



Collection Name:

Carl T. Solberg papers, 1884-1999

Collection Number:

P1655

Extent:

6.0 cubic feet (15 archives boxes)

Abstract:

Son of a prominent Lutheran pastor, Carl K. Solberg, Solberg grew up mainly in Minneapolis and graduated from St. Olaf College in 1935. He and a friend briefly published a newspaper in Pierce County, North Dakota. He received a Rhodes Scholarship and studied at Oxford 1936-1939. He joined the staff of Time Magazine, but when war broke out he joined the Navy, ending up as an air intelligence officer on the staff of Admiral Halsey, Commander of the Third Fleet. At the end of the war Solberg rejoined Time and covered international affairs, writing several cover stories. In 1967 he left Time to become a free lance writer. He published five books, including a biography of Hubert H. Humphrey which the Minnesota Historical society issued in paperback in 2003. His last book, on the China Lobby, did not find a publisher. See also the papers of his brother Richard, P1656.

| Box | Folder | Description | Date | Range |
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| 15 | 0 | 1 folder Correspondence with Roberta Pryor (literary agent) about manuscript "The China Lobby"; 4 folders Research correspondence for "The China Lobby" | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | Books: Decision and dissent: the Halsey at Leyte Gulf. Annapolis, Naval Institute Press, 1995. 203 p. Japanese translation, 1999, 317 p.; (Other copies of the books (except for the translation) are in the library.); 1 folder "The China Lobby: an American folly." 22 chapters, individual pagination Computer Printout. | 1995 | 1999 |
| 13 | 0 | Books: Riding high: America in the Cold War. N.Y., Mason & Lipscomb, 1973. 632 p.; Oil Power, N. Y., Mason/Charter, 1976. 308 p.; Conquest of the Skies: a history of commercial aviation in America. N.Y., Little, Brown, 1979. 441 p.; Hubert Humphrey, a biography. N.Y., Norton, 1984. 562p. (Includes article by Robert Caro in the New Yorker which calls it "the most thoroughly documented biography.") | 1973 | 1984 |



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| 12 | 0 | 1 folder Articles: "A survey of Lutheran service centers" (Lutheran Herald, 1942); "The Lutheran church ministers to its men under arms" (Christian Herald, 1942); "The Bronx, New York: a high-rise for the elderly uplifts the neighborhood" (The Lutheran, 1977); article on H.H. Humphrey in Dictionary of American Biography, suppl. 10; "Passavant revisited" (Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly, Winter 2002.; 1 volume American Heritage, Dec. 1976 ("The tyranny of Oil," pp. 8-13. 78-83); 1 volume Book contracts and distribution; 1 folder Miscellaneous, information about associates; 1 folder Correspondence, NAHA | 1942 | 1976 |
| 11 | 0 | 1 folder Correspondence and information about Ebenezer Home, Minneapolis; 1 folder Correspondence, minutes, reports about the Roothbert Fund, "a private source of financial assistance for graduate students in religious studies," including Solberg's brief biographies of the founders; 2 folders Information about the Warburg Home, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., where the Solbergs lived during their last years. Includes annual reports, interviews, minutes, etc., and Solberg's biographies of several residents: Aaron Avies, Roy Brotherhood, Nellie Lagas, Rudy Meng.; 1 volume Miscellaneous writings, including some item listed separately above. Includes family history; Solberg's experiences in North Dakota, in Germany and during World War II; "German churches and Hitler." Albert and Toni Roothbert; trips to Moscow (1956), Finland (1957), Hawaii (1983); the Wartburg, including his sketches of Avies, Brotherhood, Meng and "The Wartburg, a thumbnail history" 6 p.; "Passavant revisited" 12 p.; "Berkemeier, the war preacher" 7 p.; the "Asbourne scam" | 1956 | 1983 |
| 10 | 0 | Family history: 1 folder Selmer family; John Selmer I, II, III; correspondence with M.E. Knudsen; 1 folder Aanstad family: Ole Olsen Aanstad's daughter married J.J. Selmer; 1 folder Matiesen family: Augusta Selmer married O.R. Mathiesen; 1 folder Cypriansen family: Alftred Cypriansen (1860-1947) was a business associate of S.A. Qvale; 1 folder Stolt-Nielsen family: Anna's brother took the name Stolt-Nielsen, founded one of Norway's largest shipping businesses; 1 volume Kongshavn, E.H. "Stolt-Nielsen, et hundreaar i forretninger, 1886-1981." 144 p., typescript; 1 volume Translations of the above by Maynard W. Atik. 112 p., typescript; 2 folders Revision and reorganizations of the Atik transl., by C.T. Solberg | 0 | 0 |



