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Collection Name:

Aaker family papers, 1833-1958

Collection Number:

P0001

Extent:

5.40 cubic feet (11 archives boxes and 2 oversized boxes)

Abstract:

Papers of Knud Saavesen Aaker (1797-1873) and his descendants: articles, correspondence, Civil War letters, notebooks, scrapbooks, albums, clippings, family histories, charts, and a diary. Includes letters from B.J. Muus, G. Hoyme, and Knute Finseth.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Correspondence, 1923-1964 Includes letters from Marie Aaker dated 1931), Andrew Rowberg (1954), Peter Solberg (1955)
1	2	Postcards and letters, 1859-1928 Translation by B. Rowberg. Includes letters from Knud S. Aaker (Holden) to Knud Jargo and family; Marie Aaker Bordsen; Maria Aaker Voxland, Anne and Peter Floan, K.O. Lundeberg, Halvor Shipstead, Peter Solberg; Peter L. Ingebrigtsen, Mrs. G.J. Bratberg; George Solberg.
1	3-4	Andrew Scott letters, undated Correspondence written in Norwegian, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.
1	5	Andrew Scott Civil War letters, circa 1861 Handwritten correspondence in Norwegian with English translations.
1	6	Andrew Scott Groven Civil War letters, circa 1864-1865 Andrew (Andreas) Scott was part of Company D, 10th Regiment. Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. Letters start at Fort Snelling, 1864 September and end in Memphis, Tennessee, 1865 March. Translated from the Norwegian by Olav K. Lundeberg, 1937.
1	7	Letters, 1833-1886 Correspondence in Norwegian.
1	8-9	Aaker Family letters, 1861-1895 Translated from Norwegian Originals by Olav K. Lundeberg, 1937.



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| 1 | 10 | Knute S. Aaker letters and pamphlets, undated |
| 2 | 1 | L.K. Aaker correspondence, 1848 March-1895 July 1895 |
| 2 | 2 | Lars K. Aaker correspondence and clippings
Includes: The Aaker diary (Lars K. Aaker) 1879 May-August, translated by Esther Gulbrandson, 1956. The Aaker Salve translation reads, "Father was famous for this salve. He made it himself." Funeral Card of the Honorable L.K. Aaker (14 August 1895), newspaper clippings about L.K. Aaker's; book " <i>Opbyggelige fortællinger og betragtninger, udgivne af Selskabet for christelige underviisnings-og andagts-bøgers udgivelse</i> ," 1840. Inscription on inside cover: "Til Lars Knudsen Aaker fra J.W.C. Dietrichson, sognepræst til Koshkonong."; and Civil War pension certificate of Lars Aaker (Company D. 3rd Regiment, Minnesota, Volunteer infantry). |
| 2 | 3 | Correspondence, notes, and programs, circa 1875-circa 1949
Two letters written by Marie Aaker, who was the first student to enroll and receive a diploma at St. Olaf's School in 1875 and 1877. One letter in Norwegian circa 1875 April-October. Five handwritten letters in Norwegian written by B.J. Muus to L.K. Aaker, 1889-1895. Programs include St. Olaf Choir in Norway (1913); Commencement (1914); and Carsten Woll Quartet (summer 1918). Notes on School established by Muus in his Holden parsonage by A.M. Holmquist, 1941. Notes on Muus' personality by Olof S. Holmquist, 1949. |
| 2 | 4 | Holstad history and obituaries, circa 1845-circa 1936
Includes: " <i>Grandmother Sang for Ole Bull [grandmother was Mari Saavesdatter (Groven) Holmquist (Mrs. Adam W., 1845-1905)]</i> ," by Olav K. Lundeberg (1936); Leland Rowberg; clipping photo of President Lars Boe of St. Olaf pointing to Marie Aaker; and Senator Shipstead. |
| 2 | 5 | Obituaries, undated
Includes obituary for Red Grange [his wife, Margaret was the daughter of Karl T. and Olga Hazelberg of the Jargo branch]; Anna Huseth [notes on Sister Anna Huseth Memorial Mission, Shishmaref, Alaska]; Andrew Rowberg (includes wedding photo). |
| 2 | 6 | Obituaries and In Memoriam, circa 1942-circa 1954
Includes: " <i>In Memoriam Josephine Marie Akre Nordby</i> ," 1942; photo clipping of Mr. And Mrs. Olaf Aaker, 1954; photo clipping of Roy L. Voxland candidate for State Representative, 1954); photo clipping of Bob and Paul Jacobson's Department Store, Zumbrota, |



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MN; "Vaccinees pass incubation period safely," clipping about Dr. Karl R. Lundeberg. First polio vaccination on a citywide scale in Minneapolis, 1955; and missionary work.

