

Collection Name:

Sigdalslag papers, 1911-2012

Collection Number:

P0465 (Sigdalslag)

Extent:

1.4 cubic feet (1 archives box and 1 record center carton)

About Sigdalslag:

Organized at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, June 24, 1911. It represented the bygder of Sigdal, Krødsherad, and Eggedal.

Past presidents include:

Anders B. Petersen (1911-12)

G.T. Braateli (1912-28)

Carl O. Hagen (1928-35)

Theodore Bjørka (1935-68)

Lars N. Mohagen (1968-)

Past secretaries include:

G.T. Hagen (1911-15)

K.C. Kopseng (1915-46)

Gunder Jacobson (1946-53)

Anton S. Aasand (1953-71)

Mrs. Selmer Skinnemoen (1971-)

Past editors include:

Martin T. Braateli (1914-41)

Anton S. Aasand (1949)

History of the Bygdslag:

Papers of "bygd" societies and their Common Council ("Bygdelagenes Fellesraad"), clippings, constitutions, correspondence, minutes and financial records, pamphlets, pictures, programs, and reports, dealing with conventions, officers, special projects, and the Norse-American Centennial of 1925. The bygdslag, organized around the turn of the century, are societies based on regional origins in Norway. They were active in the Eidsvoll Centennial in 1914 and the Norse-American Centennial in 1925. While activity dropped off after the beginning of World War II, a revival began in the 1980s as a result of renewal of ethnic interest, and with emphasis on

family history. Odd S. Lovoll's "A Folk Epic; The Bygdelag in America" (NAHA, 1975), which includes a bibliography of lag publications.

Papers of the various "bygdelag," "social organizations of (Americans) from the same homeland district, usually rural" which began in 1899 with the organization of the Valdres Samband. About fifty other lag with national-wide appeal were formed, as well as many others which were more local. They held annual "stevner" (meetings) and many published periodicals, yearbooks, or monographs which often contained extensive genealogical materials. A decline came after World War II, with a revival in the 1970s particularly through renewed emphasis on genealogical research.

A Council of Bygdelags (Bygdelagenes Faellesraad) coordinates activities of the groups. They were very active in the Eidsvoll centennial celebrations in 1914, and the Norse-American Centennial in 1925. Holdings for the various lag vary, but usually include clippings of newspaper articles about their meetings, correspondence, programs, and copies of their publications, duplicates of library holdings, in the periodical and book collections (monographs and annuals included in the latter). In some cases regional associations are included with the national groups, and in others separate groups which later merged are included under the merged name.

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Box	Folder	Description
35		"The Sigdalslag" Book, 1929, 1932, 1941, 1996, 2005 Note: "The Sigdalslag" primarily contains genealogical information/information about lag members' ancestors. There are two volumes present: one collecting the 1929, 1932, and 1941 editions of the book which was compiled in 1996, and another updated volume published in 2005.

36	1	Sigdalslaget, circa 1911-2002 Includes: photographs: Sven Evenson, Edvard Odegard, and others (unidentified); 25th anniversary ribbon, 1935; newspaper clippings; programs; "Sigdalslagets byggyndelse" (modern Norwegian: "Sigdalslagets Begynnnelse") ("Sigdalslagets' Beginning"); correspondence: Odd S. Lovoll, Anton Aasand, "O.D.," Mr. Hertsgaard, Anton, Lars [N.] [Mohagn], ; publishing information for "Krøsherred, Eggedal og Sigdal," 1911-1920, written circa 1924; Sigdalslag stevne (meeting) announcement letter, circa 1968; "Eggedal," typewritten copy of Luke 15:11-32; newspaper clippings.
36	2	Members, dues, and meeting accounts/notes, 1942-1972
36	3	Members, dues, and meeting accounts/notes, 1972-1978, 1985
36	4	Meeting notes and newspaper clippings, 1911-1950
36	5	Sekretær (Secretary) book, 1951-1970 Includes: Secretary's notes, including accounts of stevnes. Labeled as "no. 2" on the front.
36	6	Sigdalslag Saga (Newsletter), May 1981-May-June 1990
36	7	Sigdalslag Saga (Newsletter) and Album, October 1990-February 1999 Includes: Sigdalslag Saga (Newsletter), October 1990-February 1999; "Sigdalslaget Album 1991-1992: Descendents of Immigrants With Norwegian Roots in Sigdal, Eggedal, and Krødsherad," includes members and photographs, 1992; "Sigdalslaget i Amerika Celebrates Anniversary," bygdelag profile from "Viking" Magazine, February 1996.
36	8	Sigdalslag Saga (Newsletter), May 1999-May 2007, September 2011 Includes: Sigdalslag Saga (Newsletter), May 1999-May 2007; "Hipp, hipp for Sigdalslag," article from the Norwegian American Weekly, 9 September 2011.
36	9	Sigdalslag Saga (Newsletter), May 2001-October 2005
93	1	Stevne of the past, 1911-1989
93	2-6	Stevne of the past, 1990-2010
93	7	Heritage tours, 1982, 1986, 2000, 2006, 2012
93	8	Centennial celebration, 1911-2011
93	9-10	Siglaslag in Norway and North Dakota, 2000
93	11	Sigdal scrapbook
93	12	Slides, circa 1982
93	13	Publications Sigdalslaget album 1991-1992 UTVANDRERLIV: Norwegians in America Norsk-Amerikaneren Historisk Magasin by Martin Ulvestad, 1923, 1930 Norwegian Settlers in Alberta by Jan Harold Brunvand, 1974
93	14	Panoramic photograph, Fergus Falls, 1923 June 14-15