

**Collection Name:**

Annexstad family papers, circa 1884-1972

**Collection Number:**

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**Extent:**

1.8 cubic feet (2 archive boxes, 1 half archive box, and 1 flat box)

**Biography/History:**

Martin Annexstad (1882-1982) was born to John and Gulina Tollefson Annexstad at Norseland, Lake Prairie Township, Minnesota. John Annexstad (1851-1930) was born in Toten, Norway, and immigrated to the United States in 1871. Gulina Tollefson (1853-1947) immigrated to Norseland, Minnesota, as an infant with her parents, Johan and Nikoline Olsdatter Overn, in 1854. John and Gulina were married in 1877 and became the parents of Jens, Martin, Adolph, and Gustaf. They later adopted Grace and Eloise.

On June 12, 1912, Martin married Hattie Eldora Hanson (1890-1985), born at Norseland to Christian and Lena Tostenson Hanson. Christian (1864-1948) was born in Norseland to Norwegian immigrants Hans Christian and Johanna Hovland Hanson. Lena (1867-1942) was born at New Sweden, New Sweden Township, Minnesota, to Norwegian immigrants Erik and Kari Slettemoen Tostenson.

Martin and Hattie built Lake Park Farm, Section 29, just across the field from his parents' farm. They were the parents of three children: Martin John Christian (1914-1997); Estelle Geneva Leone (1917-1964); and Pearl Katherine (1920-2015). In 1949, Martin John Christian married Eleanor Ann Schwartau (1925-1966) of Goodhue County. Martin (who became known as Marney) and Eleanor raised the third generation on Lake Park Farm: Karen Ann (1950-), Mark Martin (1954-), and Grant Martin (1955-).

**Scope and Content:**

Photographs, scrapbooks, and correspondence related to the Annexstad family of Norseland, Minnesota. Most correspondence is sent to Karen Annexstad Humphrey. Three scrapbooks: 2 scrapbooks with cartoons about "Han Ola og Han Per" from the 1940s, in the Decorah-Posten, 1 scrapbook with political cards, mid-20th century and earlier. All compiled by Markin T. Annexstad Sr., Lake Park Farm, Norseland, Rte. 3, St. Peter, MN.

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| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 1          | 1             | Tollefsen family photographs, circa 1884, circa 1895<br>Tollefsen homestead in Norseland, Lake Prairie Township, Minnesota, circa 1884; Family portrait of three generations, including John, Adolph, Nicholine, Johan, Gulina, Jets, Dorthe, and Martin, photo taken before 1895, before Gustaf was born.       |
| 1          | 2             | Harold and Estelle (Annexstad) Arneman family photographs<br>Includes John William Arneman.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1          | 3             | Hattie Hanson Annexstad and Martin Annexstad family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1          | 4             | Jens and Hilda Annexstad family photographs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1          | 5             | Hanson family photographs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1          | 6             | Letters from home to Karen Annexstad at Minnesota Girls State, 1967                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1          | 7-9           | Letters sent to Karen Annexstad, 1968-Summer 1969<br>Many of the letters are from the family on Lake Park Farm and refer to farm activities, sports, extended family, 4-H, and Farm Bureau events, and general interest. Letters were sent to Karen while she was a student at the University of Minnesota.      |
| 2          | 1-2           | Letters sent to Karen Annexstad, 1969-Spring 1970<br>Karen was in her sophomore year at the University of Minnesota. During this time, she worked co-announcing the daily University of Minnesota Farm Hour on KUOM Radio. There are also letters from her high school classmates who served in the Vietnam era. |
| 2          | 3             | Letters sent to Karen Annexstad, 1970 October-1971 May<br>Karen was in her junior year at the Clovia Sorority House (a cooperative) in St. Paul. Many of the women grew up on farms or in small rural communities and had been members of 4-H, which was one of the requirements for the first half-century.     |
| 2          | 4             | Letters sent to Karen Annexstad, 1972 January 6-1972 May 5<br>Karen was in her senior year at the University of Minnesota.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4          | 1             | Letters sent to Karen Annexstad, 1971-1972<br>During the summers of those years, Karen was an intern at the National 4-H Foundation in Chevy Chase, Maryland.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4          | 2             | Letters sent to Karen Annexstad, 1972<br>Related to the Minnesota Bicentennial Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4          | 3             | Postcards sent from Karen Annexstad, 1972                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 4 | 4 | Letters sent from Floraine Tautenhoff Annexstad Stark to Karen Annexstad, circa 1972                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4 | 5 | Letters sent to Karen Annexstad, 1968-1974                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3 | 1 | Photograph of Christian and Lena Tostenson Hanson family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3 |   | Martin T. Annexstad Sr. scrapbooks, circa 1900-circa 1960<br>Three scrapbooks: 2 scrapbooks with cartoons about "Han Ola og Han Per" from the 1940s, in the Decorah-Posten, 1 scrapbook with political cards, mid-20th century and earlier. All compiled by Markin T. Annexstad Sr., Lake Park Farm, Norseland, Rte. 3, St. Peter, MN. |