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Sognalag papers, 1908-2001

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**About Sognalag:**

The Sognalaget in Amerika was organized in Albert Lea, November 28, 1908. The lag historian was George T. Flom (1909).

**Past presidents include:**

John J. Bakke (1908-10)  
Rev. O. Refsdal (1910-13)  
Rev. J.A. Urness (1813-14)  
E.R. Hopperstad (1914-37)  
J.P. Vigdahl (1937-52, 1956-59)  
Andrew Wangstad (1952-54)  
H.M. Hanson (1954-56)  
Harold Nesse (1959-62, 1965-68, 1972-)  
Andrew Olness (1962-63)  
Kristin Vigdahl (1963-65)  
Arne Brekke (1968-70)  
Lewis Brown (1970-72)

**Past secretaries include:**

E.R. Hopperstad (1908-11)  
O.E. Williamson (1911-19)  
John B. Dybevik (1919-22)  
T.O. Oftshun (1922-26)  
J.P. Vigdahl (1926-37)  
J.A. Wickoren (1937-51)  
Theodore Overbo (1951-53)  
Oliver Nygaard (1953-57)  
Henry Lund (1957-58)  
Erick Reppen (1958-63)  
Kathy Wangsness (1963-68)  
Kristin Vigdahl (1968-72)

Lilliam Gorter (1972-)

Other Sognalags existed, including the Pacific Coast Sognalag that was organized in Tacoma Washington, May 26, 1912. After World War II, they merged with the West Coast Sunnfjordlag. The Southern Wisconsin Sognalag was organized in Stoughton, Wisconsin, February 8, 1932. The Northwest Sognalag was organized in Minot, North Dakota, July 25, 1927.

### **History of the Bygdelag:**

Papers of "bygd" societies and their Common Council ("Bygdelagenes Fellesraad"), clippings, constitutions, correspondence, minutes and financial records, pamphlets, pictures, programs, and reports, dealing with conventions, officers, special projects, and the Norse-American Centennial of 1925. The bygdelag, organized around the turn of the century, are societies based on regional origins in Norway. They were active in the Eidsvoll Centennial in 1914 and the Norse-American Centennial in 1925. While activity dropped off after the beginning of World War II, a revival began in the 1980s as a result of renewal of ethnic interest, and with emphasis on family history. Odd S. Lovoll's "A Folk Epic; The Bygdelag in America" (NAHA, 1975), which includes a bibliography of lag publications.

Papers of the various "bygdelag," "social organizations of (Americans) from the same homeland district, usually rural" which began in 1899 with the organization of the Valdres Samband. About fifty other lag with national-wide appeal were formed, as well as many others which were more local. They held annual "stevner" (meetings) and many published periodicals, yearbooks, or monographs which often contained extensive genealogical materials. A decline came after World War II, with a revival in the 1970s particularly through renewed emphasis on genealogical research.

A Council of Bygdelags (Bygdelagenes Faellesraad) coordinates activities of the groups. They were very active in the Eidsvoll centennial celebrations in 1914, and the Norse-American Centennial in 1925. Holdings for the various lag vary, but usually include clippings of newspaper articles about their meetings, correspondence, programs, and copies of their publications, duplicates of library holdings, in the periodical and book collections (monographs and annuals included in the latter). In some cases regional associations are included with the national groups, and in others separate groups which later merged are included under the merged name.

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
37	3	Sognalaget address book, 1914-1915 Includes: "Sognalagets Adressebog," ("Sognalagets Address Book"), 1914-1915.
37	4	Sognalag constitution and by-laws, circa 1908
37	5	Sognalag history and dialect examples, circa 1912-1954 Includes: "Sognalaget" newspaper clipping from Skandinaven, 31 January 1912; "Nokre plassa i Sogn" map booklet, including "Ældre norsk-amerikanske* prester født i Sogn" (*misspelling of "amerikanske") ("Older Norwegian-American Priests Born in Sogn") and three copies of Luke 15:11-32, "The Parable of the Lost Son," used as dialect samples (one from inside Sogn, one from the middle, and one from outside Sogn); "Songs for Sons of Norway Lodges," song pamphlet; history of Sognalaget's founding (including list of original officers and stevne/meeting locations), circa 1954; "Christofer H. Aspelund 92 Aar" ("Christofer H. Aspelund 92 Years"), a brief biography of Christofer H. Aspelund, written in Norwegian by J.P. Vigdahl.
37	6	Sognalag correspondence, 1942-1944 J.P. Vigdahl, [E.C. Somesger or E.C. Sonnesger], J. Brogger, Henry O. Talle, "Bygdelags venner" ("Bygdelag friends").
37	7	Sognalag correspondence, 1941-1946 stevne/meeting accounts; stevne (meeting) programs; newsletters; financial reports; two copies of "Presidentens Rapport" (President's Report) by J.P. Vigdahl, 1 May 1945; list of leadership for each lag, circa 1945(?); "Railway Express Agency" receipt, 26 June 1946; correspondence: J.P. Vigdahl, Ole Hegdahl, Bjarne Guttormsen, Ludv. Saxe, "Sogna Lagets Embedsmend* og direktører" (*in modern Norwegian, this word is "embedsmenn") ("The Sogna Laget's Officers and Directors"), "Bygdelagsven og Landsmand" ("Bygdelag Friend[s] and Countrymen"), Mr. T.O. Ofsthun, "Sognalagets stevne" ("The Sognalag's meeting"), Office of Price Administration, Harry Truman (U.S. President, 1945-1953), "John & Kona" ("John and [the] Wife"), Mr. Peterson (Secretary), "S.N.S.," Henry O. Talle, Mr. C.G. Pederson (Starbuck Commercial Club), "Bror Kristen m, famelie" ("Brother Kristen" and likely a misspelling of "familie" ("family"), Redaktør (Editor) of Decorah Posten, J. Brogger, Robert N. Nelson, Mr. O.J. Wickoren, "Wickoren & Kona" ("Wickoren and [the] Wife"), Iver M. [Kalues or Kalnes], "Jacob," "Jo," Starbuck Commercial Club, E.R. Hopperstad, Mr. Olaf Nundahl, J. (John) A. Wickoren, Mr. Arne Williamson (Norwegian American S.S. Line), "Dr. Herman Linde, M.D., F.R.C.S., Dean," L.K.E. Folkstad.
37	8	Sognalag correspondence, 1947

