



Collection Name:

Andrew Ellsworth and George Norman Wigeland papers, 1857-1972

Collection Number:

P1120

Extent:

5.6 cubic feet (11 archives boxes and 2 oversized boxes)

Abstract:

An extensive collection was received in 1980 of the papers of the Wigeland brothers who lived in Chicago. Their papers include also those of their grandfather, great-uncle, their father and their aunt. The grandfather of the brothers was George A. Wigeland (1823-1885), who emigrated from Norway in 1843. His brother Arents Wigeland (1812-1862) also came to America and settled on a farm near Racine, Wisconsin. This farm was passed on to his daughter, Mary Wigeland Johnson, and became known as the Johnson pioneer farm. Amanda Johnson, a daughter of Mary, came under the guardianship of the Wigeland brothers. Various papers for all of these members of the family are in the file.

The father of the Wigeland brothers, Andrew Wigeland (1864-1906), entrusted his motherless sons to the guardianship of his sister Marn Wigeland (1859-1939). Her warm relationship to the brothers endured throughout her lifetime. Both brothers were graduates of the University of Chicago and were prominent in Norwegian-American activity in Chicago. Andrew (Vice President of the City National Bank of Chicago) had a distinguished career in banking and investments. He taught at Northwestern University and appeared at seminars on banking topics at many Mid-western banking associations. Norman ran an advertising agency. Both became very wealthy and were generous in their support of Norwegian and Norwegian-American interests in the United States. For their efforts on behalf of American Relief for Norway each of the brothers received the "Frihetskors" from King Haakon in 1947.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	Range
1	1	George A. Wigeland: Volume: measurements, tables. "Mr. Hoppus's Measurer Greatly Enlarged and Improved" (Bye and Law, printers, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell)	1882	1882
1	2	George A. Wigeland: Records. Includes: currency of Cuba (1896), United States (1863), Japan (n.d.); Columbian (1892); family history records and correspondence; tintype of two unidentified men;	1857	1931



1	3	Andrew G. Wigeland: Diary (1884-1885), will, guardianship papers. Includes: program for "Musical and Literary Entertainment by the TTC of Trinity English Lutheran Church (corner of LaSalle Ave. and Elm Street), 1886;	1884	1948
1	4	Andrew G. Wigeland: Business papers. Includes receipts, promotional brochure "The City of Bellingham, Washington"	1894	1907
1	5	Andrew G. Wigeland: Scrapbook. Includes:	1884	1894
2	1	Andrew G. Wigeland: Biography. Includes: "A Short Biography of A.E. Wigeland"	1928	1995
2	2	Andrew E. Wigeland: Journals (1912-1915; 1930-1935 finances)	1912	1935
2	3	Andrew E. Wigeland: Education. Includes: certificate of vaccination (1907); Univ. of Chicago undergraduate course book (1912); matriculation cards; diplomas;	1907	1939
2	4	Andrew E. Wigeland: College paper: "A Study of the Starch and Glucose Industry, Especially of the Corn Products Plant at Argo, Illinois." by Adrian R. MacFarland and E. Wigeland" (1916-1917) 88 pgs. Typescript.	1916	1917
2	5	Andrew E. Wigeland: Army: World War I. Includes: discharge paper; medal; tintype of German soldiers (?) drinking beer.	1918	1925
2	6	Andrew E. Wigeland: Clubs, etc.	1928	1967
2	7	Andrew E. Wigeland: Politics. Includes: receipts from the United Republican Fund; newsletter from the Civic Federation (Illinois);	1948	1963
2	8	Andrew E. Wigeland: Travel. Includes some photos aboard the Mv. Vulcania (1956)	1930	1956
2	9	Andrew E. Wigeland: Chicago Board of Education (1963-1964). Includes photo of board.	1960	1964
2	10	Andrew E. Wigeland: Will.	1951	1951
2	11	Andrew E. Wigeland: Declaration of Trust.	1970	1970
2	12	Andrew E. Wigeland: Death (1970)	1958	1970
3	1	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, American Relief for Norway.	1945	1945
3	2	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence	1930	1960
3	4	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, Betty Blaul.	1969	1970
3	3	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, 1970	1970	1970



