



Collection Name:

Peter Andreas Munch papers, 1855-1985

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Extent:

5.2 cubic feet (13 archives boxes)

Abstract:

Records pertaining to the Norwegian-American interests of a sociologist who was born at Nes, Hedmark, and who received his early education in Norway. After graduate study at the Universities of Oslo, Oxford, Halle-Wittenberg and Chicago he received his first Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Oslo. He came to live in the United States in 1948, starting as a Research Associate at the University of Wisconsin. He taught at St. Olaf College, 1949-1951, at the University of North Dakota, 1951-1957, and at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 1957-1977.

He was also a lecturer and visiting professor at several other American and Scandinavian Universities, and served on the Editorial Board of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, 1961-1984. In 1939 he had been part of a Norwegian Scientific Expedition to Tristan da Cunha, an island in the South Atlantic. The experience led to his becoming an expert on the island about which he published numerous articles and books, the most famous being "Crisis in Utopia" (1971). In 1970 he and his wife, Helene Munch, published "The Strange American Way," which was based on their traditions of the letters of Caja Munch, his grandmother, and on excerpts from the autobiography of the Rev. J. St. Munch, who served parishes in Wiota, Wisconsin, and in the surrounding area, 1855-1859. P.A. Munch's essay, "Social Class and Acculturation," is part of the book. After Munch's retirement from Southern Illinois University in 1977 he was elected a member of the Norwegian Academy of Science for his contributions to Sociology.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	Range
1	1	Personal Data, photos. Tributes.	1949	1984
1	2	Munch family history (60 p. manuscript, notes, clippings, letters inserted in notebook.)	1926	1926
1	3	Rural Norway--cultural problems, clippings.	1947	1950
1	4	Rural Norway--Agricultural Policy, clippings.	1948	1950
1	5	Rural Norway--Class and estate, clippings.	1948	1950



1	6	Rural Norway--Peasant movement (project in the 1950s). Proposals, etc.	1956	1958
1	7	Rural Norway--Peasant movement (project in the 1950s). Proposals, etc. 5 folders.	1955	1958
1	11	"Bygdesociologi". Clippings and pamphlets.	1949	1959
1	12	"Landhandelens historie" no date	0	0
1	13	"A Study of Cultural Change: rural-urban conflicts in Norway"	1956	1956
2	1	Norway--Church, clippings. N.d.	0	0
2	2	Norway--Pamphlets and reprints (Eilert Sundt, Norwegian peasants).	1874	1954
2	3	Norway--Social research (Dagfinn Sivertsen manuscript, "Etlinger I Busserull" (1964)	1964	1964
2	4	Norway--Social Research (Douglas Caulkins correspondence)	1976	1976
2	5	Norway--Maps.	0	0
2	6	"Det Nørrøne Grønland" by Joan E. Mellbye (Morgenbladets kronikk. May 27, 1948)	1948	1948
2	7	U.S. Immigration--general. Pamphlets. Includes: "An Un-American Marriage," by Benjamin Lotz. (n.d.); "Immigrant Backgrounds: A Bibliography for Social Workers among the Foreign-Born," compiled by Elsie M. Rushmore (1920); "The Effects of the Immigration Law of 1924 upon a Minority Immigrant Group," by O. Fritiof Ander (1944); "Cultural Pluralism," by Clyde V. Kiser (1949); "Suggestions for preparing township maps of ethnic stocks" (n.d.)	1920	1949
2	8	Norwegians in America, clippings. Includes: "Leif Ericson Day" (Madison, Wisconsin. n.d.); "Veteran of the Runestone War Repeats His Doubts" (1952); Percy J. Offerdahl family (1948); "Kaffelag" at church at Stoughton, Wis. (1949); "Koshkonong Churches are Dramatic Evidence of Early Lutheran Conflict" (1949); "Genealogist Traces Norse Lines" Henry Stengelsen family history. (1956)	1948	1956
2	9	Norwegians in America, clippings. Includes: "En Norsk-Amerikansk Eventyrer av generalsekretæ Johan Hambro" (1967); "The Mystery of the Private Chapel" (1952) by Hartzell Spence. Built by Mr. And Mrs. Donald S. Boynton; "The Offerdahls" (1948) of Dane County, Wisconsin; "Lutefisk Rates Highly on Christmas menus" photo clipping of Mrs. E.N. Branstad (1948); Vernon County, Wis. Clippings (1947)	1947	1967