Bjarne Guttormsen, J.P. Vigdahl, E. Klaveness (sometimes spelt "Klaeeness"), (Professor) J. Jørgen Thompson, J.P. Vigdahl, Norwegian Consulate General Th. (possibly Torgeir) Siqveland (also a letter addressed to "Her og Fru Th. Siqveland" ("Mr. and Mrs. Th. Siqveland")), Mr. E.R. Hopperstad, Mr. Jacob Brogger, L.K.E. Folkestad, Henry O. Talle, R.N. Qualley (President, Valdres Samband), "The National Sognalag Convention," Ole Hegdahl, Marie Sexse, J.A. Wickoren, [Sam or Sen] Sherven, E.C. Sonnesyn, Andrew [Waugstad or Waugstod], Martin Midthun, Iver (sometimes spelt "Ivar") N. Kalnes, T.O. Ofsthun, Dr. Herman Linde, Ole Hegdahl, Curtis Hotel Management, Hans Straalsund (letter attached to "Contents of the 'Simple Rafter Tables' for Carpenters, Lumbermen, Farmers, etc."), Jon Finden, Ragnar Saeboe, Ragnvald Wangen, Clemens M. Granskou (President, St. Olaf College), Hans Urdahl, Martin E. Bjerkness (on behalf of the Greater Leif Erickson Committee), [O.G. Oeasen?], Mrs. H.R. Engebretson, "Kjere Bygdelagsven og Landsmand" ("Dear Bygdelag Friends and Countrymen"), S.N. Sherven, "presidenten for Bygdelagenes Fellesraad, herr N.N." ("The President for Bygdelagenes Fellesraad, Mr. N.N."), Rev. O.G. Aasen, "John," Christine [Christopherson]; pictures: Mrs. C.M. [Gransron or Granskon], Clemens M. [Gransron or Granskon], Mrs. P.A. Munch, P.A. Munch, J. Jorgen Thompson, others (unidentified), circa 21 June 1947; stevne (meeting) programs; stevne (meeting) admission tickets, circa 20 June 1947; financial records; stevne (meeting) announcements/newsletters; director's meeting notes.

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#### Sognalag correspondence, 1947-1948

J.P. Vigdahl, Reinert R. Steen, Sognepresten i Luster (Pastor/Priest in Luster\*) (\*a municipality in Norway), "Eders," Jens Lunde, Mr. E.R. Hopperstad, Mr Inar Lund (Decorah Posten), M.H. Vigdahl, Mr. John Vigdahl, "Sognalagets Embedsmenn" ("The Sognalag's Officers"), Iver M. Kalnes, J.A. Wickoren, E.C. Sonnesyn, Sen. Sherven, A.[Waugstad or Waugstod], Martin Midthun, Officers and Members of the Board of the National Sognalag in America, R.N. Qualley, Jacob Brogger, "Sogninger" (i.e. members of Sognalag), J. Margaret Thelander, Marie Sexse, Her (Mr.) Ivar M. Kalnes, Mr. John Johnson (Chamber of Commerce), B.B. Anundsen (Anundsen Publishing Company, Decorah Posten & Ved Arnen), C.T. Trytten (possibly Chris Trytten), Robert N. Nelson, Mr. N.L. Fadness, R.F. Stone, Management of the Winneshiek Hotel, S.N. Sherven, Mr. O.M. Bue, Mrs. Hans Leeds, Officers and Members of the Board of the National Sognalag of America, Halfdau F., Mr. R.J. Meland, Ole Hegdahl, J.B. Dybevik (Rock County Electric Cooperative

Association), "Jo," J. Jørgen Thompson, J.A. Wickoren, Mr. George J. Barry (Yorklane Studio); newspaper clippings; tentative program for the 1948 stevne (meeting), 9-10 June 1948; stevne announcements; expenses report for a recent stevne, 1958; "Setesdalslaget" newspaper clipping, 1947; financial reports; program notes; location questionnaire for an upcoming stevne, 8 April 1948.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1948-1949

Sognalaget I Amerika, J. (Jens or John) P. Vigdahl, Martha Sonnesyn, Rev. P.J. Nestande, Mr. Martin E. Bjerkness, J.A. Wickoren, J. (Jacob) Brogger, C.(Christian/Kristian, but also called "Chris") J. Bugge, Mr. E.E. Barsness (Editor, Pope County Tribune), Mr. Chris/Christian Bugge (presumably C.J. Bugge), Mr. Edwin Sorenson, Mrs. E.C. Sonnesyn, Iver (also spelt "Ivar") [M. or N.] Kalnes, Mr. Marion Tweeton (Glenwood Chamber of Commerce), Mr. and Mrs. Sherven, Sam N. Sherven, Reverend O.G. Åsen (also spelt "Aasen"), Officers and Directors [of the] National Sognalag, "Til Bygdelagene som er tilsluttet Fellesraadet" ("To The Bygdelags which are affiliated [with] The Fellesraad"), Ole Hegdahl, Mr. Arne Williamson (Norwegian American Line), Dr. H. Linde, Curtis Hotel, Mrs. [C or A [illegible], Martin [Midthun], E.R. Hopperstad, "Til Sognalagets Embedsmond" ("To The Sognalag's Officers"), James S. Kean, Mrs. Anna Stone, Mr. S.G. Hagen (Social Director, Idun Lodge Sons of Norway), Mr. Olav Nundahl, Mr. R.G. Roalkvam, Mr. Jens Lunde, Hans Ur Dahl; program drafts, circa 1949; financial statements/reports, 1948-1949; "An Open Letter from the President of the National Sognalag," 1949; stevne (meeting) announcements, 1949; voting ballots for the location of the 1949 convention (stevne) filled out by Martin [Midthun], E.R. Hopperstad, Sam N. Sherven, J.A. Wickoren, [G.A. Vangstad or Wangstad], and J. Brogger, 1949; "Litt om Bygdelagenes Fellesraads møte i mai 1948...", meeting/stevne overview, written in Norwegian, circa March 1949; "Det Nationale Sognalags Stevne i Glenwood, Minn Juni 10-11 1949" ("The National Sognalag's Meeting in Glenwood, Minn June 10-11 1949"), account of a recent stevne, 10-11 June 1949; "Sognalagets Annual Convention at Glenwood, Minn June 10-11 1949" (translated version of the previous document), 10-11 June 1949; "Julen 1949" ("Christmas 1949") newsletter by J.P. Vigdahl, circa 1949.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1950

Chris Eide, J.P. Vigdahl, Ludvig Elvehjem, Miss Barbara Hanson (Exec. Sec., Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Paul W. Gandrud, Mr. C.(Christian, Kristian, or Chris) J. Bugge, Mr. Otto V. Byhre, M.R.

