history of the South Dakota AAUW, this collection comprises meeting minutes, branch program booklets, bylaws, policies, branch reports, committee reports, workshop materials, officer lists, project files, correspondence, and membership records from approximately 1926 to 1960.

American Legion Auxiliary, South Dakota Department, Records. 11 cubic feet (H80-6, H95-41). Annual events and membership are documented in this group of records, which includes a 198-page history, South Dakota Department histories (1987-1993), a scrapbook, yearbooks, manuals, officer lists, the South Dakota Legionette, and miscellaneous items (1921-1982). Five five-by-seven-inch color photographs of the former presidents of the organization are also included.

Amundson, Helen Matilda Jacobson, Papers. 7 items (H96-18). In a fifteen-page typed transcript, Jerauld County homesteader Helen Amundson recalls prairie fires, blizzards, neighbors, and the experiences of daily life in Dakota Territory. Six color photocopies of original photographs accompany the reminiscence. The use of this collection is restricted to “not-for-profit” reproduction, publishing, or exhibition.

Anderson, Carol Young, Papers. 4 cubic feet (H92-120, H92-121, H92-122). Anderson's papers, ranging from 1943 to 1984, document her activities
in the Democratic party, the Rapid City chapter of the League of Women Voters, and the 1975 United Nations proclamation of the International Women's Year. A Fort Pierre resident, Anderson has roots in Corson and Sully counties. See also Young, Eugene Miner, Papers

Anding, Lizzette, Teacher's Certificate. 1 item (H76-40). A teacher's certificate issued by the Dakota Territory Department of Education in 1883 confirmed that Anding attended State Normal School at Winona, Minnesota.

Andresen, Mera, Papers. 2 items (H94-27). A fifty-year reunion picture of the class of 1919 and a certificate from the University of South Dakota Alumni Association make up this collection.

Anthony, Susan B., Letter. 1 item (H86-22). The national suffrage leader wrote this letter to Mrs. L. E. Wimans of Highmore, South Dakota, on 21 December 1897, describing the women's suffrage movement and problems of the day.

Ault, Barbara, Family Letters. 2 folders (H88-5). A spirit of optimism pervades the letters written to Barbara Ault of Monroe, Wisconsin, by her aunt, Catherine Shrake, and her nieces, Maggie and May Shrake, from 1884 to 1891. Ault's son transcribed the letters detailing pioneer life in Brule County and provided notes, editorial comments, and a family history.

Bangs, Eva, Audio Recordings. 2 audio cassettes (H76-98). Bangs, recorded in October 1974 with her niece Miriam Arozena, describes her family and life in Rapid City and her experiences running a boarding house for miners in 1907.

Bean, Mrs. Frank C., Letters. 6 letters (H75-403). In 1877, the proprietors of the Grand Central Hotel in Fort Pierre wrote to Bean that her husband, a freighter traveling between Yankton, Fort Pierre, and the Black Hills, was gravely ill. These letters pertain to the disposal of his freighting team and the settling of debts after his death.

Belknap, Anna, Letter. 1 item (H76-3). Rapid City resident Anna Belknap described family activities in this 1888 letter to her eleven-year-old cousin, Clark Belknap, in Auburn, Iowa.

Benson, Hazel, Manuscript. 1 item (H88-31). This two-page manuscript, written around 1950 and entitled “Things My Grandma Told Me,” consists of stories Benson’s grandmother told about life in nineteenth-century Minnesota and South Dakota, possibly the area around Harrison in Douglas County. Dates and precise locations are poorly supplied.

Berry, G. Cleve, Family Photographs. Approximately 400 black-and-white 35mm negatives (H92-22). G. Cleve Berry, brother of former South Dakota governor Tom Berry, and his wife Jessie Iddings located on a ranch west of White River in 1914. These photographs taken between 1914 and 1945 provide an excellent view of the Berry family's female sphere, ranching, west river geography, family gatherings, children, daily tasks, leisure activities, home interiors, and portraits. Any reproduction, other than photocopies, must be approved by the Berry family.

Bettelyoun, Susan Bordeaux, Papers. 1 microfilm roll (H92-11). Born in 1857 to a fur trader and a Lakota woman, Bettelyoun grew up near Fort Laramie, Wyoming, and worked as an interpreter and teacher. During the 1930s, she began writing her memoirs and stories of “old timers,” assisted by another woman of mixed descent, Josephine Waggoner. Bettelyoun’s original manuscript is housed at the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln. See also Waggoner, Josephine, Papers

Bishop, Edna Sturtevant, Papers. 8 cubic feet (H74-133). Edna Sturtevant Bishop, whose writings appeared under the name Starr Edwards in several national magazines, also wrote for the Huron newspaper before moving to Fort Pierre in 1927. This collection comprises letters, household and livestock account books, art work, scrapbooks, writings, and photographs created or collected by Bishop from 1891 to 1938. The letters document economic hardships during the Great Depression and discuss family relationships.
Blair, John, Photographs. 188 glass-plate negatives and 28 photographs (H96-45). Blair's photographs taken in and around Andrus in Bon Homme County include numerous family and individual portraits as well as pictures of farm and leisure activities recorded between approximately 1880 and 1919. Some 1940s views are included as well.

Blake, Laura, Letter. 1 item (H74-147). Laura Blake of Pierre wrote this letter to Mrs. J. W. DuBois of Oahe in 1924 to accept a position in a school.

Bos, Josephine F. S., Music Manuscripts. 2 items (H96-39). The lyrics of these undated, handwritten music manuscripts, entitled "A Lullaby" and "Baby's Pony," were written by Josephine F. S. Bos, who graduated from Pierre High School in 1924. The music was composed by G. van der Wal.

Bower Family Papers. 3 items (H91-78 and H97-12). In The Family Band, Laura Bower Van Nuys detailed the life of her musically talented family in early Dakota Territory. This small collection includes sheet music, a photograph of the original Family Band, and a broadside announcing a 1968 Walt Disney production based on her book.

Boyd, John, Family Photographs. 6 photograph albums (H96-22). This photograph collection documents three generations of a Lakota family of mixed descent from the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The pictures range from 1920 to 1990, but most were taken in the 1940s and 1950s.