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3	5	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, Elizabeth, Edward, Herman Carus.	1935	1964
3	6	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, John Chapman. Photo of Gov. Chapman and Richard M. Nixon (1960)	1918	1968
3	7	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, Solveig Hansen.	1930	1931
3	8	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, Elizabeth Raster.	0	0
3	9	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, Lester Waterbury.	1933	1960
3	10	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, Mrs. Medard Welch	1968	1968
3	11	Andrew E. Wigeland: Correspondence, snapshots taken by A.E. Wigeland (his packet labels). Includes: Edna Rose Woodrich; Chapman's at lake; Kungsholm Cruise; Betty Blaul; A.E. Wigeland (not so good); at 1321 Oak [interior shots]; Lincoln House; Muscatine, Iowa; childhood photos; Pine Grove and others; Norway; friends; Chapman's 1936; Florida and Ken Moores; Colorado trip with Bill Noble; Stella; Carus'es; Bermuda; G.N. Wigeland;	0	0
4	1	Andrew G. Wigeland: Speeches and articles.	1958	1958
4	2	Andrew G. Wigeland: Speeches and articles.	1939	1958
4	3	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, National Bank of the Republic	1925	1931
4	4	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, National Bank of the Republic	1929	1930
4	5	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, City National Bank of Chicago. Includes several photos of a residential street	1933	1960
4	6	Andrew G. Wigeland: Bunte Brothers, Trust	1952	1970
4	7	Andrew G. Wigeland: Old Bank Records, Chicago. Includes: quotations on Government and State securities as per Henry Clews & Co.'s weekly financial circular; First National Bank of Chicago;	1877	1910
5	1	Andrew G. Wigeland: Northwestern University School of Business.	1959	1962
5	2	Andrew G. Wigeland: Chicago University Business Economic Conference (1961)	1946	1961
5	3	Andrew G. Wigeland: Panels, Banker's Association, (Colorado, Illinois, & Indiana). Includes photos of panels.	1954	1961



5	4	Andrew G. Wigeland: Panels, Banker's Association, (Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Michigan).	1953	1961
5	5	Andrew G. Wigeland: Panels, Banker's Association, (Missouri, Oklahoma, and Tennessee). Includes photos of panels.	1954	1961
5	6	Andrew G. Wigeland: Wisconsin University School of Banking. Includes photos of convention (1959); typed lectures.	1954	1961
6	1	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Bank of France.	1917	1925
6	2	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Finances, 1920 and 1930s.	1922	1931
6	3	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Shell Oil Company & Standard Oil Company.	1953	1961
6	4	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Swift & Company and North American Company.	1937	1967
6	5	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Trust Companies.	1931	1950
6	6	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Investments.	1942	1970
6	7	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Miscellaneous stocks.	1959	1965
6	8	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Real estate	1922	1937
6	9	Andrew G. Wigeland: Records, Life insurance.	1929	1960
7	1	George Norman Wigeland: high school mementoes. Includes: two photos of unidentified classmates; clippings, commencement program for Lane Technical High School (1915); Lincoln School commencement (1911); several oratorical medals won at Lane Technical High School	1911	1915
7	2	George Norman Wigeland: Biographical notes. Includes copy of birth certificate (1895); two page autobiography (1974)	1895	1974
7	3	George Norman Wigeland: High School debate [Lane Technical High School]. Includes: programs (1913-14); several handwritten addresses given including graduation speech (Jan. 1915)	1913	1915
7	4	George Norman Wigeland: Lane Technical High School Publications. "The Tech Prep"	1911	1914
7	5	George Norman Wigeland: College papers. Includes: "The Present Need of Conserving our Natural Resources"; "Lieutenant Ben Langdon's Story"	1915	1920



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7	6	George Norman Wigeland: Correspondence.	1914	1921
7	7	George Norman Wigeland: Army Record, World War I. Includes several photos.	1917	1919
7	8	George Norman Wigeland: Correspondence. 1920s and 1930s.	1921	1941
8	1	G. Norman Wigeland: Correspondence, 1930s.	1930	1939
8	2	G. Norman Wigeland: Correspondence, 1940s & 1950s.	1940	1959
8	3	G. Norman Wigeland: Correspondence, 1960s	1960	1969
8	4	G. Norman Wigeland: Correspondence, 1970s. Folder 1.	1970	1974
8	5	G. Norman Wigeland: Correspondence, 1970s. Folder 2.	1970	1972
8	6	G. Norman Wigeland: Clippings, letters to the editor.	1925	1925
8	7	G. Norman Wigeland: Correspondence, Salvation Army	1949	1964
8	8	G. Norman Wigeland: Correspondence, Veterans Administration.	1934	1936
8	9	G. Norman Wigeland: Clubs, etc.	1930	1963
8	11	G. Norman Wigeland: Notebook. (n.d.)	0	0
8	10	G. Norman Wigeland: Will.	1970	1970
9	1	G. Norman Wigeland: Records, stocks and bonds.	1923	1952
9	2	G. Norman Wigeland: Finances, 1930s-1960s. Folder 1	1926	1946
9	3	G. Norman Wigeland: Finances, 1930s-1960s. Folder 2	1931	1961
9	4	G. Norman Wigeland: Real Estate. Folder 1	1934	1953
9	5	G. Norman Wigeland: Real Estate. Folder 2	1936	1937
10	1	G. Norman Wigeland: Bellingham, Washington real estate (acquired by George A. Wigeland, 1905 or 1906).	1906	1954
10	2	G. Norman Wigeland: Illinois Plat books and maps (Real estate, McHenry, Livingston, Ogle, La Salle, DeKalb Counties).	1939	1949
10	3	G. Norman Wigeland: Illinois Farm property. Folder 1	1938	1950
10	4	G. Norman Wigeland: Illinois Farm property. Folder 2	1942	1950