Simons, "Sogneprest Fidjestøl" ("Pastor Fidjestøl"), P.[Oltesvald? Attesvald?], "Til alle Sogninger" ("To All Sognings" (i.e. members of Sognalag)), Robert N. Nelson, Mr. Barber Hanson (possibly a misspelling of "Barbara Hanson")?, Overt Skilbred, Mr. Jacob Brogger, Managing Editor of The Courier Hub, "Olav," S.N. Sherven, Officers and Board Members of the National Sognalag of America, MRs. Peter Sherven, Viroqua Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Calmer Browy (President of Grieg Chorus Club Inc.), Mrs. Tora Sandal Böhn, Mr. Olav Nundahl (possibly "Olav"), "Olav and Morg.," Martin [Midthun], Mrs. P. (Peter) Sherven, William T. Evjue (Editor of the Capital Times), Mr. & Mrs. Olaf Nundahl, Mr. Hans Lavik, J.A. Wickoren, Hon. Oscar Rennebohm (Governor of Wisconsin), Ole Hegdahl, O.I. Hertsgaard, Sigurd Maseng (Royal Norwegian Consulate General), Einar O. Hammer, R.N. Qualley, "Erede Her Redaktor" (misspelling/alternate spelling of "ærede Herr Redaktør") ("Honorable Mr. Editor," referring to the editor of Decorah Posten), Martha Sonnesyn, Mr. and Mrs. S.N. Sherven, "Hotil Curtis" (likely a misspelling of "Hotel Curtis"), "Til Ledere og medlemmer av Bygdelagene" ("To Leaders/Heads and Members of Bygdelagene"), Hans Urdahl, Mr. Kr. J. Bugge (possibly C.J. Bugge), P.S. Hjermann, Jens [Djupvik], Christ H. Balstad, Miss Beniat S. Bothun; stevne announcements; newsletters written and signed by J.P. Vigdahl, 1950; stevne (meeting) program, 9-10 June 1950; open letter to the people of Soughton, Wisconsin, written by J.P. Vigdahl, 20 June 1950; accounts of stevnes (meetings), 1950; financial reports, 1950; postcard from Mr. H. Lavik to Mr. J.P. Vigdahl, 12 May 1950; stevne (meeting) location ballot filled out by Sam and Ida Sherven, J.A. Wickoren, C.J. Bugge, J. Brogger, E.R. Hopperstad, Martin Midthun, and Iver M. Kalnes, 1950; letter/newsletter written by Ole Hegdahl concerning a letter from O.B. Grimley to Dr. Klaveness, written in Norwegian, 11 March 1950; tentative program for an upcoming stevne, 9 May 1950.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1951

N.J.L. Ness, Mr. Jacob Brögger/Brogger, Mr. O.H. Sterry, Mr. John R. Swangstue, R.G. Hanson, M.R. Simons, J.P. Vigdahl, J.J. Underdahl, [Frede[illegible]] (on behalf of Nordmanns-Forbundet), Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Stanley Peterson (Secretary of the Civic & Commerce Association in Benson, Minnesota), A. [Michiansen] (Manager of the Norwegian America Line Agency), Reverend Harold S. Nasheim, R.J. Meland, Officers and Directors [of the] National Sognalag of America, Stanley Peterson (Chamber of Commerce), Jacob Hodnefield, Mrs. Conrad (sometimes abbreviated as "Con") Maanum Jr. (Chairman

of “Ladies Aid”), Mr. Sig B. Kvam, Th. Siqveland (Royal Norwegian Consulate General), “National Sognalag av Amerika” (“National Sognalag of America”), Mr. Andrew N. Wangstad, M.R. Simons, Pastor O.G. Aasen, Mr. J.A. Wicoren (likely a misspelling of “Mr. J.A. Wickoren”), S.(Sam) N. Sherven, “S.N. Sherven Og Kona Ida” (“S.N. Sherven and Wife Ida”), Iver M. Kalnes, Martha Sonnesyn (also called “Mrs. E.C. Sonnesyn”), Mr. and Mrs. Olav Nundahl, “Olav og Marg,” M.E. Helland, Pastor O.G. Aasen, Mr. Theodore Overbo, Paris Hotel, S.H. Norrbom (Bonding Department, Joyce Insurance Inc.), Mrs. Th. Siqveland, “Friends and Fellow Sognings” (i.e. members of Sognalaget), Val Björnson (State Treasurer, Minnesota), “Til alle Sogninger” (“To all Sognings” i.e. members of Sognalaget); account of a recent stevne (meeting), written in Norwegian by Ole Hegdahl, circa 1950-1951; programs and tentative programs/drafts; newspaper clippings, circa 1951; stevne (meeting) location ballots filled out by Martha Sonnesyn, E.R. Hopperstad, S.N. Sherven, Iver M. Kalnes, J.A. Wickoren, and J. Brogger, circa April 1951; stevne (meeting) announcements; Treasurer’s report by J. Brogger, 18 June 1946-18 June 1947; newsletters/letters to members of Sognalag written in Norwegian and English by J.P. Vigdahl, 1951; “Statement of Sogna-Laget meeting held at Benson, Minn. June 29 and 30 1951,” financial statement/report, 1951.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1950, 1952

Mr. J.P. Vigdahl, Ole Hegdahl, “Fellow Sognings” (i.e. members of Sognalag), Norwegian America Line Agency Inc., Jacob Stefferud (Manager, Norwegian America Line Agency), Mr. J.(John) R. Swangstue, Mrs. Martha Sonnesyn, Mr. O.M. Christianson, Mr. Ervin Ellefson (President, Viroqua Lutheran Brotherhood), “en ½ sogning” (“a half sogning,” no name provided), A. [Michiansen] (Manager of the Norwegian America Line Agency), Walter J. Kohler Jr. (Governor of Wisconsin), Norwegian General Consul Maaseng, The Curtis Hotel, Mrs. Stulken, Monrad Helle, Fru Inga B. Norstog (Mrs. Inga Norstog, i.e. Kurator (Curator) of the Norse-America Museum in Decorah, Iowa), J[mees? [illegible], Mr. Henry Wigdahl, Pastor Teder N. Oklevik, Mrs. Inga Norstog, A.E. Smith (Chamber of Commerce, Viroqua, Wisconsin), Iver M. Kalnes (also spelt “Ivar”), H.T. Haagenson, Mr. Jacob Brogger, R.J. Meland, Mrs. Danielson, The Powers (Minneapolis), R.G. Hanson, Prof. Bjarne Berulfsen (Norwegian Department, University of Wisconsin), Sigurd Rognebakke (also spelt as “Siggurd Rognebakken”), Robert N. Nelson, Mr. Odean Ellefson (Dyckman Hotel), Powers Dry Goods Co. Inc., K.M. Morrison (Manager of Food Depts., Powers Dry Goods Co. Incorporated),