2	7	History of K.S. Aaker, 1892
3	1	Aaker Saga, 1979-1914
3	2	Aaker Saga, 1951
3	3-4	Aaker saga supplement, 1897
3	5	Aaker saga family history notes, undated
3	6-8	Family group sheets, undated
4	1-14	Pedigree charts and genealogy, undated
5	1	Knud Saavesen Aaker pedigree chart
5	2-5	Biographical Notes accompanying Ancestral chart of Knud Saavesen Aaker and Mari Larsdatter Heggveit, undated Compilation made by A.A. Rowberg, Lincoln, Virginia from the Kvetseid and Laardal Herreds in Telemark, Norway. Based on Loupedalens "Kviteseid Bygdesoge" Flatins "Seljord" "Aaker Saga."
5	6	Floan pedigree charts, undated
5	7	Saave Knutson Aaker tombstone rubbing, 1936 Tombstone rubbing lifted from Holden Church by Olav Lundeberg, 1936 "Saave K. Groven."
5	8	A.M. Holmquist's book of " <i>Kalendermanden Fra Veitsborg by Glaubrecht</i> ," 1869 Also includes pedigree charts for Holmquist.
5	9	Mari Groven Holmquist " <i>En Sorge-Sang</i> ," 1867 A song written by Mari Groven at 22 years old after the death of her father, Saave Aaker Groven.
5	10	Nils Heggveit Correspondence
5	11	Ole Solberg notebook, circa 1847 A student at Holt Seminary, Norway, from which he graduated in 1847. Handwritten in Gothic script.
5	12	Smedal family history as it ties into the Aaker family history
5	13	Frithjof (Fritz) Lundeberg writings Includes 1968 publication "Norwegian Odyssey"
5	14	Anna Huseth clippings, 1892-1929 Huseth was a Norwegian Lutheran Missionary, who worked at the Eskimo Orphanage, Julia M. Brevig Memorial Mission at Teller, Alaska. "Sister Anna or The Heroine of the North."
6	1	Mailing lists, dues.
6	2-5	Reunions, 1922-2003



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Featuring: Fia Groven, Agnes Huseeth, Amanda Lundeberg, Ole Holmquist, Emma Warner, Clara Groven, Henry Aaker, Andrew Rowberg & Marie Rowberg, Maynard Aaker, Al Warner, Elsie Holmquist, Nicolene Huset, Helen Dokken, Charlotte Harriet, Helen Rowberg, Brynne Rowberg, Ann Lunde, Stu Aaker, Martha Aaker, and Helen Pederson.

6	6	Norwegian poetry clippings
6	7	English poetry clippings
7	1-3	Aaker Paper (newsletter) 1957-2003
7	4	Pedigree chart, 1955 Includes "Karmøy...the ancestral home of the Akre branch of the Aaker Family," by Charles and Sharon Akre.
7	5	"The Akre Family" and "The Akre Paper" by Charles Hubert Akre
7	6	Clara Aaker Rygh writings Includes: "My Early visits to Goodhue County" (1957). Recounts visit of circa 1877. Mentions Muus, Grønvold, H. Thorson, Mrs. Ytterboe; "A Visit to Holden" (1957). Recounts visit of 1883. Mentions funeral of Isaak Huseeth who had just graduated from Luther College.
7	7	Henry H. Aakre Includes: "Hans Christian Aadneson Akre," by Henry H. Akre; "Pioneer Recollections by Henry H. Akre, Kenyon, Goodhue County, MN) 1956. recollections from 1872. Mentions Dr. Grønvold, B.J. Muus, Fleckenstein's Brewery, Jesse James gang, and the New Ulm Indian [Native American] Massacre.
7	8	Shipstead family
7	9	Roster of Company D 10th Minnesota Regiment of the Civil War Called "Union Rangers" Notes by Prof. Lundeberg.
7	10	Kleve: "Aaker Familien"
7	11	Gwen Haugen: "Aaker Acres," circa 1991 Published in the Goodhue County Ag Reporter.
8	1	Aaker crest
8	2	Norway maps
8	3-4	Bygdebøker
8	5	Family in Dane County, Wisconsin Includes: "The Aaker Family in Wisconsin" by A.M. Holmquist, 1956. Mentions: Koshkongong area; Rev. Dietrichson; "Investigations of Aaker Family History in Dane County, Wis.: July 5-7, 1955" by Albert M. Holmquist; maps of area.
8	6	Plat maps of Goodhue and Rice counties