2	10	Norwegians-Americans Acculturation Study (Wisconsin). n.d. 2 folders.	0	0
3	1	Norwegians In Wisconsin. Includes separate folders for: maps, church incorporation Laws (1847); Blanchardville. Includes photos, typescript transcriptions of family documents belonging to Mrs. Ole Folkedahl (1823-1884), Blue Mounds; Coon Valley. Includes Brye Centennial reunion (1849-1949); Dane County. Includes a brief history of the founding of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in the town of York, Green County by Oscar R. Olson. Additional history by Dorothy Disrude, Civil War article with photos; Koshkonong. "Koshkonong Became Americanized," Beulah M. Folkedahl (1943); Mt. Horeb. Includes photo reprint, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture preliminary report, "Causes and Conditions of Retirement of 100 retired persons living in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin" (1926); Valdres Valley; Viroqua. Includes "A Pioneer Ladies' Aid: A Dramatization" by Martha Rudie Bentson (1941), "Viroqua Centennial" (1946); Westby; "Community and Neighborhood in Rural Wisconsin" manuscript (55 p. typescript); "Norwegians in Wisconsin" manuscript (13 p. typescript. 1969).	1823	1982
4	1	Wiota Wisconsin, and "The Strange American Way". 18 folders. Correspondence regarding Wiota. Separate folders for American Lutheran Church archives, Elmo Agrimson, Kenneth Bjork, Domprost J.O. Dietrichson (Norway), Ernest O. Gilbertson, Einar Haugen, Olaf Hougen, Lars Johnson, Luther College, Norman McKenna, Mrs. J.f. Mueller, NAHA Archives, J.C.K. Preus, Arvid Sandaker (Norway), Solveig Tunold (Oslo U., Norway), U.S. Geological Survey, University of Wisconsin Press, Wisconsin State Historical Society, Walter Wangerin (re: Preus family).	1964	1980
4	19	Wiota Wisconsin clippings.	1937	1974
4	20	Caja Munch Letters (copies of originals. Following folder contains transcriptions).	1855	1857
4	21	Caja Munch Letters (copies of originals. Following folder contains transcriptions).	1970	1976
4	25	Maps of Wiota and surrounding areas.	1967	1857
4	26	3 folders: "Pastor Munch of Wiota" for "Makers of An American Immigrant Legacy" (1980); correspondence with Odd Lovoll; Photos	1979	1980
5	1	Norwegians in Illinois.	0	0
5	2	Norwegians in Indiana. "Cultural Islands in Adams County, Indiana" edited by Paul H. Landis (1943).	1943	1943



5	3	Norwegians in Iowa. "Minority-Group Pattern in Prairie Society" by John Useem and Ruth Hill Useem(1945); "Stratification in a Prairie Town" by John Useem, Pierre Tangent, and Ruth Useem (1942)	1942	1945
5	4	Norwegians in Massachusetts. "Norwegians in West Concord, Massachusetts. A One-Day Survey" (1947). Narrators: Rasmus Helsher; Mrs. Edwardson, daughter of Martinus Helskjær, from Helgøen; Mr. And Mrs. Christofferson from Romedal, Hedmark; Mr. And Mrs. Mickelson from Løyten; Harry P. Odland; Gunnar Jensen; Henry Bertelsen; Mr. Jensen from Flekkefjord; Emil Thorp. Interviews in "Dovre Bar" with Leif Nashe, Mr. Johansen from Kristiansand, Martin Hoiem, Mr. And Mrs. Bolstad from Grøerløkka in Oslo, and Ivar Larsen from Vallset, Hedmark. Telephone interview with Mr. Burstad from Torpeberget near Fredrikstad. Interview at home with Mr. And Mrs. Oscar Beckvold	1947	1947
5	5	Norwegians in Michigan. "Ethnic Settlements in Rural Michigan" by J.f. Thaden (1946);	1946	1946
5	6	Norwegians in Minnesota. "Modern Norway meets Minnesota. Norwegian American Commerce" (1952)	1952	1952
5	7	Norwegians in Goodhue County, Minnesota. "En Norsk Bygd i Minnesota"	0	0
5	8	Norwegians in New York. "John Lindmark: Versatile Swedish Immigrant in New York," by Adolph B. Benson (1946); "Facts about the Norwegian American Colony in Brooklyn, N.Y. (1941)	1941	1941
5	9	Norwegians in North Dakota.	1956	1956
5	10	Norwegians in South Dakota. Includes: clipping "Pioneer Cabin Now Museum," Whitman, N.D. cabin of Tollef Lillehaugen (1956); "Immigrant Settlements and Social Organizations in South Dakota," by John P. Johansen (1937); "Immigrants and their children in South Dakota," by John P. Johansen (1936); "Farmers Study their Communities in Hand County, South Dakota" (1941)	1937	1941
5	11	Norwegians in Texas.	0	0
5	12	Old Order Amish in U.S. Includes: "Culture and Medical Behavior of the Old Order Amish of Johnson County, Iowa," by Jochem von heeringen and Thomas McCorkle (1958)	1958	1958
5	13	Czech people in U.S. Includes: "Czech Farmers in Oklahoma" (1942); "Culture and Medical Behavior in a Bohemian Speech Community in Iowa," by Edward Kibbe and Thomas McCorkle (1957)	1942	1957



