

Collection Name:

Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland family papers, 1915-2000

Collection Number:

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Extent:

4.4 cubic feet (8 archives boxes, 1 record center carton, and 1 oversized half archives box)

Biography/History:

Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland was born November 21, 1896 in Lyngdal, Vest Ager, Norway, to Alfred Finkelsen Akersmyr and Rakel Reime Akersmyr. She attended school in Lyngdal and Framnes, and worked as a secretary until her marriage on April 4, 1925 to Reinert Tofteland. In May 1925, the couple came to Luverne, Minnesota where they farmed near Kanaranzi, Minnesota until 1958. She was a prolific writer of poems and articles, and composed many songs. She painted numerous watercolor and oil paintings. She was a charter member of the Agderlag and served as secretary for 25 years. Her children included Arnold Rudolf, Helga Svanhild Hoffman, Alvhild Rosa Johnson.

Scope and content:

Tofteland family papers of Luverne, Minnesota. Includes family history by Jenny Lindland, "Mine Minner" (1985); bunad histories and depictions (collected by Rose Tofteland Johnson), including paper dolls; and general clippings regarding the Vikings. Additional files contain extensive writings, mainly poetry (notebooks, manuscript and published) by Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland; newspaper articles by and about Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland; writings by Lily Tofteland Hartmann, photographs and correspondence. Audio recordings, circa 1950-1960.

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Bibliographic Citation:

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Box	Folder	Description
1	1-2	Newspapers and articles on bunads
1	3	"Mine Minner" by Jenny Lindland

1	4	Account/budget notebook, 1922
2	1	Address book with photographs, circa 1945-1950 Owned by Tilda A. Tofteland.
2	2	Clippings about Tilda A. Tofteland
2	3	Correspondence, 1949, 1956, 1962, 1979 In English, German, and Norwegian. One letter from Bethel Mission Station, Swaziland (Now Eswatini, 1949).
2	4	Tofteland family history and notes, circa 1970
2	5	Lily Tofteland writings, 1987
2	6	Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland manuscripts and articles, circa 1940-circa 1980
2	7	Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland poetry, circa 1920-circa 1980
2	8	Clippings and clippings notebooks, 1952 Includes Norsk Ungdom, March 1959.
3	1	Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland obituary, February 1986
3	2	Christmas poetry, circa 1950
3	3-4	Composition poetry notebooks, 1925-1935
3	5	Published poetry
3	6	Poetry, later published
3	7	Special occasion poetry, 1926-1956
4	1	Wedding, anniversaries, and showers poetry
4	2	Poetry
4	3	Photographs, 1920s
4	4	Recipe book, circa 1939
4	5	Karl Stromme poems and songs, 1939-1942
4	6	Published writings
4	7	Music
4	8	Books
4	9	Articles
4	10	Interviews with/about Tilda A. Tottleand, 1982-2011 About 40 interviews.
4	11	Solglimt (Bjelland funder announcement), 1938
5-6		Reel-to-reel audio recordings (15 reels) All audio recordings have been digitized. Available online.
7	1	Phonograph recordings (with CDs)
7	2	Photocopies of reel-to-reel boxes
7	3	Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland biography
7	4	Photographs and clippings
7	5	List of interviews and clippings
7	6	Sonja Henie souvenir booklet and clippings
7	7	Poems collection
7	8	Family genealogy
7	9	Poems, articles, and clippings Includes information on Landsforbundet and Agderlag.

8	1	Songs of Tilda Tofteland
8	2	School and employment credentials, 1913-1924
8	3	"The Tofteland Family" by Arne Stuestøl, 1972
8	4	Clippings and writings
8	5	Western Viking, 1888-1993
8	6	"Lines from my life: Introduction of Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland," 1978
8	7	Augustana Academy (Lily Tofteland Hartmann)
8	8	Walton and Kevin Lillehei
8	9-10	CD's of 15 reel-to-reel recordings
8	11	Thumbdrive of Norwegian and English scanned materials
9	1	Poems by Tilda
9	2	Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland biography braille version
10	1	Tilda's Norwegian writings binder "Titles of Norwegian poems from the lines from my life collection and titles of poems not compiled by 6/22/85." This has been digitized. Available online.
10	2	Tilda's English writings binder "English titles of poetry of Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland." This has been digitized. Available online.
10	3	List of published articles in Western Viking, Små-Prat, 1986-1994
10	4	Lily Tofteland Hartmann "Små-Prat" writings