

Collection Name: Texas Norwegians collection, undated

Collection Number: P1131

Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (2 archives boxes)

Abstract: A file consisting of letters, clippings, articles, news releases, and more concerning Texans of Norwegian ancestry who have achieved distinction in various fields.

Box	Folder	Description
1		<p>Two boxes of contents (notes attributed to Forrest Brown, former NAHA Archivist):</p> <p>Rebecca Guthrie, Morris K. Jackson, Neal Morris Jackson, Joram E. Brown, Caia Manell Kent McCullar, C.E. Olsen, Col. Rallin J. Aars, Hulen Aars, Wilson Cowen, John Grimland, Clayton Enger, T.O.G Kolberg & family, Robert B. Lane, Richard M. Kleberg (congressman), Karen Beasley Lukin, Mary Colwick Orbeck, E. G. (Glenn) Gaustad, Regina Hanson, Grant Ilse, Charles Black, Ruell F. Solger, Jr., Carl W. W. Sorenson, Loyd Swenson, Kent Westley, Nordboe family, Derwood Johnson, Ole Pierson homestead, Norwegian Society of Texas, "Norse country of Texas," Rex Colwick, A.W. Moursund, James M. Matson, Tony Pederson (managing editor of the "Houston Chronicle") "Texas Highways," September 1984: "A little bit of Norway in central Texas," by Lana Robinson, with photographs by Randy Green, pages 18-29. "The Norwegian Texans" (The Texians and the Texans-series), published by the Institute of Texas Cultures, The University of Texas. 36 pages (chiefly illustrations). "Dengang - paa vaare kanter, 1987, 25-aars jubileum: Aarbok, Historielaget for Dypvaag, Holt og Tvedestrand." Photocopy, 93 pages in 46 pages. Also, translations of "Amerikabrevet" page 27; "Til Gunborg Torine Nilsdatter" and "Holtingen Elef Albertson (Texas) og Albertson Sisters," by Øyvind Bjorvatn pages 27-33.</p> <p>Miscellaneous items: map of "Norse country, Texas" published by the Norwegian Society of Texas. Information pamphlet on the Norwegian Society of Texas, Sept. 1985. See Congregations. Publications. Texas for information about Texas churches.</p> <p>Obituaries and 1927 newspaper article about "star of silent movies" Inga Svanholm (born Clifton, Texas April 12, 1899, as Ernestine Hansen; died Austin Aug. 1, 1993). (Xerox copies).</p> <p>"Historic log cabin is uncovered near Norse," by W. Leon Smith. "Clifton Record," Aug. 4, 1993. (Xerox copy) "Jesse Curry reveals his personal assassination file [Pres. John F. Kennedy]" p.54, mentioning (with photograph) Lt. J. Carl Day, fingerprint expert who checked the rifle of Lee Harvey Oswald. Day is grandson of Johan Skjolden/Sholden who emigrated from Askim, Norway to</p>

Texas in 1884. Clippings on Carl E. Schow, grandson of John Evensen Schow who emigrated 1881; Victor E. Wattner, grandson of Adolf S. Wattner who emigrated 1871. Clippings and programs concerning the erection of an historical marker for the Brownsboro Norwegian Lutheran Cemetery, land for which was donated by Ole Reiersen who came to Texas from Norway in 1839. Passenger list of the ship "Alisto" which arrived at New Orleans June 9, 1845, including the names of ten Norwegians who list their occupations as farmers. Ole Reiersen's name is included. The letters from Derwood Johnson and Helen Katz forwarding the list are included. Salvesen, Sigvald. "Den store utvandring til Texas fra Aamli, Gjovdal, Tovdal og Holt in 1840-50 aara." "Agderposten" Jan. 11, 1967. Clipping. Typescript copy of letter from Elef Albertsen (1845-1915, emig. 1858), Tyler, Smith Co., Texas, June 6, 1868 to Thorine Berge. Sent to Derwood Johnson by Sigvald Salvesen (Vallekilen, Norway); original owned by Oyvind Bjvarvatten of Holt parish, Norway. "Viking Posten: the monthly news letter of Viking Chapter of the Norwegian Society of Texas," June 1994-- Clipping: "Mit f ørste besøg i Texas," by H. G. Stub (Sept. 8, 1915); and other clippings (1904-1955) from C.G.O. Hansen clipping collection. Includes "De Norske i Texas" by Olaf Olsen Bertweit; "50-aars minde: det første norske settlement i Texas feirer 50-aars jubilaum,"; "Norske i Texas: Pastor Einar Orting fortæller "Morgenbladet" om forholdene blandt Nordmændene i Texas" (1913); "Et norsk stløg i Texas" by Hans Ash (1932); "Texas 100-aars fest"(1936); "Norse colony 100 years old" by Robert E. Baskin (1954); "There are some Norwegians in Texas" by editor of "Sons of Norway" (1945).