Brennan, John R., Family Papers. 2 cubic feet (H72-2). Much of this collection dates from 1900-1917, when Brennan served as superintendent of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Folder 2 contains lists of Indian women who had married white men, Indians who had signed allotment petitions, and persons (along with their spouses) who had returned from off-reservation schools. Folder 24 contains documents relating to the treatment of Indian women by their white husbands and Indian women's property rights. Folder 25 contains materials about Zitka Lununi, or Lost Bird, the young Lakota girl who survived the 1890 Wounded Knee massacre and was adopted by General L. W. Colby and his wife Clara. Many photographs also illustrate the activities of Brennan women.

Burke, Charles H., Family Papers. 2 cubic feet. (H86-16, H75-293). Charles H. Burke, former United States commissioner of Indian affairs and congressman from South Dakota, began his political career in Hughes County in the 1880s. This unprocessed collection contains correspondence, a diary, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, genealogical records, and family photographs from the period 1808 to 1980. Among these papers are letters, a diary, a 1914 memory book, and clippings belonging to Burke's daughter Josephine.

Byrne, Frank M., Family Papers. 1 linear inch (H92-9, H92-10, H92-98). This collection, largely photographs, relates to the family of Byrne, who served as South Dakota governor from 1913 to 1917. Of particular interest is an 1885 letter from Julia Lawyer to Carl Sherwood in which she discusses her desire to gain restitution from a Winnebago Indian who assaulted her.
Capitol Club Records. 8 cubic feet (H76-14). The history of the Capitol Club, a social organization for the spouses of state legislators, is documented through club minutes, membership records, a club history, and scrapbooks compiled between 1937 and 1997.

Carter, Myrtle, Diaries. 2 items (SC 47, MF 23). Carter kept her diaries (two hundred pages total) while attending school at Eureka from 1887 to 1891. The entries are personal and often brief, but they provide a good look at the social life of a young woman.

Chamberlain Register Newspaper Office Photograph. 1 item (H94-51). This photograph of the Chamberlain Register pressroom displays an inscription on the back that reads, “Aunt Ruth (Ruth Esther Griswold Prather) and Minnie Gray set the type by hand.” It is signed “Grace Theo Lawless.”

Cheyenne River Indian Reservation Photographs. 1 photograph album (H94-23). Among the nearly two hundred images in this collection are photographs of the agency nurse, women on horseback, Indian women in traditional dress, and Indian women with their children.

Church Women United of South Dakota Records. 4 cubic feet (H97-15). Forty-five years of subject files, newsletters, and scrapbooks document the activities of Church Women United in South Dakota to 1992. The national, ecumenical movement seeks to unite Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women.

Collins, Mary Clementine, Papers. 4 cubic feet (H80-14, H94-14). Collins was a prominent Congregational missionary to the Lakota Indians from 1875 to 1910. Her personal papers contain genealogical material, her handwritten autobiography, ordination papers, a will, and her appointment as postmaster at Oahe and Standing Rock. Collins’s correspondence is primarily from the 1880s and early 1900s and focuses on family matters or her dealing with the American Missionary Association, United States Department of the Interior (Indian Service), and the Indian Rights Association. Voluminous writings, in both English and Dakota, photographs, and pictographic drawings can be found under the collection series entitled “Mission Work and Indians.” Also included is material on her niece, Ethel Collins Jacobsen. An account book for the Elk Butte Women’s Society, miscellaneous pamphlets, an American Missionary Association Indian Missions record book, and a list of Indian names with English translations complete the collection.

Connor, T. Belle, Manuscript. 1 item (H75-179). In her nine-page manuscript “Pioneers of Clay County,” written in 1937, Connor presents an outline of Clay County history from 1805 through 1880.

Cordts, Irene A., Manuscript. 1 item (H88-61). In 1989, Cordts, a longtime Faulkton resident, wrote “A Lifetime of Caring and Sharing: Abbie Ann
Jarvis, M.D. In addition to describing the career of an early-day female physician, the twenty-two-page manuscript gives an account of early life in Redfield and Faulkton.

Culver, Rhoda Selway, Diary. 1 item (H89-1). This copy of a travel diary details a 1901 wagon trip from Rapid City to Sioux Falls. The author, born in England in 1848, was living in Lower False Bottom Township in Lawrence County by 1900.

Custer, Elizabeth B., Letters. 10 items (H77-4). These photocopies of letters Elizabeth Custer wrote to state historian Lawrence K. Fox in 1927 and 1928 refer to her husband, Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer, and his life in South Dakota.

Dahlin, Sherry, Photographs. 6 items (H88-92). These photographs depict Dahlin (wearing a costume she made using pheasant feathers) as a contestant for the 1988 Mrs. South Dakota title.

Daughters of the American Revolution, South Dakota Chapter Records. 2/3 cubic foot (SC 6, Mss 15, H93-94-H93-99). The South Dakota records of this organization of women who descended from Americans of the Revolutionary period include annual conference proceedings (1920-1946); yearbooks (1925-1976); programs, pamphlets, and citizenship manuals (1912-1970); and genealogical material (1939). Records of the following clubs are also included: Pierre (1925-1937); Redfield (1923-1943); Watertown (1912-1975); Rapid City (1939-1970); Mitchell (1930-1973); and Madison (1917-1958). Individual club records include membership applications, meeting

Among the memorabilia in the scrapbook of the Nancy Peabody Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is this scene of an evening tea in Mitchell in 1963.
minutes, chapter histories, scrapbooks, photographs, club bylaws, financial records, original charters, regents reports, and honor roll certificates.

**Deloria, Ella C., Manuscript.** 1 item (H75-271). Undated and untitled, this 202-page carbon copy is roughly the first half of an unpublished manuscript on the culture of the Lakota Indians researched and written by Deloria, a Dakota woman of mixed descent. The entire 392-page draft resides in the Ella Deloria Papers at the Dakota Indian Foundation in Chamberlain.

**Deming, Marguerite, Manuscript.** 1 item (H75-128). Through her six-page "Pioneer Life in Jackson County, South Dakota," Deming describes homesteading in 1899, life in a sod shanty, pioneer schooling, a prairie fire, and Indian tales.

**Diary, Unknown Author.** 1 item (H74-131). A Fort Pierre woman kept this diary during 1943. It is completely personal, with little information other than daily routines. Names mentioned include Lotta Haas, Leah Hays Heaton, Corporal Bernard C. Preston, Mrs. Preston, William Price, and a Mrs. Bloom.

