

Collection Name:

Eliason family papers, 1895-1936

Collection Number:

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Extent:

1.0 cubic feet (2 archive boxes and 1 half archive box)

Biography/History:

Karl Enok Eliason (1847-1925) was born in Kolvereid, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway, to Elias Larsen Rygvold and Berethe Einarsdatter. In 1875, he married Kathrina Synnes in Folderied, Norway. **Kathrina Andrea Eriksdatter Synnes** (1847-1938) was born in Høylandet, Nordre Trondhjem, Norway, to Erik Pedersen (mother unknown). They had three children born in Norway and two in the United States: Sofie, Elias, Erik, Martin, and Alfred. In 1882, they immigrated and homesteaded near Appleton, Minnesota. Their first home was a dugout in the side of a hill on the farm.

The first child born in the United States was Martin (1885-1961). Martin A. Eliason married Allie Mae Olsen (1888-1956). They also farmed near Appleton, Minnesota. Martin was a member of the Horticultural Society and developed his own peony seedling called Le Charme, which can still be ordered from seed catalogs. He served as a School Board Clerk and was active in the local church.

Scope and Content:

Correspondence, photographs, pamphlets, and other records about the Eliason family of Appleton, Minnesota. Correspondence includes many letters either sent from Norway or in Norwegian.

Access Rights:

This collection is open to research.

Bibliographic Citation:

[Indicate the cited item here]. Eliason Family Papers. Norwegian American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Karl and Katrine Eliason family information
1	2	Letters sent to Karl and Katrina Eliason, 1895 March-1899 May
1	3	Letters sent to Karl and Katrina Eliason, 1900 January-1905 November
1	4	Letters sent to Martin A. Eliason and Allie Olsen, 1906 January-1909 April
1	5	Letters sent to Karl and Katrina Eliason, 1910
1	6	Letters sent to Allie Olsen, 1911-1914
1	7	Letters sent to Allie Olsen from Martin Eliason, 1914
1	8	Correspondence, 1921
1	9	Letters sent to Martin and Allie Eliason, 1922
2	1	Letters sent to Martin and Allie Eliason, 1923
2	2	Correspondence, 1924 Includes letters sent to Sophie Eliason, Martin Eliason, Karl Eliason, and Katrina Eliason.
2	3	Letters sent to Karl, Katrina, and Sophia Eliason, 1925
2	4	Correspondence, 1926-1927 Includes letters sent to Sophie Eliason, Martin Eliason, Karl Eliason, and Katrina Eliason.
2	5	Correspondence, 1928-1929 Includes letters sent to Sophie Eliason, Martin Eliason, Karl Eliason, and Katrina Eliason.
2	6	Correspondence, 1930-1936 Includes letters sent to Sophie Eliason, Martin Eliason, Karl Eliason, and Katrina Eliason.
3	1	Photographs, circa 1900-1920
3	2	Various records, circa 1900-1920 School records, notebooks, pamphlets.
3	3	State of Minnesota, Department of Education records, 1915-1918