



**Collection Name:**

Forrest Brown papers, circa 1970-circa 2011

**Collection Number:**

NAHA 2019/059

**Extent:**

3.8 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 6 index boxes)

**Biography/History:**

Forrest Brown was born in 1928 in Princeton, Minnesota. He graduated from Hamline University and earned a Masters degree in both History and Library Science from the University of Minnesota in 1954. Forrest worked as an assistant librarian at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin, and then the library director at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. In 1961 until his retirement in 1991, he served as the Director of the St. Olaf College Library. After his retirement, he was active in the Norwegian-American Historical Association as archivist. Forrest had a passion for Norwegian-American genealogy.

**Abstract:**

Research notes on Norwegian Americans from Goodhue County, Minnesota. Includes 30 volumes of research, organized by a card catalog system. Forrest Brown, former NAHA archivist, had an unrivaled knowledge and passion to document Goodhue County Norwegian settlements.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1-16	Norwegian Americans from Goodhue County, A-Ju
2	1-18	Norwegian Americans from Goodhue County, K-Sy
3	1-4	Norwegian Americans from Goodhue County, Tonnes-Y
3	5	Urland Church history
3	6	Valley Grove
3	7	Genealogical research, including maps and correspondence
3	8	"Kirkebok for Presten, 1845-1879"
3	9	Minnesota Genealogical Society pamphlets, 1980-1981
3	10	Materials related to NAHA, circa 1994
3	11	Correspondence with the United Methodist Church archives, 1982
3	12	Tracing the history of your Norwegian-American family manuscript, circa 1979
3	13	North Dakota's Forgotten Heritage: Public and Private Records as Historical Documents, 1983
3	14	Naeseth book, 1993

3	15	Grand Forks County Heritage Book: A History of Rural Grand Forks County, 1976
3	16	Alice Wilcox, 1977
3	17	Correspondence, 1977-1987
3	18	Research notes
3	19	Rice County, Minnesota, plat book, 1979
4-9		Index of Norwegian Americans from Goodhue County, unarranged