**Dickens Club of Pierre Records.** 1/3 cubic foot (H74-5, H96-40). The records of Pierre's first literary club, organized on 30 December 1890, include papers, critics' reports, minutes, books, season programs from 1890 to 1956, and a photograph of the "Dickens Costume Party" taken in 1946.

**Drake, Emilia Stoner, Family Papers.** 2 folders and 1 scrapbook (H74-26). The papers of this Woonsocket family (1890-1917) include correspondence regarding Emilia Drake's land dealings in Indiana and Wyoming, for whom her brother-in-law, prominent attorney Samuel A. Ramsey, served as her advisor. Among the letters from family members is one set relating to the grave of baby Emelia Jane Stoner. This collection also contains the address books and bank books of another relative, Minnie Stoner.

**Duchnaux-Lecompte Marriage Certificate.** 1 item (SC 7). This certificate sealed the 1867 marriage of Napoleon Duchnaux and Sophie Lecompte, both of Lakota mixed descent.

**Eldredge, Lucile, Papers.** 1 cubic foot (H85-80, H88-71, H95-24). Among this collection's highlights are two autograph books belonging to Annie Ash Eldredge, an 1880 photograph of her, and an 1876 picture of her mother, Mrs. Henry Ash of Crook City. Also included are letters written in 1941 to Eldredge, who gathered recollections of life during the 1800s for a history of the Crook City area in the Black Hills.

**Faulkton Tuesday Club Records.** 3/4 cubic foot (H90-91). Organized in January 1896, Faulkton's Tuesday Club was a women's social group instituted to stimulate intellectual and social culture among its members. This collection contains yearly agenda booklets from 1941 through 1944 and a seventy-fifth anniversary booklet (1971-1972) outlining the club's activities.

**Fletcher, Hazel, Papers.** 1 cubic foot (H90-103). Approximately eleven hundred photographs and a limited amount of papers, including address books, correspondence, and marriage, military, and death records, make up the collection of Hazel Fletcher, who operated the Green Door brothel in
Deadwood from the 1950s through 1980. The photographs include various women who worked for Fletcher.

**Foster, Mrs. S. C., Letters.** 3 items (H74-132). In short letters to her friend Ellen Grindull of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Serena Foster tells of life on the family farm near Highmore in 1905 and 1906.

**Franz, Rosebud Yellow Robe, Papers.** 23 items (H75-11, H95-4). The daughter of Chauncey Yellow Robe, a well-known Lakota chief from the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud Yellow Robe moved in the 1920s to New York, where she worked to promote a number of American Indian causes. Her papers concern the Yellow Robe and Franz families from 1910 through 1975 and include photographs of herself, her family, and her sisters Chauncina and EVELYN.

**French, Mrs., Letter.** 1 item (H75-346). In an 1886 letter to her daughter, this early settler discusses, among other matters, the soil and the agricultural potential of the Blunt area.

**Furrey, Louisa Whiting, Papers.** 2/3 cubic foot (H92-129 and 130). This collection provides insight into the lives of a Lakota mixed-descent family living on the Rosebud Indian Reservation at Hidden Timber. Furrey, the daughter of Edward Lemoyne and Mary Herman Whiting, taught in rural schools in Nebraska and Todd County before marrying Harry Furrey in 1929. Her collection consists of correspondence, land records, family documents (1864-1991) and photographs (1880-1991).

**Gage, Matilda Electa Joslyn, Papers.** 1 microfilm roll (MF 46). This collection belonging to woman suffrage activist Matilda Joslyn Gage contains correspondence, woman suffrage materials, information on Susan B. Anthony, newspaper clippings, and a biography of Gage. The papers (1870-1970) were microfilmed by the South Dakota Commission on the Status of Women before their donation to the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College.

**Gage, Matilda Jewell, Family Papers.** 14 cubic feet (H97-52). Matilda Jewell Gage, the granddaughter of suffrage leader Matilda Joslyn Gage and niece of author L. Frank Baum, was born in Aberdeen in 1886. Her voluminous papers consist of letters, photographs, financial records, scrapbooks, and subject files for the period 1876 through 1986. Also included are the papers of her father, Aberdeen pioneer T. Clarkson Gage, and her mother, Sophie Jewell Gage, her unmarried cousin Leslie Gage, and Leslie’s mother, Helen Leslie Gage. Matilda Jewell Gage’s longtime interests in the International Wizard of Oz Club, the Brown County Territorial Pioneers, Aberdeen’s Dacotah Prairie Museum, the American Association of University Women, Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, and the Aberdeen Home Building and Loan Association, of which she served as secretary for more than forty years, are reflected in her papers.

**General Federation of Women’s Clubs of South Dakota Records.** 13.5 cubic feet (H92-92, H93-43 and H97-56). In a monumental effort begun in the 1940s, members of South Dakota’s Federation of Women’s Clubs collected the
Louisa Whiting Furry's collection includes this photograph of two family members whose faces reflect their mixed ancestry.

The largest body of women's histories now housed in the State Archives. The Pioneer Daughters Collection, assembled over a forty-year period, preserves the stories of six thousand female pioneers in South Dakota. For an in-depth description of these biographies, see Sally Roesch Wagner, "Dakota Resources: The Pioneer Daughters Collection of the South Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs," *South Dakota History* 19 (Spring, 1989): 95-109. The balance of the records in this collection cover the operations of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Dakota from 1899 to 1958 and include annual convention programs, annual reports, club booklets, directories, manuals, miscellaneous papers, news clippings, publications, and Pierre/Fort Pierre club records.

**George, W. H. and Edythe, Papers.** 17 items (H75-180). The Georges, amateur archaeologists from Huron, collaborated on a 1942 manuscript in this collection that describes the excavation of a site at Steamboat Creek. In the 1960s, the couple also corresponded with museum director W. H. Over and archaeologist Ernest E. Macgowan.

**Geertgens Family Papers.** 5 items (H95-32). This small collection of photographs and newspaper clippings includes a reminiscence by Florence Geertgens Simmons, entitled "I Remember the West," which relates her experiences homesteading in Perkins County in the early 1900s. Also included is
a photograph of a large group of women and children. The Geertgens family lived near Strool.

**Girl Scouts of America Photographs.** 5 items (H93-9). The Girl Scout facilities on Farm Island, near Pierre, are pictured in 1962.

**Gleckler, Amelia C., Scrapbook.** 1 item (H74-43). The scrapbook Gleckler kept from 1882 to 1949 contains news clippings, invitations, programs, obituaries, announcements and other papers, mostly from the Pierre area.