5	14	Finns In U.S. Includes: "Finnish Immigrants and a 'Frii Kontri'," by John I. Kolehmainen (1947); "In Praise of the Finnish Backwoods Farmer," by John Ilmari Kolehmainen (1950)	1947	1950
5	15	Germans in the U.S. Includes: "The German Settlement in Cullman County, Alabama: An Agricultural Island in the Cotton Belt," by Walter M. Kollmorgen (1941); "The German-Swiss in Franklin County, Tennessee," by Walter M. Kollmorgen (1940); "Survivals of Old Marriage-Customs among the low Germans of West Missouri," by William G. Bek (1908)	1908	1941
5	10	Icelanders in U.S. Includes: "America in the Making: A series of Broadcasts by Val Bjornson. Address: "The Viking Voyagers" (1943), "Modern Migrations Begin" (1948), "Evaluating the Contribution" (1948)	1943	1948
5	17	Polish people in the U.S. Includes "Wild Rose" an interview with John Swendrzynski and family (1946) by Douglas G. Marshall	1946	1946
5	18	Swedish people in the U.S.	1947	1947
6	1	Letters re: St. Olaf College (Gertrude Hilleboe to Beulah Folkedah). Mentions Angeline Jacobson. Defends college against rumors and "vicious propaganda."; and (Julius Boraas to Fredrik A. Schiotz): response "Thoughtfulness in our Religious Life."	1929	1929
6	2	Correspondence regarding position at St. Olaf College. Includes "Employment or student status for fall of 1951" of members of St. Olaf Class of 1951.	1947	1951
6	3	Lectures over radio WCAL (St. Olaf College). Series name: "The Social History of two Norwegian Settlements in Wisconsin". Lecture one: "The Melting Pot"; Lecture two: "Speaking in Tongues"; Lecture three: "Anglo-Saxon Dominance in the American Culture"; Lecture four: "Minority Groups"; Lecture five: "The American Transition"; Lecture six: "Symbols of Loyalty"; Lecture seven: "The Bi-Cultural Situation"; Lecture eight: "The Immigrant and his Adjustment to the American Society"; Lecture Nine: "The Two Settlements"; Lecture ten: "Segregation According to District of Origin"; Lecture Eleven: "Adaptive Adjustments of the Lognings"; Lecture twelve: "The Social Situation"; Lecture Thirteen: "Viroqua--A Duel Community"; Lecture fourteen "Westby--A Democratic Utopia"; Lecture Fifteen "Our Double Heritage"	1950	1951
6	4	Research Project: Study of St. Olaf Student body, 1949-1950.	1949	1950



6	5	Interviews with St. Olaf Students, May 1951. Includes: Joseph S. Fevold, Jr., Noreen Paulson, Lawrence Holst, Norm Midthun; Donald Brodahl, John W. Thompson, Donald W. Ellingson, Stuart Barstad, Marian Nielsen, Arthur F. Solem, Richard A. Johnson, Joan Holmquist, Charlotte Ann Peterson, Donelly Martinson, Thomas Grimsrud, Jacob Lee, Paul Nappe, Robert Wulff, Ruth E. Larson, Merton Christensen, H. Sanford Mickelson	1951	1951
6	6	Liberal arts follow-up study (St. Olaf College)	1949	1950
6	7	Programs, Clippings, St. Olaf College	1949	1950
6	8	17 of May Address by P.A. Munch, "The Courage to be Yourself"	1952	1952
6	8	75th Anniversary program (Founders Day, St. Olaf College). Includes "The Past is the Foundation of the Future," by Munch.	1949	1949
7	1	Schrader-Albers Neighborhood (Union Lake, Rice County): "Historical Sketch of the founders of the Albers and Schrader Families" by Eileen Scradler, 1947; materials for Rural Sociology course, 1950-1951 based on this neighborhood.	1947	1951
7	2	"Interaction and Collective Identification in Rural Locality," reprint from "Rural Sociology"	1963	1963
7	3	Notes for Sociology 506.	1966	1966
7	4	"Forholdet mellom den personlige tro og dens intellektuelle inhold," by Munch (1932?); "A Theory of Society and Religion," by Munch (1948)	1932	1948
7	5	C.A. Mellby paper: Religion and the Social Sciences.	1951	1951
7	6	"Sociology and Religion," notes, readings, correspondence. Ca. 1959	1959	1959
7	7	Religion and Society, clippings. Includes: "Divination--A new Perspective" by Omar Khayyam Moore (Yale Univ.); "Ekstase og Religion" by Georg Sverdrup (1947). Other clippings by Sverdrup); "Studies in the Sociology of Religion with special reference to Max Weber," by Milton Yinger (1940); "Charismatic Aspect of German Youth Leadership," by Howard Becker; "The Social Function of Religion," by Charles A. Ellwood (1913); "Sacred and Secular Aspects of Human Sociation" by Howard Becker & Robert C. Myers (1942); "Some Aspects of Taboo and Totemism," by Howard Becker and David K. Bruner (1931); "History and Sociology," by Peter A. Munch (1959)	1913	1951