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"Lutheran Church Herald"" treating Clifton College, St. Olaf church (Cranfills Gap), Norse, First Lutheran (Waco), Central Lutheran (Dallas), Norwegian Lutheran Seamen's Mission at Galveston, the South Texas mission fields; clipping (1927) and manuscript description of Kristenstad, a Danish-Norwegian colony, signed ""T.T. Aga, Jan.30, 1930." News releases (1994) about Earl W. Bascom, ""cowboy of cowboy artists."" He was born in Utah 1906; his grandmother was an immigrant from Norway, his grandfather Joel A. Bascom was a Mormon pioneer who started the 101 Ranch in Utah in the 1850s. special issue, ""The royal visit - from Norway to central Texas,"" Oct. 1982, Progressive Media Communications, Clifton, 64 p. special issue, ""The Clifton Record,"" June 21, 1995: ""Clifton Record 100 years old"" with

special FreedomFest section. Includes articles on St. Olaf and Our Savior's Lutheran churches, Norse; "Norwegian immigrant pioneers had good reason to fear hot sun in Texas..." by Sam Logan; Clifton Lutheran College; Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home; 1982 royal visit. 7 sections, 100 p. special issue, "Risin' high" - 4th annual "Odyssey of flight, hot air balloon rally and multi-cultural festival;" Oct. 18, 1995. 20 p. "Texas Highways," Nov. 1999 (includes article by Lana Robinson, "Norse, of course! In Bosque County, two colorful celebrations set the stage for a Norwegian Christmas." "Bosque County: Land and People" (1985). Photocopy of article, "Norse Community," by Patsy D. Lund (pp. 33-35) and of biographical sketches of Norwegian-Americans. "Life in Cranfills Gap—yesterday & today," by Goar Valley Extension Homemakers. 1985. 39 p. photocopy. Added 2001: letter (Sept. 17, 1996) from Eudoris Dahl concerning the "Texas Norwegian bunad." Also, questionnaires filled out by Texan-Norwegians for "The promise fulfilled." See in library collection, "Lautin; lokalhistorisk aarbok for Løten," 1979, pp. 66-95, "Omvendte' Amerikabrev; Løtensokninger i Texas," by Odd Magnar Syversen and Derwood Johnson. Photograph of pioneers from Hedemarken, Arendal and Koppervik in Bosque County, 1854. Ole Ween, Mr. and Mrs. Hendric Dahl, Ole Canuteson, Jens Jenson, Jens Ringness, Knut Canuteson, Karl Qvaestad, Berge Rogstad, Ole Pierson. "Norge i Texas: et bidrag til norsk emigrasjonshistorie." Del 1, Odd Magnar Syversen; del II, Derwood Johnson & Syversen. Stange Historielag, 1982. 526 p. The second part (pp. 199-526) is a chronological list of immigrants 1835- ca. 1900. Another copy in library collection. See in library collection, "Seeds that flourished: pastors descended from Bosque County Norwegian immigrants," Bosque County Norwegian Society of Texas, 2003, 37p. Editor: Betty Jenson Tindall. Clipping, "[Cleng] Peerson's last home (farm he sold to Ovie Colwick), from Clifton, Texas, paper."

2 "The Ole Reieron Realm: Texas Pioneers and Colonizers," by Derwood Johnson, 2009

2 Newspapers, 1982, 1995

"The Royal Visit from Norway to Central Texas – King Olav V of Norway," Progressive Media Communications, 1982; "Risin High: Odyssey of Flight that Spans the Globe," Bosque County, Texas, October 18, 1995; "Welcome to FreedomFest," The Clifton Record, June 21, 1995.