**Hall, Edna, Papers.** 3 folders (H75-315). In 1927, Mitchell resident Charles Bintliff, a prohibition agent for the United States Department of the Treasury, was killed in the line of duty. This collection of five letters and claim forms relates to his wife's subsequent claims for compensation.

**Hammill, Ella May, Family Papers.** 6 items (H77-46). The hardships of homesteading form the topic of an 1886 letter by Avery and Addie Hammill of Winabago Valley near Miller. The collection also contains photographs and genealogical materials.

**Hanson, Joseph Mills, Family Papers.** 15 cubic feet (H74-17). This unprocessed collection contains family correspondence, more than half of which was written to or by Anna Maria Gertrude Mills Hanson who, with her husband Major Joseph R. Hanson, a territorial legislator and Indian agent, was an early settler in Yankton. Detailing day-to-day family activities, most letters were written between Anna Hanson and her son Joseph Mills Hanson, a prominent Civil War historian.

**Hawkins, Thelma, Scrapbooks.** 19 scrapbooks (H85-96). Thelma Hawkins, one of Pierre's few African-American women, lived in the capital from 1945 until her death in 1986. Her scrapbooks reflect that she taught at the Pierre Indian School for many years, retiring in 1974, and was active in the Girl Scouts of America, American Association of University Women, Trinity Episcopal Church, the Pierre chapter of Business and Professional Women, and the board of directors of South Dakota Public Television.

**Hegna, Audra Adams, Papers.** 1 cubic foot (H90-123). Letters, financial and family records, newspaper clippings, real estate documents, and photographs from the 1860s through the 1970s document women at school and at work, particularly in early aviation. Audra Adams was born in 1903 in or near Wallace but moved to Montana after her marriage in 1930.

**Herm, Clara O., Photographs.** 89 items (H94-61). Pictures of nurses, doctors, Indian children, boarding schools, and individuals highlight this collection of eighty-seven photographs taken at the Rosebud Indian Agency between 1941 and 1947. Also included are news articles concerning Herm, who served as agency public health nurse from 1932 until 1950.

**Heron Family Papers.** 16 items (H94-50). In 1886, John and Jane Knowlton Heron and their five children immigrated from Ontario, Canada, to Pierre where John worked as a blacksmith. Among their papers are a brief family history and daughter Laura Heron Spencer's account of working in the capitol book bindery.
Hoard, Lula (Mrs. Willis), Letters. 11 items (H82-47). This collection consists of letters written in 1918 by Hoard's brother, Guy Winesburg, and Hoard's retail business license.

Hogan, Martin E. and Kate, Letters. 6 handwritten letters and 6 typed transcripts (SC 34). An army lieutenant stationed in Dakota Territory from 1871 through 1874 describes for his wife living conditions at the Lower Brule Indian Agency, Fort Randall, and Fort Sully.

Horning, Harriet, Photographs. 11 items (H92-61). These photographs from 1908 to 1960 depict the family of Harriet Horning, who served as Codington County register of deeds from 1947 to 1951, South Dakota Mother of the Year in 1952, and South Dakota's first female state auditor from 1959 to 1961.

Household Account Book. 1 item (75-501). Kept from January through July 1880, this household account notebook lists prices for items like muslin, silk, cashmere, embroidery, needles, buttons, thread, paper, and postage. Three cake recipes are also recorded.

Humphrey Family Papers. 5 cubic feet (H91-116). Sarah Ellen ("Nellie") Humphrey, a resident of Faulkton, was active in the Woman's Relief Corps (Grand Army of the Republic) and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Her husband, Hervey, was editor of the Faulkton Times, a Faulk County com-

Dressy clothes and a polished car suggest that these women are ready for a Sunday outing. This photograph is from the Hutton family collection.
missioner, and South Dakota’s adjutant general (1897-1901). Correspondence between family members and household financial records reveal information about early settlement, territorial politics, and pioneer housekeeping.

**Hutchings-Koehler Family Papers.** 122 items (H78-54). Septima Koehler (1848-1918), Aurora Koehler (1846-1928), and Josephine Hutchings (1863-1930) taught in mission schools in South Dakota from the 1890s to the early 1910s. Their collection includes approximately one hundred brief essays written by Indian students at Saint Elizabeth’s School in Walworth County, fifteen pamphlets and newspapers relating to mission activity in the state, and seven photographs of students and Indians.

**Hutton, William E., Family Photographs.** 200 items (H96-16). This remarkable collection of glass-plate negatives produced around 1900 depicts the activities of the Hutton family, who homesteaded in Moody County’s Clare and Egan townships.

**Irvine, Captain Javan Bradley, Family Papers.** 2 cubic feet (H72-3, H75-16, H90-87). The Irvine family papers include letters, manuscripts, diaries, Bibles, and photographs dating from 1859 through 1902. Margaret Louisa Halstead married Javan B. Irvine in 1859 and followed him to various Army posts with their three children, eventually arriving at Fort Sully in 1867 and staying for five years. In 1878, Irvine’s daughter, Margaret Louisa returned to the area to work as a Presbyterian missionary at Oahe Mission. She later married mission founder Thomas L. Riggs. The family’s letters communicate the fears and loneliness of long separations and detail social events and daily household activities.

**Jacobson, Hanna Caroline, Confirmation Certificate.** 1 item (H75-300). Jacobson, born 26 April 1880, was confirmed 18 November 1894 at the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Union County.

**Jencks, Mrs. Clifford, Papers.** 2 items (H71-4). In a 1910 letter Jencks describes a prairie fire and speaks of the marriage of daughter Edna to John Kelsey. Included is a photograph of the family’s frame-sod homestead at Brushie, South Dakota.

**Jones, Mildred McEwen, Papers.** 1 cubic foot (H74-25). Biographical and genealogical sketches and clippings concerning early Beadle County pioneers make up this collection.

**Jorgensen, Annie (Mrs. Theodore), Manuscript.** 1 item (H82-1). Jorgensen describes her experiences as a teacher at Thrall Academy (Perkins County) in this five-page typewritten manuscript written about 1916 and entitled “Young People of the Prairie.”

**Judy, Isabelle McGillvary, Manuscript.** 1 item (H75-295). In a one-page typed manuscript, Judy describes the effects of the hard winter of 1880-1881 on the new settlement of Forestburg.

