

**Collection Name:**

Eidsvold family papers, circa 1880-1996

Collection Number:

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Extent:

5.2 cubic feet (3 record center cartons, 1 half archives box, 1 flat box, and 1 oversized photograph box)

Biography/History:

Engebret Eidsvold was born September 17, 1856 in Viken, Norway to Hans Kristoffersen Eidsvold and Rebekka Sypriansdatter Eidsvold. They had four other children: Hans Tollefsen Eidsvold; Peder Nielson Eidsvold; Carl Ely Eidsvold, and Syprian Eidsvold. He emigrated in 1872. In 1878 he married Maren Helene Grasmoe. Together they had ten children: Hilmer Eidsvold, Gertrude Corrine Fritz, Henry Eidsvold, Robert E. Eidsvold, Maria Eidsvold, Alfred Eidsvold, Hans Eidsvold, Ida Eidsvold, Mable Seidel, and Cozetta Rogers. They lived in Fairfax, Minnesota.

Henry Eidsvold (1879-1974), son of Engebret and Maren, was married to Maud Amanda Gumpolen (1879-1958). Maud Gumpolen Eidsvold was the daughter of Hans and Anne Gumpolen of Fairfax, Minnesota. They had three children together: Harold Edgar Eidsvold, Mildred Eidsvold, and Lyman Woodrow Eidsvold. The Eidsvold family was involved in creameries and were grocers in Minnesota. He founded Henry's Food Company, first in Minneapolis, and then eventually in Alexandria, Minnesota. His son Lyman Eidsvold (1913-1991) married Julie M. Mason. They had four children: Gary, Janet, Jim, and David.

Scope and Content:

The Eidsvold family papers include numerous photographs, correspondence, clippings, and genealogical materials that document the Eidsvold family in the United States. The Eidsvold were prominent members of the community, both in Minneapolis and Alexandria. In Minneapolis, where their grocery store was located, was called the "Eidsvold block." Henry Eidsvold started Henry's Food which is still in existence today. The collection also contains material from Peter Pryts, who was born in Norway and emigrated to Minnesota. Pryts was an alderman in the Minneapolis' 11th ward.

Access Rights:

This collection is open to research.

Bibliographic Citation:

[Indicate the cited item here]. Eidsvold Family Papers. Norwegian-American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Norway relatives, 1961-2023 Includes correspondence, photographs, and research materials.
1	2	Engebret Eidsvold records, 1897-1998
1	3	Engebret Eidsvold photographs Includes family portraits, Eidsvold Creamery and Grocery Co., and "Central Lutheran Church, 1868-1993: 125 Years of God's Love (Franklin, Minnesota).
1	4	Henry and Maud Eidsvold records
1	5-6	Henry Eidsvold photographs Includes Lutheran Brotherhood Golden Anniversary medallion.
1	7	Robert Eidsvold records
1	8	Alfred Eidsvold records
1	9	Lyman Eidsvold records Includes correspondence with son Gary, other letters, records, and war rations.
1	10	Correspondence from Lyman Eidsvold to Julie Mason Eidsvold, 1935
1	11	Correspondence from Lyman Eidsvold to Julie Mason Eidsvold, 1936
1	12	Lyman Eidsvold photographs
1	13	Correspondence from Lyman Eidsvold to Julie Mason Eidsvold, 1938
1	14	Julie Eidsvold records Includes postcards, clippings, recipes, and correspondence.
1	15	Correspondence from Julie Eidsvold to son, Gary Eidsvold, 1953-1961
1	16	Julie Eidsvold correspondence, 1961-1996
1	17	Julie Eidsvold photographs
1	18	Janet Eidsvold records Includes correspondence, photographs, and clippings.
3	13	Janet Eidsvold records Includes photographs and letter to the family from Sidney Rand (St. Olaf College President) after her death.
3	14	Autograph book, circa 1885-1890
1	19	Jim Eidsvold records Includes correspondence, photographs, and clippings.
2	1	Gary Eidsvold records Includes photographs, postcards, and clippings.
2	2-6	Gary Eidsvold correspondence
2	7	Gary Eidsvold photographs and clippings

2	8	"A Contemporary Search" by Gary Eidsvold, France, Summer, St. Olaf College, 1959
3	12	New York Physicians for Human Rights information, 1982-1994 Includes newsletters, by-laws, and board meeting minutes.
2	9	Sara and Philip Eidsvold records
2	10	Harold Eidsvold records Includes correspondence, clippings, and photographs.
2	11	Gumpolen – Toby Peder Lien
2	12	Gumpolen booklet
2	13	Gumpolen history tables
2	14	Gumpolen history research
2	15	Hans and Anna Gumpolen records
2	16	Hans and Anna Gumpolen photographs
2	17	Hans Gumpolen (brother and sister) photographs
2	18	Adolph and Iver Gumpolen photographs
2	19	Sig Gumpolen photographs and clippings
3	1	Rena Gumpolen photographs
3	2	Marie Gumpolen photographs and records Includes class history of 1902 for Madison, MN, correspondence, and clippings.
3	3	Emily Gumpolen photographs
3	4	Pryts family records Includes photographs and clippings.
3	5	Pryts photographs
3	6	Peter Pryts children photographs
3	7	Peter Pryts family photographs
3	8	Peter Pryts photographs
3	9-11	Friends of Peter Pryts photographs
4	1	New Ulm Creamery newspaper articles, 1919-1924
4	2-3	Oversized Eidsvold photographs
4	3	Oversized Gumpolen photographs
5		Oversized photographs
6		Individual photographs organized by person Includes: Henry Eidsvold, Minnie Olson and Huston Eidsvold, Lyman Eidsvold, Julie Eidsvold, Janet Eidsvold, Jim Eidsvold, Anne Eidsvold, Sara Eidsvold, and Philip Eidsvold.