C.T. [Haythen?], Mr and Mrs. Iver M. Kalnes, Ole [Furaas or Turaas], "Jens and Johan Sande" ("Jens and Johan Sande"), Per Tang, "J.P. og Frue" ("J.P. and Wife"), "Haagensons," Mr. T. Steinbakke, Mrs. B.A. Davis, P.O. Bathen, Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Hoff, Miss Jenny Alvilda Johnson, Mrs. Olaf Johnson, E.R. Hopperstad, "Sognestevet i Wisconsin 14 juni 1952" ("The Sogne Meeting in Wisconsin 14 June 1952"), Edvard Lysne, Mr. Thomas Haereid, Mr. O.O. Jonnum (Jonnum Manufacturing Co.), "Kjere Bror Eileff m. Famelie" ("Dear Brother Eileff [and?] Family"); "Resolutioner for det Nationale Sognalag" ("Resolutions for the National Sognalag"), resolutions from and an account of the 14 June 1952 stevne, circa 14 June 1952; notes on Norwegian immigration (green paper); stevne (meeting) announcements; letters regarding Norwegian and Danish films between the Norwegian America Line Agency and J.P. Vigdahl, 1952; "Resolutions," written in English by the Resolutions Committee (Iver M. Kalnes and Andrew [illegible]angstad from the 21-22 June 1946 stevne (meeting) in Starbuck, Minnesota, 21-22 June 1946; translation of what is likely a stevne menu, addressed to Mrs. Stulken, undated; certificate/notice of dues paid for J.P. Vigdahl, 1952; "Reservations at Hotel Forney June 12th, 1952"; "Adds for the Sognalag Booklet," list of advertisements for a Sognalag "booklet," undated; "Speakers for Sognalaget June 13-14 Viroqua. Wis. 1952"; banquet tickets, 30 June 1952; "Everybody Sing" song pamphlet with pencil drawings by [Sal/Sue Marie Fortay? Miss James?], stevne (meeting) programs; financial reports; "Norway Sports Jacket" advertisement from Jonnum Manufacturing Co., 1952; "Badges," list of "badges" (buttons?) sold by Sognalaget from 1950-1952, 23 February 1952; stevne location questionnaires filled out by Martha Sonnesyn, R.G. Hanson, J.R. [Smangetin, Swangetin, or Smengetin], O. [Nundal?], Iver M. Kalnes, J.A. Wickoren, E.R. Hopperstad, and [A.N.] Wangstad 1952.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1954-1955

J.P. Vigdahl, Th. Siqveland (Royal Norwegian Consulate General), Herr H.M. Jacobson (Mr. H.M. Jacobson), J.O. Vigdahl (likely a misspelling of "J.P. Vigdahl"), "Kristin" (presumably Vigdahl's wife/romantic partner); newsletter/article for Decorah Posten (beginning with "Gledelig Jul" ("Merry Christmas"), written in Norwegian by J.P. Vigdahl, 1954; "Annual Report of the National Sognalag," financial report, 1 June 1955-June 1956; "The National Sognalag Treasurer's Report," 1 June 1954-1 June 1955.

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Sognalag programs, 1908-1965

5 August 1934; 14-15 June 1928; 9-10 June, 1939; 13-14 June 1941; 21-22 June 1946; 11-12 June 1948; 10-11 June 1949; 9-10



- June 1950; 29-30 June 1951; 13-14 June 1952 (two copies); 7-8 June 1957; 13-14 June 1958 (Golden Jubilee, two gold copies and one beige copy); 10-11 June 1960; 9-10 June 1961 (two copies); 8-9 June 1962 (two copies); 7-8 June 1963; 12-13 June 1964 (two copies); 11-12 June 1965; "Sognalaget hadde 50-Aars Jubileum" ("The Sognalag had 50-Year Anniversary"), newspaper clipping, circa 1958; "Til Sognalagets Møte" song/poem (program?), 30 December 1908.
- 38      8      Sognalag programs and meeting notes, circa 1941-1974  
Includes: programs; "Referat fra Sogna-Lagets stevne i Hayfield, Minnesota" ("Report/Account [of] The Sogna Lag's stevne (meeting) in Hayfield, Minnesota"), circa 1941; list of officers, 1960-1969; "Sogna-Laget President Pleased With Recent Hayfield Lag Meeting," newspaper clipping, 26 June 1941; list of meeting dates and locations, 1908-1971; correspondence: Mrs. Elmer Wangsness, Kenneth O. Bjork.
- 39      1      Sognalag correspondence and historical notes, circa 1959-1973  
Includes: "Til frender fraa Sogn Festskrift" ("To Friends from Sogn Commemorative Volume"), June 1914; untitled writings in Norwegian; "Biskop Johan Lunde" poem, written in Norwegian; "The Gokstad Ship," information recorded in a letter to Mrs. Neil Nelson by J.P. Vigdahl, circa 1959; history of Norway's national song (includes Henry Anker Bjerregaard, Henrik Vergeland, and Carl Johan), written in Norwegian; "Sverre Sigurdson," a brief account of the life of Sverre Sigurdson; "Sognadigte av Anders Fuhr," poem/song by Anders Fuhr; two copies of "Nokre plassa i Sogn" map booklet, including "Ældre norsk-amerikanske\* prester født i Sogn" (\*misspelling of "amerikanske") ("Older Norwegian-American Priests Born in Sogn") and three copies of Luke 15:11-32, "The Parable of the Lost Son," used as dialect samples (one from inside Sogn, one from the middle, and one from outside Sogn); map of Sogn and the surrounding area; copy of "En Aften paa Saeteren" ("An Evening at the Mountain Pastures") lithograph, circa 1875; "Ved Arnen" magazine, written in Norwegian, 21 March 1959; "Gulen" informational booklet, 1959; geneological notes for Mrs. John Haug-Kuska Slekti; correspondence: Mrs. Lena Haug, J.P. Vigdahl, Arne Chr. Myhre (Anundsen Publishing Company), Mrs. Neil Nelson, H. Linde, John Galde (Skjolden Hotel, Norway).
- 39      2      Sognalag of the Pacific Coast 50-Year Anniversary  
Includes: two copies of Pacific Coast Sogna-Lag 50 Year Jubilee book, 1912-1962; history of the lag by Nils Foss, circa 1965; stevne (meeting) program, 1971; Sognalag Scholarship application for the University of Oslo International Summer School,

