

Collection Name:

John Kallestad family papers, 1890-1987

Collection Number:

P1413

Extent:

0.8 cubic feet (2 archive boxes)

Scope and Content:

Documents, correspondence, and photo albums concerning the family of John Kallestad, a master mariner who came to Chicago from Kristiansand in 1921 and whose family followed in 1923. The Kallestads were charter members of the Norwegian Memorial Church in Chicago, where John served as chairman of the Church Council.

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Box	Folder	Description
1	0	Scrapbooks, 1890-1980 7 scrapbooks, including newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, stamps, correspondence, postcards, etc. of Norwegian royalty, Norwegian cities, family, weddings, church, etc. 2 scrapbooks are labeled: "Josefa Kallestad postcards" and "Ma's trip to Norway, 1947, 1953, Pedersen and Somdal Families."
1	1	Certificates, etc, 1890-1987 Includes correspondence with Rolf Erickson; application for original license from U.S. Coast Guard; 2 passports; 2 Certifikats for Johannes Kallestad, Kristiansand; alien seaman's identification card; 1 photograph of a man on a boat.
1	2	Correspondence, 1950-1980 The majority of letters from the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Chicago, from Reverend C.S. Norborg.
1	3	Esther Kallestad Gulbrandsen photos, 1930-1950

- Includes 2 photographs: Miss Norway contest, 1937; close-up of Esther. Also includes a newspaper clipping of Norwegian-American beauty contests and a birthday card.
- 1 4 Josefa Kallestad records, 1900-1985
Includes 16 photographs, all identified by Josefa Kallestad (most appear to be family and friends); "Erindring om Konfirmationsdagen" booklet, 1907; Norwegian passport, 1923; correspondence; newspaper clippings; and a list of US presidents (through Reagan) and state capitals.
- 1 5 Leif Kallestad papers, 1925-1980
Includes 5 photographs, 4 from his military experience and 1 portrait when he was younger, (Stafford Studio); retirement application; transcript from California State College at Fullerton (formerly Orange State College); certification of military experience, Army, November 14, 1942 - November 5, 1943, Honorable relief from active duty, second lieutenant, 2 copies; diploma for Associate in Arts from Santa Anna College, June 12, 1959; diploma from California State College at Fullerton for Bachelor of Arts, January 30, 1965; correspondence (with Norwegian Consulate General; correspondence with his mother about his trip to Canada; Christmas card; letter from Columbine Records); newspaper clippings; several poems.
- 2 Scrapbooks, 1890-1975
8 scrapbooks, including newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, stamps, correspondence, postcards, etc. of Norwegian royalty, Norwegian cities, family, weddings, church, etc. Also includes 9 large photographs (Esther Kallestad and Peer Gulbrandsen wedding, Captain Perry James Gulbrandsen, Gilbert Clausen, Jenny Clausen, John and Josefa Kallestad, Styrmandsskolens Elever og Lærere 1913-1914, and Kristiansands off. Sjømandsskoles Skipperklasse 1915-1916, . Studios include Stafford, Chicago.); Vinland newspaper from February 5, 1976; and a Takke-Resolusjon to Pastor Sverre Norborg from John Kallestad.