

Collection Name:

Bjorn Winger papers, 1916-1940

Collection Number:

P1379

Extent:

0.4 cubic feet (1 archives box)

Biography/History:

Bjorn A. Winger (1892-1945) was a second-generation Norwegian-American who grew up in Minnesota. He graduated from St. Olaf College in 1914. Shortly after this, he enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard, serving during World War I; during his training or deployment at Camp Cody in New Mexico, he began writing and publishing poetry. He received his M.A. degree from Indiana University in 1930. He taught English in an Indianapolis high school from 1916 to 1941, except for military service in France during World War I.

Scope and Content:

Poems, stories, and an unpublished novel of a Norwegian-American teacher, folklorist, and writer. The papers include information about his father, Anders Winger (1861-1928), a Norwegian actor who emigrated in 1882 and lived in Minnesota the rest of his life.

Access Rights:

This collection is open to research.

Bibliographic Citation:

[Indicate the cited item here]. Bjorn Winger Papers. Norwegian American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Memorabilia, 1797 Memento from the remains of the 44-gun frigate U.S.S. Constitution that Bjorn Winger acquired on a trip to the East Coast in 1932.
1	2	Memorabilia, 1924-1971 Includes a South Polar Diamond Anniversary Medal issued by the Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1971-1972 with Robert F. Scott on one side, Roald Amundsen on the other;

		and a calling card from Mr. Woodrow Wilson at address 2340 S Street, Washington, D.C. dated January 3, 1924.
1	3	Two volumes, 1908, 1927 Henrik Ibsen's "Samlede Værker" (1908) and "Giants in the Earth" (1927) by O.E. Rølvaag.
1	4	Biographical data and photos, 1912-1949 Includes certificate of confirmation, résumé, obituary, and photos.
1	5	Anders Winger, biography and elegy, 1928
1	6	Short stories and essays, typescript and handwritten, 1916-1932
1	7	Poems published in "Child Life," 1922-1924
1	8	Short stories and essays, typescript, 1939-1944
1	9	Alien Sons, manuscript, typescript, 1940
1	10	Music, 1935 "The Bold Bad Pirate Lafitte", for male chorus. Words by Bjorn Winger, music by Ben Burtt. 20 pages, handwritten. "Day Hath Its Eventide" by Bjorn Winger and Jane Eberhardt. 1 page, handwritten.
1	11	Poems. Unnumbered pages, typescript and handwritten, 1917-1940