- circa 1960s; news release/announcement for the 1971 stevne, after 28 March 1971; correspondence: Thor Ohme, Nils Foss.
- 39 3 Sognalag pictures, circa 1947-1964  
 J.P. Vigdahl, Mrs. and Mr. P.A. Munch, Mrs. and General Consul Siqveland, Mr. [Grouskow], Mr. [J.J.] Thompson, Dr. (or Sr.) [Klaaeness or Klaoeness], Dr. Harold Nasse, Carl [Juan], Roy Fisk Mayor, Mrs. Peter Sherven, and others (unidentified).  
 note: the picture marked "Lodi" with a "The Capital Times Jun 10 1961" stamp on it is likely referring to a stevne held at the Lodi grade school in Madison, Wisconsin, as detailed in the 10 June 1961 edition of The Capital Times (also known as the Wisconsin State Journal), although the photograph never appears in that edition.
- 39 4 Sognalaget in Bergen, 1918-1968  
 Includes: "Sognalaget I Bergen 1918-1968" ("The Sogna Lag in Bergen") booklet by Olav Værholm, Bjarne Målsnes, and Gerdfinn Eithun, 1968; correspondence: Sognalag, Jens Djupvik, Bjarne Målsnes, Harald Nesse.
- 39 5 Sognalag correspondence, circa 1940-1946  
 Mr. E.(Erick) R. Hopperstad, Albert [La Mein], Mr. Vigdahl, Hans Urdahl, Mr. T.O. Ofsthun, Officers and Board Members of the National Sognalag of America, Mr. E.C. [Somesegn, Sonnesegn, or possibly Someseyn or Sonneseyn] ("E.C.S.") (also a letter from Martha + E.C. Somesyn), Mr. R.A. Norstad, Mr. Harold Uglum, Mr. George Felland, [O.I. Srigwdstad], Mr. Jacob Brogger, Mr. L.K.E. Folkestad, Mr. Björgulv Björnaraa (also spelt Björgulv Bjørnaraa), Mr. R.A. Trovatten, Mr. J.A. Wickoren (also a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Wickoren), Sam N. Sherven (also a letter from Mr. + Mrs. Sam Sherven), Henry O. Talle, Agnes M. Anderson, Harold E. Stassen, Miss Blanche L. Myster (Secretary, Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid), Mr. Glennmyster (President, Heyfield Comm. Club), Glenn M[?]pton and H[oward Senjiers], Mr. R.N. Nelson (Robert N. Nelson), Otto Clausen, Mr. Otto Olafsen, Theodore Broch, Mr. M. Asperheim (also spelt "Asperhaim"), J.J. Underdahl; financial reports; songs/poems; stevne (meeting) announcements and stevne accounts/newsletters; Sognalaget location voting notes, circa 1941.
- 39 6 Sognalag correspondence, 1939-1940  
 J.J. Moore (Finnish Relief Fund Inc.), J.P. Vigdahl, Frederick R. Bay, E.R. Hopperstad, Henry O. Talle, J. (Jacob) Brogger, Robert N. Nelson, L.K.E. Folkestad, Roselle Ronning, John Hjellum (Skandinaven Newspaper), George Morkrid (Morkrid Tourist Home), G.M. Bruce, Eilev O. Bakke, The Kildall Company, Mr. J. Quarum/M.J. Quarum, Miss Roselle Ronning, [Garsten or

- Carsten] Woll, John Sande, Jacob [Suttund] (Norwegian America Line Agency Inc.), Mrs. Gunder Jacobson, J.A. Wickoren (also a letter from Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Wickoren), Mr. Jacob Stefferud, Mr. E.C. Sonnesyn, Norwegian Steamship Line (Chicago, Illinois), Iver M. Kalues (The Capital Times, Madison, Wisconsin), Sam N. Sherven, Pastor O.G. Aasen, [A.E. Williamsen], T.O. Ofsthun, Mr. Nels Arveson, Officers and Board Members of the National Sognalaget, M.(Magnus) S. Asperheim (also spelt "Asperhaim"), The Minneapolis Times Tribune, Mrs. Anton L. Miller, John [Seichtenberg] (Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Company), B.F. Knotts (American Automobile Association), M.J. Quarum (Ugeblad Publishing Co.), Mrs. E.[A or H]. Whitehead (First English Lutheran Ladies Club Secretary), Mr. G.[G]. Loefflad, [G.C. Loeport] (Geneca State Bank), Mr. August E. Shebeck, Eilev O. Bakke, Hans Urdahl, P.E. Hemingway, Leo Koll (Executive Secretary, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Nels B. Arveson, Mr. M.O. Bue, Fergus Falls Ukeblad, Skandinaven; newsletters/stevne announcements; "Folkestad" notes, circa 1940; financial reports.
- 39 7 Sognalag correspondence, 1934, 1937-1938  
Eilev O. Bakke, J.A. Wickoren (also spelt "Wickøren"), M. (Mons?) S. Hillestad, Miss Martha Boe, J.P. Vigdahl, T. (Tom) O. Ofsthun, Mr. August Klagstad, E.C. Sonnesyn, Julia [Jevrce] Blowholm (J.J. Blowholm), H.O. Talle, Mr. Botolf Bridly, J.J. [Underdahl], Mrs. A.E. Nelson, J. Brogger, E.(Erick) R. Hopperstad, Robert N. Nelson, Officers and Board Members of Sogna-Laget of America, Mr. Waldemar Ager, Sam N. Sherven, Mr. J. Stafferud (Norw. Am. Steamship Line), [P.A. Sterria or Sterrie], G.M. Bruce, Mr. P.S. Hjermann, [J.A. or I.A.] Aasgard; financial reports; program outlines; newsletters/stevne invitations/announcements.
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J.P. Vigdahl, E.(Eirik? Erik?) R. Hopperstad, M.L. [Poggewiller], F.W. [Sisson] (President, Sission-Seielstad-Hougen Co.), [D.E. Sleck or D. Esleck] (Secretary, Viroqua Community Club), [A.Gampliey or A.G. Campliey] (Kildall Company), [H.L. Griffith] (Manager, Kildall Company), Witt's Market House, [M. Vhordam] (Bergseth Fish Company);  
proposed menu for Sogna-Lagets Banquet, 25 July 1923.
- 39 9 Sognalag correspondence, circa 1956-1957  
Mrs. Norman Hanson, J.P. Vigdahl, Andrew Lunde, Nordmanns-Forbundet, Richard Andvard, Mr. Tollef Bolstad and Shirley, Mr. Chris Eide, Miss Marta Øvrebö, "Peter and Louise," Mrs. William Kittelson, Mr. Einar Lund (Editor, Decorah Posten), The LaCrosse tribune, Mr. Frick Ness, Marcus Tellevik, Ole J.