7	8	Papers from SCANPRESENCE II, 1977, at which P.A. Munch read a paper, "Ethnic Identity and the Church."	1977	1977
8	1	"Samfunnsforskning." Documents and correspondence.	1938	1947
8	2	"Group Identification, notes, pamphlets." Includes: "A Preliminary Group Classification Based on Structure," by Dwight Sanderson (1938); "Neighborhoods, Townships and Communities in Wright County, Minnesota," by Vernon Davies (1943)	1938	1947
8	4	"An Attempt at An Analysis of Some Sociological Terms and Concepts," by Munch (1946)	1951	1951
8	3	"Den norske Studentersangforenings stiftelse og første aar," by Munch. 51 p.	1945	1945
8	5	"Interaction and Collective Identification As Factors in the Integration of the Human Group," by Munch.	1955	1955
8	6	Ballads and Folklore--course material.	1956	1957
8	7	"Neighborhood, Community, and the Concept of the Social Group," by Munch and Robert Campbell.	1958	1958
8	8	"Symbolic groups & Functional systems: Collective Identification and Selective Interaction in a Rural Locality," by Munch and Campbell (n.d., ca. 1958	1958	1958
8	9	"The Concept of 'Function' and Its Uses in Sociological Theory," by Munch. (n.d.)	0	0
8	10	"The Traditional Songs of Tristan Da Cunha" by Munch.	1961	1961
8	11	"The 'Boarding Book' of Tristan Da Cunha" by Munch.	1985	1985
8	12	"Grundtvig and the Scandinavian Folk High School"	1973	1973
8	13	"On Ethical Neutrality and 'Value-Free' Sociology. A letter to a Graduate Student"	1974	1974
8	14	"Social Conflict in Pioneer Communities of the Middle West"	1975	1975
8	15	Seminars (Peter Munch's Swan Song).	1977	1977
8	16	University of Oslo-pamphlets.	1951	1967
8	17	Pamphlets on Sociological Topics (German and French)	1950	1955
8	18	Hawaii Scrapbook.	0	0
8	19	"Ten Thousand Swedes: Reflections on a Folklore Motif" (1960) with related material on the Sinclair ballad.	1960	1974



8	20	Offprints of Articles on sociological topics.	0	0
9	1	Correspondence. 15 folders. Beulah Folkedahl, Scott Greer, Helen Hughes, Merrill Jensen, J.H. Kolb, Charles R. Lee, Robert Redfield, Sigmund Skard, Lowell Soike, Ronald Tonneson, re: Max Weber, re: "A Study of Cultural Change."	1936	1978
9	16	Program, guest appearance, May 17, 1967, Syracuse, N.Y.	1967	1967
9	17	Miscellaneous pamphlets. Includes: "Resistance Communication under Military Occupation: The Norwegian Experience," by Paul Wehr (1971); "Norwegian-American Acculturation: A Linguistic Analysis," by Odin W. Anderson. (n.d.)	1950	1971
10	1	Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups (11 folders). Munch contributed article on Norwegians. Folders include: correspondence (1974-80); drafts; correspondence "Danes" by Skårdal; clippings from "The Democraten" (1850-1851); clippings from "Emigranten" (1852-1859); clippings from "Folkebladet" (1860); clippings from "Friheds-Banneret" (1952-53)	1974	1980
11	1	11 folders Newspaper clippings. "Hemlandet" (1855); "Kirkelige Maanedstidende" (1856-1860); "Kirkelig Tidende" (1856-1860); "Minnesota Posten (Red Wing) (1857-1858); "Nordlyset" (1847-1849); "Nordstjernen" (1857); "Den Norske Amerikaner" (1855-57); "Svenska Amerikaneren" (1866); "Den Swenske Republikaner" (1856-58); copies of Elias Stangeland. Veilendende vink for norske udvanderere (1853); N.E.L. Synodalmøde (1855)	1855	1860
11	12	Correspondence, notices, etc. NAHA Board of Publications.	1960	1982

12		Miscellaneous. 2 boxes of notecards cataloging books belonging to various categories, such as Bygdelag, Immigration and Acculturation, and Norwegian; 2 scrapbook binders, labeled 1940-1941 and 1941-1951, with programs, papers, etc., organized by subject.	1940	1951
13		Binders, 1951-1984. Contains 6 binders, which include essays, articles, programs, etc. by Peter Munch.	1951	1984

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