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| 8 | 7 | Notebook on 1900 census records in Goodhue and Rice counties, Minnesota |
| 8 | 8 | Photographs, 1845-1945 |
| 9 | 1-11 | Photographs, 1845-1945
Identified: Ella Solberg Aaker, John Steen, Mrs. Richard Tiller, Laura Kolsum, Esther Moe, Regine Nordcott,, Olaf Aaker, residence of Hans Harrison, Hallock, Minn., Lawrence Aaker, Melvin Thune, unidentified man in World War I uniform. Short biographies of A.A. Roberg, Leland Rowberg, Brynhild Rowberg. Images include: Myrtle Anundson, Myrtle Sorenson, L.K. Rowberg, Leland Rowberg. Includes two stamps issued for the Norwegian-American Centennial, 1925. |
| 10 | 1 | Photographs, 1845-1945 |
| 10 | 2 | Miscellaneous
Includes "In Loving Memory of Christian Groven. Died Feb. 12, 1900"; booklet "First Regular Annual Reunion of the Aaker Family" 1923; letter of recommendation for William Holmquist (a gardener). |
| 10 | 3 | Family histories compiled by Al and Marlene Peterson and Helen Pederson |
| 10 | 4 | Correspondence to Helen Pederson regarding updates to Aaker newsletter, 1975 and 1978 |
| 10 | 5 | Clippings on Tobias T. Hazelberg |
| 10 | 6 | Warranty deed, Martin Oppegard |
| 10 | 7 | L.K. Aaker appointment as register of the Land Office at Alexandria, MN
Ulysses S. Grant, grantor |
| 10 | 8 | Murat Williams |
| 10 | 9 | Henry Aaker diary, March 16-April 3, 1908
In English. Concerns jury duty in Red Wing, MN. |
| 10 | 10 | Family history notes |
| 10 | 11 | Letters and family history
Includes letter from Gunhild Grover to Aaker family concerning last illness of aunt Schott Groven (1895); "In Memory of Cousine Mary Holmquist" (ca. 1905); photo clipping of James Scheu (1966); "Letter to My Great-great-grandparents, [Mari Aaker, granddaughter]" by Jerry Aaker (1998); "Toten Museum" |
| 11 | 1 | Ole Jørgensen Solberg daybook, 1828-1911
Solberg emigrated in 1853; family history notes added |
| 11 | 2 | Photographs |



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- Images: Herman Voxland?, Ole and Maria Aaker Voxland, circa 1893, St. Olaf College class image circa 1909, family gathering, 1984), formal portrait of Herman Voxland for confirmation
- 11 3 Postcards
Includes images of: Head of Broadway, Red Wing, Minn., Lidberg Studio, 1907; Mississippi River from High Bridge, St. Paul, Minn., 1912; River Scene near Fort Dodge, Iowa, 1911; Court House and City Hall, Minneapolis, Minn. circa. 1912; Little Traverse Bay, Bay View, Mich., 1908; Frontenac, Lakeside, Minn., 1908; Bird's-eye view, Rolette, North Dakota, 1910; street scene Zumbrota, Minn, 1906; real photo postcard of Meeker County people with family in front of house, 1907; Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo, North Dakota, 1908.
- 11 4 "Patience Book," circa 1887-1892
Created for Maria N. Aaker by friends and family.
- 11 5 Autograph book owned by Maria Aaker
Autographs: Olof Follingstad, Mary O. Follingstad, Knut H. Akre, Mrs. A. Larson, Helena ? Jargo (Nora, Wisc.), Hannah Aker, Marie S. Akre, Inger E. Quam, Sophie Jargo, Gunhild Groven, Mary (Gunderson?), H.O. Moland, Mrs. J.M. Thoen, J. Solberg, Lisa Akre, Caroline Akre, Josephine Salveson, Josephine Enerson
- 11 6 "I Lived There Once: A Family Farm Memoir," by Jerry Aaker, 2009
Include poem by an unknown author, printed in Decorah Posten, 1932, first line, "Holden Church proudly towers."
- 11 7 "Christian Christopher Roch [and descendants]" by Kjetil A. Flatin
Includes "A Brief Biography of Kjetil A. Flatin," by Anton Aure.
Translation from Norwegian to typescript completed by A.A. Rowberg, circa 1942.
- 11 8 Panoramic of family reunion, circa 1945
- 11 9 Brynhild Rowberg scrapbook
- 11 10 Photographs, no date
- 12 1-2 2 oversized photographs
- 12 3 2 scrapbooks belonging to Henry Akre, circa 1939-1949
- 12 4 Newspaper clipping scrapbook
- 13 1 Bible belonging to A. Akre, 1890
Waverly illustrations by Paul Gustav Doré, Publishing, Chicago.