Braaten, Anthon Lingerde, Mr. Oliver Nygaard, Mr. Ole Bolstad, "Sogn og Fjordane" (Norway), Martin Bjerknes, Mr. [L.N. or C.N.] Hauson, Mrs. Ida Sherven, The Capital Times, The LaCrosse Tribune, Mr. Erick Reppen, Henry N. Lund, Mr. A.J. Fedt, Mr. Ole Svangstu, Ole M. Martinson, Jacob Stefferud, Mrs. Fedt, Mr. J.B. Berg, M.T. Jacobson, "Anders med kona og Baadn." ("Anders with (the) wife and Baadn(?)), [Lars Seim], Vernon W. Thomson (Governor of Wisconsin), General Konsul Knut Orre, Mrs. Vigdahl, Harry Johnson, Sam Walker, Botolf Bridly, H.O. Talle, Ole [H. Vee?], E. (Erick) R. Hopperstad, "embedsmenn og direktöra av 'Det Nationale Sognalag av Amerika'" (officers and the director of 'The National Sogna Lag of America'), [O.O. Hauge], [Eriell Reppen and Rik Serztora], Mr. Andrew Ølness, Martha Sonnesyn; newsletters/stevne invitations/announcements; list of registered guests for the 1956 stevne, circa 15-16 June 1956; newspaper clippings; stevne (meeting) program outlines; "The Viking Code" by Ralph B. Allen; "Welcome Sognalaget Delegates and Friends to Mondovi, Wis." poster, 7-8 June 1957; voting slips for the location of the 1958 stevne, circa 13-21 November 1957; "Paidup, Registered Members [not?] Sognalag," list of members (?), 7-8 June 1957; letter from Norwegian Consul General Knut Orre to J.P. Vigdahl regarding the St. Olav Medal Vigdahl was awarded, 28-31 May 1957; list of officers and where they came from in Norway, attached to "fraa 'Det Nationale Sognalag i Amerika'" letter written in Norwegian by J.P. Vigdahl, 7 December 1957.

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Sognalag correspondence, circa 1956-1957

Mr. Lars Sime. Vossing, J.(Jens) P. Vigdahl, Martha Sonnesyn, Mrs. Gullick Johnson (nee Halaas), Mr. Botolf Bridly, Ole Overboe, Mr. Henry N. Lund, Jacob Broger Insurance Agency, Mr. Martin E. Bjerkness, Mr. Oliver Nygaard, Annie + P.O. Bathen, Miss Clara Thorpe and Mrs. Arne Berg (President and Secretary of Valdres Sambund), Anders Lysne, Jacob Stefferud (Manager, Norwegian America Line), Rev. R. Dahle-Melsaeter, Mr & Mrs. A.J. Fedt, Mr. R. ("Bob") G. Hanson, Mr. P. Dwergedahl, [Shearta or Chearta Fweebø??], Det Nasjonale Sognalag av Amerika (The National Sogna Lag of America), Ludvig [Ehrhiem or Elvehjem], Viroqua Chamber of Commerce, Viroqua Lions Club, State Bank of Viroqua, Dan Arneson (Mayor, City of Viroqua), Officers and Directors of The National Sognalag of America, E.R. Hopperstad, Mondovi Harold News, Th. Siqveland (Royal Norwegian Consulate General), Mr. J.C. Yttri, Erling Svedahl, Miss Marta Ovrebø (Ovrebø), Morris [Swangstue], Ida Sherven, Mrs. Nora Siverson, Vernon W. Thomson (Governor of Wisconsin), Marcus Tellevik, K.T. Jacobson, Olav Nundal, Mr. J.B. Berg, Mr. Einar Lund, Mrs.

Norman Larson, Dr. & Mrs. Harold Nesse, Mr. Baatolf Breilie (or Botolf Breidli), Mr. Martin Bjerkness, Decorah Posten (Editor), Knut Orre (Royal Norwegian Consulate General), The Royal Family (Oslo, Norway); personal notes; newspaper clippings/articles; financial reports; leadership/membership list addressed to Henry N, undated; song ("Kan Du Holde Dig Passiv?" by Kr. J. Vigdahl), registered members list for an upcoming stevne, June 1956; newsletters/stevne announcements.

Sognalag correspondence, 1957-1958

Vernon County Broadcaster and Censor, J.(Jens) P. Vigdahl, Kristen Vigdahl, Jenny Alvilde (Minnesota Posten), N.J.L. Ness, "Miss Astrid Vigdahl og Svigerinne Aagot" ("Miss Astrid Vigdahl and Sister-in-Law Aagot"), "Redaktør" ("Editor"), Martha Sonnesyn, "Sogninger" ("Sognings," i.e. people from Sogn/those belonging to Sognalag), P.S. Hjermann, Miss Gladys Knutson, "bror Torleif" ("brother Torleif"), Johan Helgersen, Officers and Directors of the National Sognalaget, Andrew Lunde, Henry O. Talle, Knut Orre, O.O. Hauge, Signe Rutlin, Editor of DeForest Times, [Ragna Seabloom], E. Coy, Erick Reppen, Pastor Olaf Brevik, Marta Oevreboee, Mons Thorsen, Oswald Barsten (Manager, Norwegian America Line Agency Inc.), Ragnvald Gotaas, Elfrida Nervick, Hans Lavik, Nils Foss, Anders Lysne, Botolf Bridley (also spelt "Bridly"), Martin E. Bjerkness, E.(Erick) R. Hopperstad, Virginia Way, "Frederic," Mr. Ole Overboe (also spelt "Ovreboe"), Mr. Ole J. Braaten, Mr. Andrew Olness, Vernon W. Thomson (Governor of Wisconsin), Mr. & Mrs. Kristen Vigdahl, "Torleif Fortun og Kona" ("Torleif Fortun and [the] Wife"), Marcus Tellevik, formann (president) of Sognelaget, Harald Nesse, Mr. Ivar Böthun, Ludvig [R. Maren], American Embassy to Norway, Mrs. Peter Sherven, Frk. Jenny Alvilde Johnson, Mr. Oliver Nygaard, "Tolle og Svigerinne" ("Tolle and Sister-In-Law"), Joanne V. Winn (American Vice Consul), "Svoger og Svigerinne" ("Brother-In-Law and Sister-In-Law"), Mr. Harry D. Sage (Associate Editor for the Capitol Times), Harry Johnson, "Herr og Fru Fedt" ("Mr. and Mrs. Fedt"), Anne [Lice Wirih] on behalf of "herr Moe" ("Mr. Moe") (The Norwegian America Line), "D.S.," Arnold E. Kuehn, Lucille E. Johnson, Gunhild Stedje, Bernard Lewison, Vice Councul Eivinn Berg, "Hertsgaard," "Decorah," Mr. E.L. Tvetene, Mrs. Clara Thorpe, Mrs. Arne Berg, Trygve Eidsness, John Eide, Mrs. Thurin, C.T. Trytten, Anders Valaker, Tea & Ludvig Nygaard, Olaf Virken, Oswald Barsten, Martha Ovrebo, Mons Thorson, Sogn Ungdomslag (Sogn Youth Group), National Trönderlag, Ragnvald Gotaas, Alfrida Nervick, Hans Lavik, Westkysten Sognalag (The West Coast Sognalag), Valdors

