

**Collection Name:**

Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag papers, 1911-2017

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P0465 (Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag)

Extent:

1.2 cubic feet (3 archives boxes)

About Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag:

The Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken (NHOH) bygdelag is an organization for descendants of immigrants from Hedmark, Norway. The lag is an expanded revival of the former Østerdalslaget which was formed during their first stevne at Fergus Falls, Minnesota on June 18, 1910 and dissolved in 1962. NHOH was formed in August 1995 in Madison Wisconsin.

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.

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Bibliographic Citation:

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Box	Folder	Description
17	7	Newsletter, Fall 1995-Spring 2004 Also Includes: "Are Your Roots in Hedmark Fylke, Norway?" flier.
18	1	Newsletter, Summer 2004-Fall 2006
18	2	Newsletter, Spring 2007-Fall 2011
18	3	Newsletters, Spring 2012-Fall 2017
18	4	"Forming a New Bygdelaag, 1994-1995: The Formation of the Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag"
18	5	Organization Documents, 1995-2019 Programs, Constitution, and History
18	6	Highlights of the First Ten Years, 1995-2005
18	7	Correspondence, 1995-2003
19	1	Correspondence and Programs, 1997-2006
19	2	Membership Lists, 1990-1999
19	3	Membership List, 1999-2013
19	4	Notes (Spiral Notebook) by Mrs. John M. Bly of Northfield, Minnesota
19	5	"Bygdejøl" and "Vigsling av Ålvik kyrkje" Publications, 1962-1972 Includes: Bygdejøl ("Bygdejøl") ("Bygde Christmas"), 1969, 1971-1972 and "Vigsling av Ålvik kyrkje" ("Vigsling av Ålvik kirke") ("Consecration of Ålvik Church"), 1962. Note: These two titles are written in nynorsk, another form of written Norwegian. The bokmål (the most common written form of Norwegian used in Norway, as of 2023) translation has been added in parenthesis alongside the original titles along with an English translation for convenience.
19	6	Immigration records and membership(?), A-Hn, circa 1911-1915 The card catalog appears to have belonged to a member of the Bly family.
20	1	Immigration Records and Membership (?), Ho-Shd, circa 1911-1915
20	2	Immigration Records and Membership (?), She-Z, circa 1911-1915