

Collection Name:

Hallinglag papers, 1906-2005

Collection Number:

P0465 (Hallinglag)

Extent:

0.8 cubic feet (2 archives boxes)

Scope and Content:

Organized at Walcott, North Dakota, March 9, 1907. In 1925, at the Norse-American Centennial, the society had an estimated attendance of 1,050.

Past president include:

Dr. Olaf Th. Sherping (1907-1915)

Syver O. Olstad (1915-1918)

Prof. Knut Løkensgaard (1918-1925)

Thom Myking (1925-1927)

Asbjørn Tufte (1927-1931)

Halvor Langslet (1931-1948, 1958-1961)

O.I. Hertsgaard (1948-1958)

Leonard E. Larson (1961-1956).

History of the Bygdelag:

Papers of "bygd" societies and their Common Council ("Bygdelagenes Fellesraad"); clippings; constitutions; correspondence; minutes and financial records; pamphlets; pictures; programs; and reports; dealing with conventions; officers; special projects; and the Norse-American Centennial of 1925. The bygdelag; organized around the turn of the century; are societies based on regional origins in Norway. They were active in the Eidsvoll Centennial in 1914 and the Norse-American Centennial in 1925. While activity dropped off after the beginning of World War II; a revival began in the 1980s as a result of renewal of ethnic interest; and with emphasis on family history. Odd S. Lovoll's "A Folk Epic; The Bygdelag in America" (NAHA; 1975); which includes a bibliography of lag publications.

Papers of the various "bygdelag;" "social organizations of (Americans) from the same homeland district; usually rural" which began in 1899 with the organization of the Valdres Samband. About fifty other lag with national-wide appeal were formed; as well as many others which were more local. They held annual "stevner" (meetings) and many published periodicals; yearbooks; or monographs which often contained extensive genealogical materials. A decline came after

World War II; with a revival in the 1970s particularly through renewed emphasis on genealogical research.

A Council of Bygdelags (Bygdelagenes Faellesraad) coordinates activities of the groups. They were very active in the Eidsvoll centennial celebrations in 1914; and the Norse-American Centennial in 1925. Holdings for the various lag vary; but usually include clippings of newspaper articles about their meetings; correspondence; programs; and copies of their publications; duplicates of library holdings; in the periodical and book collections (monographs and annuals included in the latter). In some cases regional associations are included with the national groups; and in others separate groups which later merged are included under the merged name.

Box	Folder	Description
4	1	Hallingen booklets, March 1954-March 1957 Includes: March 1954; June 1954; September 1954; December 1954; June 1955; September 1955; March 1956; June 1956; December 1956; March 1957; June 1982; December 1957
4	2	Hallingen booklets, June 1995-December 2005 Includes: June 1995; September 1995; September 1957; March 2005; September 2005; December 2005; June 2003
4	3	Hallingdal/Hemsedal books, 1906-1925 Includes: Hemsdal og Hemsedöler by Hans Flaten and Ingvald H. Ulsaker (in Norwegian), 1906; Hallingdal i tekst og billeder by L.K. Ødegaard (in Norwegian or Swedish), 1925
4	4	Indexes of Publications, circa 1908-1993 Includes: Inholds Liste Av Opskrivelser: Halling-Minne, circa 1908-1978; Hallingen Index 1984-1993 by Joyce Holter, undated; Dikt og Sang i Hallingen ("Poems and Song[s] in Hallingen"), circa 1913-1978; "Hallinglaget; Concordia College, Meets June 13-15," newspaper clipping, circa May 1957
66	1	Hallinglag, 1958-1971
66	2	Hallinglag 70th Anniversary
66	3	Hallinglag 75th Anniversary, 1982
66	4	Hallinglag Festskrift 1957, 1967
66	5	Hallinglag 1957 (50th Anniversary)
66		Hallinglag 1998 Tour application form; letter to Members of the Hallinglag of America from Belvin Heieie, December 1997.
66	6	Hallinglag, 1908-1931, undated
66	7	Hallinglag questionnaires from Odd Lovoll, 1970
70	7	Torpo Hallingdal photograph, undated