

Collection Name:

Ditlef G. Ristad papers, 1880-1938

Collection Number:

P0582

Extent:

2.4 cubic feet (6 archives boxes)

Biography/History:

Ditlef G. Ristad was born in Norway in 1863 and came to the United States in 1887. He was naturalized in 1917. He graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in 1892 and studied at the University of Chicago, and did further study and travel in Europe. He was a poet, educator, lecturer, and Lutheran clergyman. He was a minister at Edgerton and Manitowoc, Wisconsin; president of three church schools; editor of "Wisconsin Tobacco Reporter"; first president of NAHA; president of the Trønderlag; and president of the Eastern District of his church (1936-1937).

Scope and Content:

correspondence; manuscripts of articles, lectures, poems, and sermons by Ristad; clippings of articles by and about him and subjects in which he was interested; and records of organizations he supported. Papers deal with such subjects as church union; Grundtvigianism; church school problems; organization and finances of the church; the Norwegian Museum at Decorah, Iowa; the collecting, research, publication, and financial program of NAHA; the Norwegian-American exhibit at the Century of Progress, Chicago; restoration of the Trondheim Cathedral; and the preservation of Norwegian culture in America. Correspondents include J. A. Aasgaard, Waldemar Ager, T. C. Blegen, L. W. Boe, Arne Fjellbu, L. M. Gimmestad, Knut Gjerset, Carl G. O. Hansen, Einar Haugen, Jacob Hodnefield, Hjalmer R. Holand, M. A. Holvik, U. V. Koren, Laur. Larsen, R. Malmin, O. M. Norlie, Jon Norstog, Torkel Oftelie, Julius E. Olson, Birger Osland, E. J. Oyen, Kristian Prestgard, C. K. Preus, Ove J. H. Preus, Carlton C. Qualey, O. E. Rølvaag, A. N. Rygg, Peder Tangjerd, I. B. Torrison, and Johs. B. Wist.

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Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Personal papers and programs, 1887-1999 Includes: Norway Day, Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, 1933 (card and pin); dinner invitation at Stevens Hotel, Chicago, for his Excellency H.H. Bachke, Hon. Nils Traedal & Capt. Magnus Anderson and crew of ship Sørlandet; U.S.S. Wilmette boarding pass for reception committee for Sørlandet; 1999 letter from Nick Ristad to Odd Lovoll addressing the idea of the "Norwegian Mafia"; notebook (1887); Invitation and ticket for the Norse-American Centennial held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds (1925); St. Olaf College honorary degree and photographs (1935); photograph of home in Norway?; list of books donated to St. Olaf College after his death (1938).
2	1	Norwegian-American Historical Association correspondence, 1925-1935
2	2	Norwegian-American Historical Association records, 1925-1935
2	13	School notebook, circa 1881
4	1	Articles, 1927-1936 Includes, Hans Barlien (undated), Simon Johnson (1927), and Svein Nilsson (1936).
4	2	Lectures and articles, undated Includes: "Ecclesiastical Architecture"; "Aristotle's Attitude toward Pleasure"
4	3	Lectures and articles, 1898-1918 Includes: "Temperance" (1898); "Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig"; "Some Observations Concerning Cultural Movements and Tendencies among the Norsemen in America" (1914); "The Academics of our Church" (1916-19?); "Trøderne" (1915); "Commencement Address, Waldorf College" (1917); "Armistice Day" (1918).
4	4	Poems, 1922-1930
4	5	Lectures and articles, 1925-1937 Includes: "Four Hundred Anniversary of the Tyndal Bible" (1925); Leif Ericson (Erikson) piece--"Adding Five Hundred Years History" (1925); July 4th sermon, Glenwood, Iowa (1926); "Den Norske innsats i amerikansk kulturliv" (1927); "Roald Amundsen" Memorial--Luther College (1928); address given for Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, 40th anniversary, "A Lutheran College in the Northwest" (1931); "O.E. Rølvaag Nye Bok er Nu kommet "Den Signede dag" (1931); "George Washington Bicentenary" (1932); "300th anniversary of the death of Gustavus Adolphus" (1932); "Don't Give up the Ship" ship being Luther College (1933); "The Passing of Luther College" (1933); "The English Bible" (1935); "East Koshkonong 90th Anniversary"

		(1934); "Crumbs from Fergus Falls," by J. Johnson (n.d.); "
5	1	Clippings, 1925-1938
		Includes "The Bible in the Modern World," by T.F. Gullixson.
5	2	Clippings (civic activity), 1917-1936
5	3	Clippings (poems), 1923-1933
5	4	Norwegian Americans clippings, 1917-1938
5	5	Clippings (Ristad), 1912-1936
5	6	"En Festferd til Norge 1930" clippings, 1930-1931
		Correspondence
1	2-5	1892-1944
5	7	J.A. Aasgaard, 1931-1937
5	8	Avatsmark, 1933-1937
5	9	T.C. Blegen, 1925-1938
5	10	Lars W. Boe, 1929-1936
		Some of the letters concern O.E. Rølvaag.
5	11	Knut Gjerset, 1923-1936
5	12	Lars O. Haug, 1925-1934
5	13	Reidar Rye Haugan, 1926-1934
5	14	O. Hegdahl, 1931-1938
5	15	Laurence M. Larson, 1926-1935
5	16	J.A. Myrwang, 1938
5	17	G.M. Bruce, 1933-1937
6	1	John Nornborg, 1926-1938
6	2	O.M. Oleson, 1926-1928
6	3	Birger Osland, 1925-1927
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6	5	Kristian Prestgard, 1906-1937
6	6	J.C.K. Preus, 1932-1938
6	7	J. Jørgen Thompson (NAHA) papers, 1925-1937
6		"Fra det norske Amerika Kvad," 1930
		Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, MN.
7		Sermons (organized by liturgical calendar), 1916-1938
		Includes: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July,
		Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.
Folio 1		Detail of "Korsalteret," 1930
		The altar was presented to the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, Norway.