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11	1	A.E. and G.N. Wigeland jointly (Norwegian American Museum, Decorah, Iowa).	1964	1971
11	2	A.E. and G.N. Wigeland jointly (Marie Peterson, housekeeper). Correspondence	1954	1971
11	3	A.E. and G.N. Wigeland jointly (Letters between brothers).	1919	1953
11	4	A.E. and G.N. Wigeland jointly (Letters addressed to both). Folder 1	1941	1969
11	5	A.E. and G.N. Wigeland jointly (Letters between brothers). Folder 2	1966	1970
11	6	A.E. and G.N. Wigeland jointly (Greeting cards). Folder 1	1954	1965
11	7	A.E. and G.N. Wigeland jointly (Greeting cards). Folder 2	1905	1970

12 (oversized)	9	Marn Minerva Wigeland Papers: Estate Papers. Includes legal correspondence; photographs; newspaper clippings; legal documents	1937	1940
12 (oversized)	1	Arents Wigeland Family Papers: Mary Wigeland Johnson (daughter) Correspondence; includes handwritten letters (mostly undated); photographs; newspaper clipping "Racine Officially Organized Its First Police Department 100 Years Ago" (October 19th, 1958)	1914	1958
12 (oversized)	2	Arents Wigeland Family Papers: Data re: family and Johnson farm. Includes correspondence, official documents, and family data (undated)	0	0
12 (oversized)	3	Arents Wigeland Family Papers: Amanda Johnson biography, letters, photographs	1939	1961
12 (oversized)	4	Arents Wigeland Family Papers: Amanda Johnson guardianship; legal correspondence	1938	1961
12 (oversized)	5	Arents Wigeland Family Papers: Amanda Johnson estate; legal correspondence	1961	1962
12 (oversized)	6	Marn Minerva Wigeland (aunt) Papers: Legal documents	1889	1922
12 (oversized)	8	Marn Minerva Wigeland Papers: Christian Science Interests; includes pamphlets announcing meetings; membership cards;	1916	1937



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ed)		newsletters; correspondence		
12 (oversiz ed)	10	Marn Minerva Wigeland Papers: Bound volume inventorying Wigeland's estate.	1937	1940
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13 (oversiz ed)	1	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: 7 Photographs; tintypes & framed (undated)	0	0
13 (oversiz ed)	2	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: 24 Photographs; early family pictures (undated)	0	0
13 (oversiz ed)	3	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: 22 Photographs; Andrew Ellsworth Wigeland (undated). Studios include Koehne, Chicago.	0	0
13 (oversiz ed)	4	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: 21 Photographs; George Norman Wigeland (undated).	0	0
13 (oversiz ed)	5	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: Frihetskors. This was awarded to both Andrew E. and G. Norman in 1947; it was a Norwegian medal given out during WWII for excellence in military or civilian service. The brothers received it for their leadership in American Relief for Norway.	1947	1947
13 (oversiz ed)	6	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: 100 Miscellaneous photographs; includes pages from a scrapbook as well as many envelopes of prints (undated)	0	0
13 (oversiz ed)	7	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: Diploma awarded to George Norman Wigeland from the University of Chicago in Philosophy (1920)	1920	1920
13 (oversiz ed)	8	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: Diploma awarded to George Norman Wigeland from the University of Chicago in Philosophy (1917)	1917	1917
13 (oversiz ed)	9	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: Diploma awarded to Andrew Ellsworth Wigeland from the University of Chicago in Philosophy (1918)	1918	1918
12 (oversiz ed)	7	Marn Minerva Wigeland Papers: Correspondence, 1920s and 1930s. Includes medal given to members of the Memorial of Leif Erikson in America.	1919	1937



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13 (oversiz ed)	10	Andrew E. and G. Norman Papers: Photograph of World War I Ordnance Corps (undated). Ca. 1918	1918	1918
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