**Kalkbrenner, Clara, Manuscript.** 1 item (H76-94). Clara Cottle Kalkbrenner relates the history of a Meade County community in this forty-three page
typed manuscript, “The Smithville Story,” addressing family women’s roles and daily activities.

**Kirk, Maud H., Letter.** 1 item (H74-143). Kirk reportedly wrote this single-page note while on board the steamer Josephine near Fort Buford in 1877, placed it in a bottle, and threw it overboard.

**Klein, JoAnn Kositzky, Photographs.** 6 items (H94-63). Three photographs and three publications spotlight the Women Accepted in Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) unit in which Winner resident JoAnn Kositzky served from 1944 to 1946.

![Dressed in her WAVES uniform, JoAnn Kositzky Klein appears at far left in this 1940s photograph.](image)

**Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Records.** 1 folder (H77-3). Records of the General George A. Custer Circle No. 6, Chamberlain (1932-1935), include correspondence, member and officer lists, rituals, special programs, rules and regulations, order of meetings, and proceedings of the forty-eighth annual national convention.

**Lee, Frances, Papers.** 30 items (H78-52). Deeds and land records from 1883 to 1945 belonging to a Pierre woman whose family homesteaded in Kingsbury County make up this group of legal documents.

**Lief, Augusta, Teacher’s Contract.** 1 item (H75-66). Lief’s contract was with Union County School District No. 64 for 1899.

**Linstad, Otto, Papers.** 1 cubic foot (H82-39). This collection of primarily World War I clippings, photographs, and papers includes a small amount of material related to the American Legion Auxiliary activities of Hazel Rood Linstad, who became active in the Pierre auxiliary in 1923 and was elected president of the South Dakota department in 1927.

**Lott, Lucie Emma Dickinson, Papers.** 1 item (SC 48). This twelve-page typewritten manuscript, entitled “Lucie Emma Dickinson Lott: Her Story,” describes her life in Vermont, South Dakota, California, and Michigan.
steading in Edmunds County in 1885, Lott became the railway agent at Loy- alton at age sixteen. Two years later, she married the agent at Ipswich and worked as the office clerk.

**Malone, Fanny Achines, Manuscript.** 1 item (H75-330). In a twenty-two-page typewritten manuscript, Malone discusses her twelve years as a home-stead with her husband in Lyman (now Jones) County. Natives of Michigan, George and Fanny Malone moved to South Dakota in 1905 when the Rosebud Indian Reservation was opened to settlement.

**Marion Family History.** 1 item (H86-21). Cecilia Marion Cudmore, born in 1900, was the daughter of Hormidas Marion, who operated a profitable truck garden on Marion's Island in the Missouri River. In her 121-page typewritten manuscript, written in 1976, she reminisces about her life in the Pierre-Fort Pierre area.

**Marriage Law Collection.** 3 items (H77-9). This collection consists of letters to Doane Robinson and the state legislature from Daniel M. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Lead, regarding marriage legislation introduced in the 1911 session.

**Mathieson, Joseph R., Family Photographs.** 93 items (H96-21). Photographs of women at their daily activities, on their homesteads, in portraits, and with their children are among those collected by the Mathieson family from 1889 to 1991. Other images include scenes of Eagle Butte, Pierre, Fort Pierre, Philip, ranches, cowboys, claim shacks, Mathieson and Rousseau family members, and the Rousseau ranch.

**Matteson, Grace Cotton, Papers.** 4 cubic feet (H86-3). These letters, spanning three generations, provide insights into family life in Turner and Hughes counties from 1900 through 1930. Of particular interest are letters between Grace Cotton Matteson, who served as Hughes County superintendent of schools from 1921 to 1924, and her siblings regarding the care of their sister Bertha, who was epileptic. Family photographs, education publications (1920s), and greeting cards make up the remainder of the collection.

**McGinnis, John Harvey, Family Papers.** 6 items (H75-126). John and Elizabeth McGinnis's homesteading experiences in Hand County are the topic of this 1974 five-page typewritten family history and five photographs.

**McMahan, Nellie Cole, Papers.** 5 items (H80-11). Born in Bon Homme County in 1870, McMahan spent most of her life on a homestead near Delmont in Douglas County. Her diary (1913-1915) details the daily life of a Dakota homesteader—weather, farm work, and occasional social events. An autograph album (1888-1896), a sheet of home remedies (1889), and business papers complete the collection.

**McNeil, Ida M. Anding, Manuscript.** 1 item (H75-202). This four-page typescript discusses conscription, South Dakota troops, and the home front during World War I. McNeil is best remembered as the owner and operator of Pierre's KGFX radio station from 1922 through 1962.
McNeil, Mattie, Diary. 1 item (H88-27). In 1894, McNeil traveled by rail and wagon from Chadron, Nebraska, to Yellowstone Park. A twelve-page typed transcript of her diary describes the journey.

Mead, Corwin D., Papers. 4.5 cubic feet (H75-509). While most of this collection concerns Corwin Mead's activities as a Pierre lawyer, judge, and legislator, folders 5-11 relate to his wife, Ida Wicks Mead, and their daughter, Winifred. In particular, “The New Woman” manuscript (folder 9) and the coeducation manuscript (folder 11) provide insights into women's roles from the 1880s to the turn of the century.

Medary, South Dakota, Extension Club Records. 1/2 cubic foot (H96-49). This collection documenting the activities of a Moody County Home Demonstration Club (a program of the Cooperative Extension Service) from 1936 through 1987 includes a chairman handbook, four notebooks with member's accounts, and four secretary's books.

Mellette Family Papers. 1 microfilm roll (H94-41). Included among these papers, the originals of which are located at the Mellette House in Watertown, is the correspondence of former governor Arthur Mellette, his wife, Margaret Wylie Mellette, and their children, Samuel E. and Wylie. Also included are journal articles, scrapbooks, clippings, pictures, and a family Bible.

Metcalf, Eugenie, Photographs. 6 items (H88-94). Lieutenant Eugenie Metcalf of Sioux Falls was an occupational therapist in the Medical Corps during World War II. These photographs depict the first reunion of the WAVES, held at San Francisco, California, in 1948.

Miller, Mary Ann, Photographs. 16 items (H93-11). Picture postcards document Mary Ann Miller's childhood and young adulthood from the late 1940s through the early 1960s. Her father, A. C. Miller of Kennebec, served as lieutenant governor from 1941 to 1945.

