

Collection Name: Lars A. Rossing papers, 1866-1963

Collection Number: P586

Extent: 3.2 cubic feet (8 archives boxes)

Abstract: Correspondence, clippings, pamphlets, scrapbooks and account books, photographs, and "The Rossings and Their Store" of a Norwegian-born merchant at Argyle, Wisconsin, dealing with merchandising, church, local history, and family interests. The L. A. Rossing general merchandise store was founded in 1870. Included are letters from Victor Rossing during World War I.

| Box | Folder | Description |
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| 1 | 1 | Biography and local history, December 18, 1893-1950's |
| 1 | 2 | Clippings and pamphlets, September 10, 1866-March 14, 1963 |
| 1 | 3 | Clippings and pamphlets, April 4, 1882-November 29, 1962 |
| 1 | 4 | Correspondence, October 28, 1866-1888 |
| 1 | 5 | Correspondence, 1894-1911 |
| 1 | 6 | Letters of Viola from Lutheran Ladies' Seminary in Red Wing, MN, 1907-1908 |
| 1 | 7 | Letters from friends to Hjalmar, 1898-1906 |
| 1 | 8 | Letters between Hjalmar and family, 1900-1906 |
| 1 | 9 | Hjalmar's letters from New York, 1907 |
| 1 | 10 | Hjalmar's letters from New York, 1908 |
| 1 | 11 | Adolph Hjalmar Rossing, 1972 |
| 2 | 1 | Store advertisements, September 16, 1888-January 20, 1955 |
| 2 | 2 | Tax, Insurance documents, 1872-1946 |
| 2 | 3 | Correspondence from Victor Rossing, 1907-1908 36 letters written to his parents while a first year college student at Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, 1907-1908). Rossing was the son of Lars and Helena Rossing, proprietors of a thriving general store in Argyle, Wisc., that opened in 1870 and remained in business for over a century. The letters contain comments regarding: 1907 football games (Carlisle Indians & Chicago University versus the University of Minnesota Gophers); roommate with head lice; Augsburg College life; and prohibition lectures. Real photo postcards: "Bird's Eye View of Amery, Wis."; "New Building-Augsburg Seminary-Minneapolis"; "Court House and City Hall, Minneapolis, Minn."; and "Augsburg Seminary Minneapolis". |
| 2 | 4 | Correspondence from Victor Rossing, 1907-1908, continued |
| 2 | 5-8 | Correspondence from Victor Rossing during World War 1 |
| 3 | 1 | Rossing family photographs, 1900-1965 |
| 3 | 2 | Documents (Records, bills of sale, mortgage deeds, warranty deeds), 1866-1970 |
| 3 | 3 | "The Rossings and Their Store, 1870-1970", by Elizabeth Rossing Forell |
| 3 | 4 | Scrapbook, 1869-1928 |
| 3 | 5 | Petty Day Book, 1893-1899 |

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| 3 | 6 | Land contracts, circa 1900 |
| 3 | 7 | Old deeds, circa 1900 |
| 4 | 1-4 | Photographs, 1860-1960 |
| 5 | 1-2 | 2 store account books, 1875-1876, 1884 |
| 6 | 1-3 | 2 store account books and 1 personal account book: 1877-1878, 1894-1895; 1914-1921 |
| 7 | 1 | Scrapbook, 1885-1930 |
| 8 | 1 | Victor Rossing letters from World War I, January 1917-April 1918 |
| 8 | 2 | Victor Rossing letters from World War I, April 1918-August 1918 |
| 8 | 3 | Victor Rossing letters from World War I, August 1918-February 1919 |

Book:

The Rossing's and Their Store: 50th Anniversary edition

Digital files:

Victor Bernell Rossing letters home from the war, July 1917--1919
 Compiled and edited by G. Rossing, 2016

Victor Bernell Rossing letters to Marie, July 1917--December 1918
 Compiled and edited by G. Rossing, 2016