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| 9 | 0 | <p>Family History: 1 volume "The Solberg family in Norway and America," by Carl T. Solberg. March 1996. 83 p. 3 copies, some with MSS corrections and additions; 1 folder Gunder Sorenson family, Eivind Knutson Solberg family; 1 folder Ole Thompson (eie); 1 folder Excerpts (translated) from Hovin Soga (1987) on Vasstveit, Bakka, Hovda farms; 1 vol. "Some old family papers" 1982. Includes: "Story of my father's life," by Sina Varland Solberg. The Johnson side of the family. Notes on Kari. Correspondence with Freda Johnson Hovden. Wedding trip diary, by C.K. and Sina V. Solberg. European trip diary by C.K. Soberg. European trip diary by Richard W. Solberg. Biographical sketches of parents by Carl Solberg; 1 folder letters written by Sigvald and Anna Qvale to Rasmus B. Anderson, 1884-1890; photocopies of originals in Anderson papers, State Historical Society of Wisconsin. (Anna Nielsen, 1856-1924, first married Einar Selmer, 1850-1889. They had three children. She next married Sigvald A. Qvale, 1848-1890; they had a son Sigvald J., 1890-1909. In his memory money was given to the Norske Selskap to endow an oratorical contest in institutions which taught the Norwegian language; for information about this see its papers, P564.); 1 folder Documents concerning settlement of the estate of Sigvald A. Qvale, 1892-1910. (Photocopies and typescript transcriptions.); 1 folder Anna Qvale: biographical sketches by Solberg. Clippings and transcriptions of newspaper articles. Probate of her estate, 1924; 1 folder Letters written by Anna Qvale, 1885-1920. Photocopies and translations.</p> | 1884 | 1996 |
| 8 | 0 | <p>Annual vols. 1995-1999 budget; 1 folder Letters of Barbara, 1943-1998. Barbara Sempler Solberg items: 1 vol. "A Mother's words; being extracts from her letters to Minneapolis and her Notes on her children, Summer 1985. A Mother's Words II (extracts from Notes...especially on Andy); 1 vol. "A Mother's words II" 101 p. (text as in first copy, but with many family photographs interpolated); 1 vol. "Carl Orff in the elementary classroom." Thesis, Master of Music, Manhattan school of Music, 1972. 87 p.; 1 vol. Notes from Red Cross days, 1943-1944. 30 p.; 1 vol. Portugal trip, 1985 1 folder Journey to Osterlid, July 1969; 1 folder Miscellaneous, clippings</p> | 1943 | 1998 |
| 7 | 0 | <p>Budget: annual volumes 1946-1994</p> | 1946 | 1994 |



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| 5 | 0 | 1 folder Miscellaneous letters, 1918-1999; 3 folders Correspondence with Richard (brother), 1980-2002; 1 folder Correspondence with wife Barbara when he was on overseas trips, 1946-69; 2 volumes, 4 folders Diaries, 1979-2002 | 1918 | 2002 |
| 3,4 | 0 | 20 folders Correspondence with parents and brother, 1916-1966 | 1916 | 1966 |
| 2 | 0 | Autobiographical writings, part 2: 1 vol. "One man's journey: a micro-memoir." (1945-Sept. 24, 2002) 101 p.; 1 vol. World War II journal. 769 p., plus illus.; 1 vol. War years; 1 folder Navy materials; 1 vol. Trip to Norway, 1969. A fortnight diary, May 1989; Transcriptions by Richard Solberg from Varland-Selvaag aetta (Stavanger, 1938); 1 folder Trip to Russia, 1956; South East Asia trip, 1973; 1 folder China trip; 1 vol. China journal, 1984. 94 p. 1 folder Photographs: Chetek, Carl & Barbara. 1 folder Hawaii, 1995 | 1945 | 2002 |
| 1 | 0 | Autobiographical writings, part 1: 1 vol., 2 folders, 2 films The North Dakota years, including 2 microfilm reels of the Pierce County Press, 1933-1937. Includes materials collected later on Harald Thorson and Elias Rachie, interests inspired by his North Dakota experiences; 1 vol. Rhodes Scholarship diary: "extracts from letters to parents" 1936-1939; 1 folder Pembroke College, Oxford; 1 vol. "The Independent Labour Party, 1893-1919." May 1939. 230 p., typescript (thesis); 1 folder Notes and photographs from summer 1937 in Germany, including an account (11 p., computer printout based partly on excerpts from his letters to his parents, with explanatory additions; 1 folder Miscellaneous materials. | 1933 | 1939 |

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Roothbert Fund

Orff, Carl

Mathiesen, O. T.

Kongshavn, E. H.

Hovden, Freda Johnson

Thompson, Ole (Eie)

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Pierce County Press

Stolt-Nielsen family

Stolt-Nielsen Norwegian shiping company

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Wartburg Home

China Lobby

Solberg, Barbara Selmer

Eie, Ole Thompson

Solberg, Eivind Knutson

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