Miller, Myra Morton, Photographs. 584 glass plates and several thousand black and white prints (H88-88). Myra Miller was an amateur photographer and artist who left an extensive photograph collection for the period 1910-1930. Her pictures of her rural Marshall County farm animals and buildings, children, and other family members are sometimes humorous and often charming.

Morris Family Manuscript. 1 item (H75-153). Entitled “Pioneer and Indian Stories,” this series of family anecdotes appears to have been authored by at least two Morris children and was compiled by Rena E. Murphy. Besides providing an account of ranching and pioneer life in Rapid Valley in 1880, the 114-page manuscript offers frequent examples of the Morris family's cordial relations with the Indians.

National Secretaries Association (International), Oahe Chapter Records. 3 cubic feet (H97-36). The Oahe Chapter of the world's largest secretarial association was organized in 1967. Its organizational subject files and scrapbooks run to 1990.
A special affection for animals and children is evident in the photographs of Myra Miller, pictured here in a self-portrait taken in the early 1900s.

New York City Indian Association Annual Reports. 2 folders and 20 bound volumes (H88-9). Annual reports for the years 1907 through 1938 document the activities of the New York City Indian Association, a predominantly female group that sought to foster Christian ideals among American Indians by supporting missionaries and teachers.

Norton, Carrie More, Papers. 3 items (H75-335). Norton wrote about her hobby of bird watching in and around Faulkton in 1920.

Old Settlers Register. 1 item (H76-66). This photocopied “Register of Old Settlers, Homecoming Week, June 11 to June 17, 1911” lists various early settlers, some female, along with their dates of arrival in Dakota Territory.

Olson, Alice Adelaide, Letters. 2 items (H75-336). In letters written in 1882, William H. H. Beadle and E. C. Erickson testified to the teaching ability of Union County resident Alice Olson.

Olson, Florence DeWolf, Papers. 1/2 cubic foot (H97-20). A graduate of Northern Normal School in Aberdeen, DeWolf taught in Hyde County's Bramhall and South Convent schools before teaching primary grades at Harrold. Her collection consists of genealogical information, diaries, school records and notebooks, letters, teacher certificate and contracts, teaching aids, and family photographs, most from the years 1920 to 1940.
Olson-Mann Family Papers. 1/4 cubic foot (H90-52). The letters in this collection explain how Andrew Olson-Mann (1863-1910) was adopted and tell of his reunion with his birth father. His sister Anna's lengthy letters describe homesteading in McCook County and provide an excellent look at housing, prairie life, and the raising of crops and animals.

Opheim, Charlotte Johnson, Papers. 1 item (H76-7). In this affidavit dated 1941, Opheim relates her part in the discovery of the Verendrye plate. An accompanying article from the Sioux Falls Daily Argus-Leader is dated 25 September 1940.

Oral, South Dakota, Postcard. 1 item (H94-52). Entitled “Good Girls in Badlands, South Dakota, 1909,” this postcard shows four women posing near a sod house and tent. The text of the card expresses the female writer's dislike for the Badlands.

Osborne, Sara Jane, Memoir. 1 item (H92-85). Osborne, who resided in Pennington County from the mid-1880s to the early 1890s, describes meetings with local Indians and events surrounding the Wounded Knee Massacre along with other recollections in this six-page memoir.

“A Pageant of Local History.” 1 item (H77-23). Presented at the Women's Day Re-dedication Program held in April 1948 in Pierre, this play is composed of approximately twenty episodes depicting historic events.

Parker, Niles G., Family Letters. 7 items (H75-25). Although they deal mainly with personal affairs, these letters from Parker, editor of the Bangor Rustler, and his wife, Marian A. Parker, to a relative in New Hampshire offer a glimpse into life in 1880s Dakota Territory.

Parmelee, David and Mary, Papers. 17 items (H92-59 and H95-25). This couple taught at the day school at Cut Meat on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in the 1800s. Items of interest include an 1887 letter from the teacher and students of Saint Mary's School, wedding greetings from Mary's sister Mame, and Mary's memoriam booklet. Thirteen photographs dated 1916 were added in 1995.


Pickler Family Papers. 65 cubic feet (H91-74). Major John Alfred Pickler and his wife, Alice Mary Alt Pickler, were prominent Faulk County pioneers. Correspondence, subject files, financial records, journals, business records, photographs, scrapbooks, and speeches collected from 1865 to 1976 document the temperance and suffrage movements in South Dakota, in which both Picklers were active leaders. Correspondents include such nationally prominent persons as Annie Wittenmeyer, Carrie Chapman Catt, Susan B. Anthony, and Henry Blackwell. Items dated after 1910 concern the household, school, and business activities of the widowed Alice Pickler, her children, and grand-
children. For more information, see Linda M. Sommer, "Dakota Resources: The Pickler Family Papers and the Humphrey Family Papers at the South Dakota State Historical Society," *South Dakota History* 24 (Summer 1994): 115-34.

**Pierre Indian School Photographs.** Approximately 250 images (H97-14). Winifred Eichelberger, who taught at the Pierre Indian School for twenty-three years, assembled images of students, staff, and class activities from the 1920s through the 1960s.

**Pohrt, Richard A., Photograph Collection.** 217 photographs (H74-198). These copies of photographs taken around 1900 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation include many views of women at daily activities. Pohrt collected the pictures in the late 1950s from Fannie Hoyt, a Michigan teacher who may have been related to the photographer; Pohrt retains the originals.

**Porter, Grace Reed, Autobiography.** 1 item (H88-24). Porter's thirty-five-page memoir, written in 1957, recounts her years as a homesteader in Stanley County, her 1908 election as county superintendent of schools, her 1914 appointment as principal of Fort Pierre High School, her 1917-1922 service on the State Board of Education, and her 1926-1933 tenure as dean of women at Dakota Wesleyan University.

**Pulles Family Papers.** 186 items (H94-69). Among the 182 photographs in this collection are pictures of Pulles and Hendel family members taken from 1900 to 1970. Mathias Pulles was a butcher in Pierre, while three of his daughters, Alma, Catherine, and Margaret, were stenographers and the fourth, Helen, was a housekeeper. The collection also includes two scrapbooks and greeting cards.

**Putnam, Jennie, Teaching Certificate.** 2 items (H76-67). These documents certified that Jennie Putnam had graduated from Clark County Normal Institute and was authorized to teach in Brown County until the end of the 1892-1893 school year.