Samband (misspelling of “Valdres Sambund/Samband”), Marit Flekøy, [Alv Sörheim], “Det Nationale Sognalag av Amerika” (“The National Sognalag of America”), Ludvig + [Marin] Elvehjem, Mrs. Vigdahl, The Royal Family (Norway), Caroline Anderson, Ole Hauge, Torleiv Forthun, Mr. Arnold [Fredriksan or Fredriksen], Ida Sherven, J.C. Yttri, Einar Lund (Redaktør (Editor) of Decorah Posten), Miss Johnson (Minnesota Posten), Henry Lund, La Crosse Tribune; “Til Det Nationale Sognalag si 50 aarstemna” (“To The National Sogna Lag

Their 50-Year Meeting”) by Kristen Vigdahl, 13-14 June 1958; stevne (meeting) announcements/advertisements; songs; stevne schedules/programs; “A short history [of] the National Sognalag of America” by J.P. Vigdahl; “Resolutions” by James O. Bergdahl, Kristin Orbeck Vigdahl, and C.C. Bollingberg; financial reports; stevne (meeting) sign-in/attendance sheet; “Sogna-Adresser” (“Sogna Addresses”), list of names and addresses of Sognalag members; newspaper clippings; funeral program for the funeral of Ida L. Sherven, 1958.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1958

J.P. Vigdahl, O.O. Hauge, Ole Martinson, Arne Brekke, Oliver Nygaard, Einar Lund (Editor of Decorah Posten), Miss Jenney Alvilde Johnson (Editor of Minnesota Posten), Mr. C.T. Trytten, Caroline Anderson, Mr. Ole Hauge (possibly also spelt “Ola Hauge”), Ole Swiggum, Nordhordlangslaget, Vosselaget, Hadelandslaget, Setesdalslaget, Mr. Ole Overboe, Officers & Directors of The National Sognalag of America, Chamber[s] of Commerce, Arnold L. Fredriksen, Olaf Virken, Sognalaget paa 50 aarsfesten (“The Sognalag [on its] Fifty-Year Celebration”); “Det Nasjonale Sognalag av Amerika” (“The National Sognalag of America”), account of the 50-year celebration in Viroqua, Wisconsin, 13-14 June 1958; “1958 Golden Jubilee Direksjonsmøte” (“1958 Golden Jubilee Board of Directors Meeting”) notes by Henry N. Lund, 1958.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1957-1959

J.P. Vigdahl, Edward E. (“E.E.”) Barsness, Franklin P. Serrin (Manager, Glenwood Chamber of Commerce), Erick Reppen, Mr. Ludvig Elvehjem (also includes letters from “Marin og Ludvig” (“Marin and Ludvig”), P.H. Dvergedal, Martha Sonnesyn, “Redaktor” (editor), Mrs. Harold Irgens (President of Ladies Aid, Glenwood Lutheran Church), O. (likely Ole) Hauge and Caroline Anderson (“Members of the arrangement committee for Glenwood Meeting”), Mrs. Ervin McCrory, Vossalaget i Amerika, Mr. O.I.

Hertsgaard (on behalf of Hallinglaget i Amerika (“The Hallinglag In America”)), Olav Virken, Marcus Tellevik, Miss Clara Thorpe (Valdres Samband), Mrs. Arne Berg, Mr. Ole Braaten, Anna Alvig (on behalf of “Det Nationale Hardangerlag” (“The National Hardangerlag”)), “Harold,” Henry N. Lund, Mr. J. Jörgen Thompson, Chris Femrite (also spelt “Fimreite”), Ole Swiggum, The Norwegian America Line Agency Inc., Franklin P. Serrin (Manager, Glenwood Chamber of Commerce), Mrs. Nora Severson, Hotel Minton, The Norwegian Information Service, Officers and Directors [of] The National Sognalag of America, Mr. Ole J. Braaten, Mrs. Chris Overby, Mr. John W. Thieke, Mr. Andrew Olness, “Sogn og Fjordane” (“Sogn and Fjordane,” a county in Norway until January 2020, when it was merged with Vestland county), Ole Overboe, Glenwood Hotel, Caroline Anderson, Editor of the Pope County Tribune, ; stevne invitations/announcements; two “spørresjema” (“question form[s]”) for the location of the 1959 stevne (meeting), signed by J.P. Vigdahl, Theodore Overbo[e], Mrs. J.P. Vigdahl, Henry Lund, and Erick Reppen, 6 February 1959 and 7 March 1959; “spørresjema” for the location of the 1959 stevne signed by J.P. Vigdahl, P.H. Dvergedal, Ole Overboe, Caroline Anderson, and O.O. Hauge, 4 May 1959; “spørresjema” for the location of the 1959 stevne signed by Martha Sonnesyn, circa 4 March 1959; “spørresjema” for the location of the 1959 stevne signed by Ole Hauge, J.P. Vigdahl, Theo. Overbo, and Henry M. Lund, 7 March 1959; spørresjema” for the location of the 1959 stevne signed by Theodore Overbo, Caroline Anderson, Henry N. Lund, and Ole Overboe, 9 March 1959; newspaper clippings; sales records for “red ribbons,” 7-8 June 1957; stevne programs/program drafts; financial reports; “En kortfattet rapport fra Bygdelagenes Fellesraads aarsmøte 1959” (“A Brief Report from Bygdelagenes Fellesraad’s Yearly Meeting 1959”), meeting notes, 1959.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1960-1963

Iver [Botheim or Batheim], Mr. C.T. Trytten, Mr. J.P. Vigdahl, William T. Evjue (Editor and Publisher of The Capital Times), Dr. & Mrs. David Nelson, Her (Mr.) Leirimo (Lensmann i Luster (District Sheriff in Luster), Professor Kenneth O. [Bjork], Jørgen Huseklepp (note: letter includes information about Anders Ingebrigtsen Bjerk/Bjork/Björk), Gustav Roti, Harold Nesse, “Eva,” [Slljar og Gudrun?], “Kristen, Bror og Svigerinne Sina” (“Kristen, Brother, and Sister-In-Law Sina” (\*“Sine” may not be a name; if not, it means “your”), Torleif og Hannah (Torleif and Hannah), Harald Nesse, P.S. Hjermann, P.L. Golden (Kenyon Commercial Club), Kristin Vigdahl, Mr Arnold Flom, Kathy Wangsness, Andreas

