



**Collection Name:**

Ola Johann Saervold papers, 1840-1941

**Collection Number:**

P0587

**Extent:**

2.2 cubic feet (5 archives boxes)

**History/Biography:**

Ola Johann Saervold was a sailor on the Great Lakes (1886-1889); a student at Luther College (1889-1895); a correspondent for "Inter-Ocean" (Chicago) (1895-1898); a lecturer and newspaper correspondent who described his travels in Norway (1899-1910); a farmer on the ancestral farm in Strandvik, Midthordland, Norway, which he equipped and operated according to American standards (1910-1918); a traveler and correspondent for "Skandinaven" (1921-1925). He was the author of four books: "Erling" (1898), "Det store stevne i Camrose, Canada" (1926), "Reisebreve," 3 volumes (1926), and "The Discovery of America" (1931).

**Abstract:**

Biographical miscellany, correspondence, articles, clippings, account books of a Norwegian-born, American-educated, Minneapolis resident, world traveler and lecturer, journalist and linguist, farmer and sailor. His papers contain transcripts of legal documents dealing with the history of the Saervold farm; his Luther College report cards; a recipe book (manuscript) from the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary (Red Wing, Minnesota); a domestic science course (1908-1909); and manuscripts titled "Prestehjemmenes plads i vort folkeliv," "Kirken og det norske sprog i Amerika," and "What Is the Matter with Minnesota and Why" (a study of taxation). Correspondents include B. E. Bergeson, L. W. Boe, Juul Dieserud, Einar Hoidale, Peter Norbeck, and Henrik Shipstead.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1	1868-1919
1	2	1919-1929
1	6	1930-1933 Includes pamphlet written by Saervold, "The Discovery of America," (Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, 193. 16. p). Correspondence
1	3	1879-1897
1	4	1898-1924
1	5	1925-1927



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1	7	1927-1928
1	8	1929-1932
1	9	1933 Includes postcards: Skyride--A Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, 1933; Night view of Upper Michigan Avenue. Lindbergh Beacon, Chicago.
1	10	1934-1935
1	11	1935-1941 Articles and speeches
2	1	1913-1922
2	2	1923-1925
2	3	1926-1936
2	4	Manuscript material, undated "What is the Matter with Minnesota and Why?"; "Lincoln's Gettysburg-tale"; "The Discovery of America"
2	5	Norwegian-American Societies records, 1925-1936
2	6	Norwegian-American Societies clippings, 1927-1936
2	7	Book reviews, letters, articles, 1900-1935
2	8	Photographs, undated
3	1-3	Scrapbooks, 1925-1934
4		Books, autograph albums, account books, date books, 1887-1934
5	1	Composition book, 1909
5	2	Account book, 1875-1917
5	3	"Strandvik Material" folder, 1846-1918 Includes notes, documents, and 1 photograph.