**Republican Party, South Dakota Central Committee.** 6 cubic feet (H95-22). Meeting minutes, bulletins, and records of conventions and special projects from 1956 to 1970 make up the Women's Division files (1/2 cubic foot) of the office subject files of the Central Committee.

**Rhoades Family Letters.** 6 items (H89-61 and H90-78). The correspondence of this Forestburg family includes letters detailing family relationships, social activities, and employment written to Nannie MacDonald in the 1880s before her marriage to Henry Rhoades. Letters to the couple's daughters, Mary and Lora, discuss weather, a circus, war in Europe, and farming in 1914.

**Riggs Family Papers.** 8 cubic feet (H74-18). Thomas L. Riggs, a Congregational minister who established the Oahe Mission north of Pierre in 1872, spent a half century ministering to the Lakota Indians of the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock reservations. This collection includes lists of native helpers, records of church members and ministers, marriage and baptism records, and copies of articles by Riggs's second wife, Margaret Louisa Irvine Riggs, relating to women's missionary work among the Indians.
Robinson, Doane, Papers. 10 cubic feet (H74-9). Three items within the files of Doane Robinson, the South Dakota State Historical Society's first director, relate to women. Folder 240 contains a two-page manuscript dated 29 December 1917 and entitled “The Woman Power of South Dakota through Registration.” Folder 54 contains a 4 February 1922 letter to L. N. Crill briefly sketching the state woman suffrage movement from 1872 to 1898. Folder 52 contains correspondence (1908-1915) with state Woman's Christian Temperance Union officials concerning the memorial to Elizabeth Sherrard in the state capitol.

Rowe, Edith Davis, Papers. 4 items (H88-43). Rowe's biographical accounts spotlight her parents, John and Lucy Davis, who pioneered in Aurora County in 1884. Edith Rowe herself received a teaching degree from Madison Normal School and taught in the Armour and Pierre school systems.

Rutledge Family History. 1 item (H82-67). In 1958, Fred S. Rutledge compiled this 212-page handwritten manuscript describing the Thomas Simms Rutledge family's homesteading ventures in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Although written from a male perspective, the manuscript includes women's maiden names and relates female activities in teaching and farming as well as the author's unpleasant experience with his stepmother.

Sacagawea Collection. 8 folders (H79-1). A small collection of correspondence, speeches, and clippings, gathered between 1904 and 1972, documents the ongoing debate over whether Sacagawea of the Lewis and Clark Expedition died in South Dakota or Wyoming.

Schiefelbein, Virginia Running, Papers. 4 1/2 linear inches (H90-55, H90-97, H91-29). Schiefelbein was a Gettysburg resident who taught school in the surrounding area, including the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. These materials gathered between 1900 and 1960 include photographs depicting various family members and the Four Bears Day School. Of special interest in this collection are letters from Schiefelbein's childhood pen pal in France.

Shaving, Anna and Jenny Swift Eagle, Photograph. 1 item (H94-42). This photograph is a copy of a 1910 picture of Anna Bertha Swift Eagle and her sister Jenny who married brothers, William and Charles Shaving. All were members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and lived north of LaPlante near a place called Virgin Creek.

Shaw Family Papers. 3 items (H87-14). A copy of a handwritten letter by Sadie and Charlie Shaw of Bloomington in Charles Mix County describes in graphic detail the deadly blizzard of 1888. An 1889 photograph shows the Shaw family in front of their home.

Smith, Alice L., Papers. 1 item (H94-17). In a 1978 manuscript entitled “The History of Alice Etta Dorman Smith's Pioneering Life in South Dakota,” Smith describes her mother's 1890s homesteading experiences near Kennebec. Fam-
Virginia Schiebelbein received from her pen pal in France in the 1920s display a mixture of English and French. Family photographs supplement the descriptions of daily activities, blizzards, experiences with local Indians, rural schools, ranching, and entertainment.

**South Dakota State Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs Records.** 4 cubic feet (H97-37). Annual meeting proceedings, local club histories, national histories through 1960, subject files, local chapter yearbooks, and copies of the organization’s bulletin (1921-1997) make up this collection. The South Dakota group organized in 1920.

**South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary Records.** 8 linear inches (H96-20). Organized in 1937, this organization sought to “promote good fellowship among the wives of licensed veterinarians and dealers in veterinary supplies and their salesmen.” The records consist of meeting minutes, correspondence, photographs, constitution and bylaws, annual meeting fly-
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**South Dakota World's Fair Commission Records.** 3 items (H90-85). This collection includes the published minutes of the first meeting of the Board of World's Fair Lady Commissioners of South Dakota, held in Huron 17 December 1891, which mention Mrs. J. E. Bennett, Mrs. William Duff Haynie, Mrs. George A. Silsby, Mrs. Marie J. Gaston, Mrs. L. Q. Jeffries, Mrs. A. C. Mellette, and Mrs. W. A. Burleigh.


**Steuerwald, Kay Riordan, Oral History Transcript.** 1 item (H96-28). Born near Kennebec in 1915, Steuerwald became manager of the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park in 1941. From 1951 to 1993, she was president of Mount Rushmore Mountain Company, Inc., which managed the concession at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. This 1992 interview conducted by James G. Popovich is twenty-seven pages in typescript.

**Stites, Clara, Papers.** 3 items (H88-18). Information from her autobiographical manuscript written in the 1950s indicates that Stites of New York, New York, lived with her family near Sioux Falls in the 1880s.

**Swenson, Nancy, Photograph.** 1 item (H95-29). Swenson posed for her official portrait as Mrs. South Dakota, United States International, in 1994.

**Townsend, Lydia, Letter.** 1 item (H75-184). Townsend’s letter of 9 July 1949 discusses the Saint Paul-to-Fort-Rice overland freighting business of her father, Donald Stevenson, her mother’s 1873 arrival in the Fort Rice area, and her own birth in 1876.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Records.** 1 item (H95-23). This bound volume lists contributors to the Department of South Dakota’s hospitalization fund from 1939 through 1964.

**Voorhees, Angeline, Papers.** 5 items (H96-4). Voorhees, who lived near Wessington Springs, left an 1883 diary and four unidentified photographs. Entries record the illness and death of her sister Olive as well as weather conditions, outings, visitors, and other day-to-day activities.