[Bjorkum]; newspaper clippings; account of the 1960 stevne (meeting) by Kristen Orbeck Vigdahl, 1960; "Bygdelagenes Fellesraad Inc, Styremedlemmer, anbefaler til Innstillings-kommitten følgende" (Bygdelagenes Fellesraad Inc., Board Members, Recommend to The Proposal Committee The Following"), signed by J.P. Vigdahl (Sognalaget), Sam Eng. (Osterdalslaget), and Olaf Fladmark (Romsdalslaget), 5 May 1962; letter to members of Sognalag regarding the 1963 Norway trip from Harold Nesse, 1 October 1962; "Kristen og Clara Leirmo Gullbryllup" ("Kristen and Clara Leirmo 50th Wedding Anniversary"), an account of Kristen and Clara Leirmo's 50th anniversary celebration by J.P. Vigdahl, circa 7 April 1963.

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Sognalag correspondence, 1964-1965

Mrs. Kristin O. (Orbeck) Vigdahl, Arnold H. Flom (and Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Flom), Kathy Wangsness, John Eide, "Vossings and friends" (i.e. people from Vossing and/or members of Vosselag), Mr. P.L. Golden (Kenyon Commercial Club), Mrs. Christine Vigdahl, Mr. + Mrs. Henry M. Hanson, Jakob J. Hellestad, Olav Underdahl (also spelt "Underdal"), Ole Martinson (and "Ole and Martha"), Officers & Directors of the National Sognalag of America, Ole Haugen, [Lordøl or Lærdøl], Sam Waeker; Christ [Thorson or Tholson], O.I. Hertsgaard, Thor Ohme, the people of Kenyon, The Kenyon Leader, B.B. Anundsen (Decorah Posten/Anundsen Publishing Company), Mr. E.R. Hopperstad, Ruse Gudvangen, Knut T. Gundersen (Director of the Norwegian Summer School), J. Norman Lee, Mr. E.O. Olson, Mrs. & Mr. J.J. [Hillestad or Hillestod], Arne Brekke, Viroqua Chamber of Commerce, P.S. Hjermann, Warren P. Knowles (Governor of Wisconsin), Members of the National Sognalag/"Sognings," Ole Hauge, "Harald," Paul E. Hassett (Executive Secretary for Governor Warren P. Knowles), Karl J. [Aaberg or Aalerg], Miss Jean Reek, Jeanne [Keele] (Norwegian Dancers of a high school in Sloughton, Wisconsin), Royal Norwegian Consulate General, Finn Koren, Lorraine B. Carlson, Miss Marilynne Odette Otteson, "Iererinne Anna Kalstad" ("teacher Anna Kalstad"), Mr. Harold Nesse, J. Norman Lee, David T. Nelson, her (Mr.) Rörstad, Redaktör (Editor) of Decorah Posten, Hon. James O. Berdahl, [Burt], [Arne Relargard], H. Haugen; list of unpaid dues, 1 January 1964; stevne (meeting) announcements/invitations; schedule for 1964 meeting, 12-13 June 1964; membership list, 1964; newspaper clippings/articles; "Luther College...arrangerer sommerkurs for norske lærere/lektorer, studenter" ("Luther College...arrange Summer courses for Norwegian teachers/lecturers, students"), 29 June 1964-1 August 1964;



- stevne (meeting) programs and program outlines; "National Sognalag Scholarship Fund to Oslo University, Oslo, Norway\*" (\*also includes Luther College), list of receipts/donations, 1964-1965; "Application for Admission to Luther College Summer School," filled out by Anna Kalstad, "Report to the Board of Directors" by Kathy Wangsness Hartt (Mrs. Leonard Hartt); untitled list of names and dues; "The Norwegians Arrive" by Hjalmer R. Holand; "News of Norway," volume 22, number 8, 4 March 1965.
- 40 7 Sognalag correspondence, 1964-1965  
 photographs: Anna Kalstad, Arne Brekke, David T. Nelson, Professor David T. Nelson, Marilynne Odette Otteson; Viroqua Federal Savings & Loan Association Savings Account Book for the Luther College (and) Norwegian Summer School Scholarship Fund; newspaper clippings; "Oslo National Sognalag Receipts"; autobiographical sketch of James O. Berdahl by himself, 28 May 1965; stevne announcements; correspondence: J.P. Vigdahl, James O Berdahl, Anna Kalstad, Sognelaget i Amerika (The Sogna Lag in America), Martha Sonnesyn, Finn Koren (Royal Norwegian Consulate General), Mrs. Thomas N. Sandwick, Henry O. Talle, Mr. Ole Martinson, Mr. Knut Gunderson, Mr. J. Norman Lee, E.D. Farwell, Lerer Edward Svensöy (Teacher Edward Svensöy), "Jonna," Erling Stone; accounts of stevnes (meetings); "Sanger-Hilsen" March-April edition, p. 13-14 (contains advertisement for the Sognalag scholarships for Luther College and the Oslo International Summer School), circa 1965.
- 40 8 Sognalag correspondence, 1966-1974  
 Includes: list of leadership, 1956-1973; correspondence: Odd S. Lovoll (also spelt Løvoll and Lövoll), Olav Underdal, Kristin O. Vigdahl, The Bringe "Famelien" ("The Bringe Family"), The Bank at Viroqua Wisconsin, Kathy Hartl., "Sogning" (an individual from Sogn, Norway or a member of Sognalag), Rev. Alf Vik, "Arne," "Dave," S.J. Thompson (Director of Lutheran Mission Societies, Inc.), Dr. Arne Brekke, Harold Nisse, Norwegian American Historical Association, John Eide, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Flom, Mr. Wm. Halvorson, Mr. & Mrs. Jens Thorson, Ole A. (O.A.) Sanderson, Kristine Vigdahl; list of members of the Board of Directors, written by J.P. Vigdahl, 1908-1959; newspaper clippings; stevne (meeting) notes for the 1967 stevne, likely written by Dr. Arne Brekke, including a historical account of the formation of Sognalag and early Norwegian immigration (including Per Unde, Ingebrigt Hove, and Ellend Erickson) 1967; stevne announcement from Harold Nisse, January 1967; 1965 stevne expenses, June 11-12, 1965.
- 41 1 History of Sognalag by Bruce Turvold, 1983

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Also includes newspaper clippings and programs.
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- 88 2 Records, 1955-1967
- Oversized Scrapbook, 1951-1956
- Oversized Scrapbook, 1959-1966