



Collection Name:

Lutheran Ladies' Seminary papers, 1894-1920

Collection Number:

P0504

Extent:

0.8 cubic feet (2 archives boxes)

Biography/History:

First opened in November 1894 as a finishing school, the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary in Red Wing, Minnesota became a full fledged college offering a Bachelor of Art Degree. The seminary had a renowned Conservatory of Music that was well known throughout the midwest. The ladies who attended gave the institution a nickname "prestefru fabrikk" – meaning the pastor's wife factory.

On June 8, 1920, there was a fire that destroyed the schools. Efforts to rebuild were discussed but nothing came to fruition. The last president of the seminary, Pastor Thoralf Hoff, was a leading figure in bringing coeducation to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. The Conservatory's music director, Carl Youngdahl, moved to Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and built a well known program there.

Scope and Content:

Catalogs, journals, pictures, and reports of a Red Wing, Minnesota, school that ran from 1894 to 1920.

Access Rights:

The collection is open to research.

Bibliographic Citation:

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Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Journals, 1908-1916
1	2	Catalogs, pictures and reports, circa 1892-1982 Includes: Articles of Incorporation of the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary (1892); List of teachers who served at the seminary (undated); List and maps of enrollment by state and county (undated); Photographs and postcards of interior and exterior of

seminary (circa 1915); clipping concerning why the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary burned down (1982).

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| 2 | 1 | Catalogs for the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary, 1894-1920 |
| 2 | 2 | "The Pastors' Wife Factory: The Story of the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary of Red Wing, Minnesota (1894-1920)," by Todd M. Walsh |