**Waggoner, Josephine, Papers.** 15 items (H75-57 and H75-17). Waggoner produced fourteen handwritten notebooks that contain her stepfather Ben Arnold’s reminiscences from 1864 to 1890. A Lakota woman of mixed descent, Waggoner was born at the Grand River Agency in 1872, attended Hampton Institute, and served as an interpreter at Saint Elizabeth Mission near Wakpala. Her papers also include a poem entitled “The Bells of Yates.” See also Bettelyoun, Susan Bordeaux, Papers
War Bonnet, Alice, Manuscript. 1 item (H94-60). This memoir, recorded in Lakota and English, reveals War Bonnet's childhood memories of surviving the Wounded Knee Massacre.


Weeks, Isabell May, Papers. 58 items (H87-15). Weeks wrote most of the letters assembled here to her parents in Michigan between 1872 and 1909. She arrived in Yankton in 1872 as the bride of John A. Weeks, a dealer in boots and shoes.

Welsh, Emma S., Papers. 16 items (H93-22, H93-52, H95-6). Welsh writes of her experiences as a schoolteacher and Stanley County homesteader in a 167-page manuscript entitled "We Pioneers." She remained in Stanley County from 1902 until 1931, when she moved to Madison with her husband Edward. Photographs and clippings make up the remainder of the collection.

White, Dorothy, Manuscript. 1 item (H75-122). The granddaughter of an early settler, White discusses ranching operations, the blizzard of 1888, a mock Indian battle, and conflict between homesteaders and ranchers in this undated six-page manuscript entitled "Pioneer Days in Oelrichs, South Dakota."

Williams, Anna E. Card, Papers. 4 items (H75-144). A short biographical sketch of Williams, a 1936 photograph of her at age seventy-seven, and two photographs of her marriage certificate signed by Henry Weston ("Preacher") Smith in Deadwood in 1876 make up this collection.

Willy, Margaret and Milo, Letter. 1 item (H75-354). In an 1888 letter, the Willys of Appomattox in Potter County describe crops, county elections, and the band of Potter County politicians known as the "Gettysburg Ring."

Wilmart, Addie M., Photographs. 21 items (H88-101). This collection of pictures taken in Pierre in the 1930s includes photographs of a number of the town's prominent women.

Wilson, Irene Cushman, Diary. 19 items (H76-22). Cushman settled with her parents in Deadwood in 1878 and belonged to the first graduating class of Deadwood High School. Typewritten diary transcripts (111 pages) detail her social activities for 1890-1891, 1893, and 1908. Copies of various programs and clippings are also included.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union Records. 5 cubic feet (H90-7 through H90-12, H90-122, H92-128, H95-46, H96-9). These records of various South Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union historians from 1890 to 1991 include histories from the organization's world, national, state, and local levels; newspaper clippings; regional district organizational, financial, and membership records; songbooks and sheet music; speeches; publications; and annual convention reports. Also included are records of the Prairie City,
South Dakota, treasurer from 1960 to 1986 and minutes of the Rapid City group from 1891 to 1906.

Women's Clubs Yearbooks. 29 items (SC 31). Yearbooks containing information on members, officers, and activities of various South Dakota women's clubs from 1908 to 1909 and 1944 to 1956 make up this collection. Groups included are the Big Stone City Round Table Club, Blunt Tuesday Club, Canton Woman's Study Club, Chamberlain Travelers Club, DeSmet Woman's Study Club, Deadwood Round Table Club, Draper Woman's Club, Edgemont Study Club and Thursday Study Club, Faulkton Study Club, Gettysburg Woman's Literary Club, Hot Springs Traveler's Club, Irene Civic Club, Kennebec Woman's Welfare Club, Letcher Civic Study Club, Milbank Makocha Study Club, Mobridge Arts and Travel Club, Sturgis Woman's Literary Club, Vermillion Nautilus Club, Vermillion Music Club, Faculty Woman's Club of the University of South Dakota, Wagner Woman's Club, and Wakonda Monday Club.

Wuillemin, Jeanne L., Letter. 1 item (H75-356). In a thirteen-page typewritten letter, Wuillemin recounts a homesteading trip she made with friends to Stanley County in 1906. Claim surveying, social life in Pierre, Hayes, and Manila, and her train trip from Illinois are mentioned.

Wyman, Walker D., Manuscript. 1 item (H82-4). This manuscript, heavily marked with editorial notes, is the first draft of Wyman's Frontier Woman.
The Life of a Woman Homesteader on the Dakota Frontier (River Falls: University of Wisconsin-River Falls Press, 1972), which told the story of Grace Fairchild, a Wisconsin teacher who settled in Stanley County.

Yoeman, Myrtle, Letter. 1 item (H75-84). Yoeman's 1905 letter to Grace H. Carpenter briefly describes homesteading in Lyman County.

Yokley, Annie L., Papers. 2/3 cubic foot (H71-1). Yokley collected most of this material as she researched her book Grass and Water ([Midland, S.Dak.]: By the Author, 1955), a compilation of biographical sketches of pioneer South Dakota ranchers.

Young, Eugene Miner, Papers. Approximately 10 cubic feet (H90-114, H94-65, H96-44). This collection contains letters and photographs (1880s-1980s) of a family who farmed near McLaughlin on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and later in Sully County. While most of the items relate to farming and other business ventures, a number of letters document the family's relationship with Young's stepmother Carrie. See also Anderson, Carol Young, Papers

Zenor, Miss, Diary. 1 item (H86-23). A Fort Pierre-area homesteader details her daily activities in 1909 and 1910.

In Memoriam

Erling N. Sannes
1930-1998

Erling N. Sannes, a historian and political activist, died 18 March 1998 at Bismarck, North Dakota.

Sannes was born 31 January 1930 in Westhope, North Dakota, where he graduated from high school in 1947. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Mary in Bismarck and his master's degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma. From 1950 to 1958, Sannes served with the 231st Combat Engineer Battalion of the North Dakota National Guard in Korea and other posts. Beginning in 1964, he held a variety of administrative positions at the North Dakota Job Service office in Bismarck, retiring in 1986.

During retirement, Sannes devoted his time to research and writing on labor history, political activism, and progressive issues. His articles and essays appeared in a number of regional history journals and local and national newspapers.

Sannes also represented Amnesty International in its human rights work in North Dakota and helped to enact a bill of rights for the disabled in the state.
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