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Andreas L. Dahl collection, 1871-1917

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Biography/History:

Andreas Larsen Dahl was born in Skrautvall, Valdres, Norway. Dahl emigrated in 1869, joining an older brother in DeForest, Dane County, Wisconsin. From 1873 until his ordination in 1883 he worked as a traveling photographer in southern Wisconsin and in Iowa, providing an invaluable picture of life at that time.

Dahl made more than 1,200 images of people, towns, and landscapes primarily in Dane County. His photographs illustrate the development of Dane County and the growth of many of its towns and villages, including Madison, Mazomanie, and Middleton, as well as rural farm life in the county. Dahl also photographed families, including many Norwegian, Swedish, and other immigrants, in front of their homes and farms, often with their most prized possessions. The negatives are held at the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison, Wisconsin.

Scope and Content:

Collection of stereographs and photographs captured by Andreas L. Dahl.

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Box	Folder	Description
1	1	"Hospitalsmissionen i Tvillingbyrene" by A.L. Dahl, 1917
1	2	Stereoview photographs, 1871-1877
		001_001: Fence around farmstead, circa 1874
		A farm view with a rough split-rail fence and many very large circular haystacks in front of a two-story white framed house.
		001_002: Family of nine in yard, circa 1871

Showing a family of nine sitting in front of a stone two-story house. Behind it are various horse-drawn farm implements, a large circular haystack and an outbuilding. This is possibly the Springen family.

001_003: Synod Meeting, Decorah, Iowa, 1874

001_004: Synod Meeting, Winchester, Wisconsin, 1877

001_005: Orfordville Lutheran Church, circa 1872

View of the Orfordville Lutheran Church, built in 1871-1872, surrounded by a white picket fence. The pastor at the time of the photograph was Johannes Muller Eggen (1841-1913).

001_006: Reverend John N. Fjeld and family, Black Earth, Wisconsin, circa 1876

The Rev. John N. Fjeld, pastor of the Vermont Lutheran Church, is enjoying coffee and a pipe with his family. His wife Gunhild on left (It could be his second wife, Ingeborg wearing a necklace and sitting on Fjeld's right).

001_007: Pastor Clalus Friman Magelssen and family, Newark, Town of York, Wisconsin, circa 1873

001_008: Rev. Claus Magelsen & Family, Rock Prairie, Wisconsin, 1876-1877

001_009: Gullik K. Springen family, Newark, Town of York, Wisconsin, circa 1874

001_010: Gullik K. Springen family, Newark, Town of York, Wisconsin, circa 1874

001_011: Devil's Chimney, Primrose, Wisconsin, 1876-1877

001_012: Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, Wisconsin, Eastern District Norwegian Synod (May 31-June 6, 1877)

001_013: Family outside of a house, having tea. Most likely in Wisconsin.

001_014: Norwegian Lutheran College (Luther College) or View of the Professors and College, 1876-77

001_015: Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, at a distance, the largest mountains in the state, 1876-77

001_016: Group of men taking a picture in a forest

001_017: Man with horse-drawn carriage in front of home and barn, Southern Wisconsin

001_018: Man and son standing in a field of flowers, overlooking another field, Southern Wisconsin

001_019: Lodi School students, Lodi, Columbia Co., Wisconsin, circa 1877

001_020: Photographer & Wisconsin State Capitol building or "Centennial Views of Madison, July 4, 1876."

Two men stand by a wagon on which is written "A.L. Dahl Landscape Photographer." The flag on the side of Dahl's wagon is a souvenir of the Philadelphia Centennial International Exhibition of 1876. Image annotation: "Civil War Orphans' Home in background. Became Norwegian Luther Seminary and Monona Academy." 1876

001_021: Prof. F.A. Schmidt and family boating on Lake Monona, Madison, Wisconsin, circa 1876

F.A. Schmidt and family, professor of theology at the Norwegian Lutheran Seminary, with his family on the grounds of the seminary, formerly the Soldiers' and Orphans' Home, Madison, Wisconsin, circa 1877

001_022: Skavlem family and framed house

Possibly home of Lars H. Skavlem. Identified: Halvor L.

001_023: Skavlem, Gunil Olmstad Skavlem and Groe Halvorsdatter Aae, circa 1875

001_024: Dedication of Blue Mounds Church, Blue Mounds, Wisconsin (whole congregation dining), 1876-77

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Stereoview photographs,

001_025: View of the ministers present from the dedication of East Blue Mounds Lutheran Church, Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, Aug. 30, 1876

001_026: Cutting grain. Two women and six men are cutting grain or hay using hand tools and horse-drawn implements. Behind them is a frame house. circa 1876

001_027: Field in Wisconsin, with a fence running through. A church can be seen in the distance.

001_028: Gathering of people, many on horse-drawn carts

001_029: Front view of Luther College, distance, Decorah, Iowa, 1877. Possibly Reunion of the 15th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment.

Two lines of men holding the American and Norwegian flags

001_030: Rev. J.A. Ottesen, family and visitors on the veranda, Utica, Dane Co., Wisconsin, 1876.

Features Mrs. Ottesen, Froken Larsen (late Mrs. Krohn), Rev. Ottesen, Rev. Krohn, Froken Normann, Mrs. H.A. Preus, Rev. L.A. Preus, Otto C. Ottesen, Agnes Preus, "Dr." Wilhelm Preus, Hannah Ottesen, O.G. Felland, Rosine Pauline Keysr Preus (late Mrs. Nordbye), Dr.

Magelssen, Dikka Ottesen, C.K. Preus, Henrietta (?) Kornli.

001_031: Ole Jelle (Hjelle) family, Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, Wisconsin

001_032: Campers at McBride's Point, Madison, Wisconsin, circa 1873

A group of campers equipped with exercise pins, a horn, an axe, and archery equipment.

001_033: Rev. J.A. Ottesen, family & visitors, 1876-77

Identified: Mrs. Ottesen, Froken Larsen (Mrs. Krohn), Rev. Ottesen, Rev. Krohn, Froken Normann, Mrs. H.A. Preus, Rev. L.A. Preus, Otto C. Ottesen, Hannah Ottesen, Magelssen, & Dikka Ottesen

001_034: Centennial Views of Madison, July 4th 1876

View of Capt. I.M. Lange's Company (?), Madison, Wisconsin

001_035: Farmstead from valley, circa 1873

001_037: Senator R.E. Davis's Residence, Middleton, Wisconsin, circa 1872

001_038: Samuel Barber Home, Middleton, Wisconsin, circa 1873

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Stereoview photographs

002_001: Centennial Views of Madison, July 4th, 1876

View of Capt. L.M. Lange's Tent and Seven Captains, encamped at Lake Monona

002_002: Norwegian Sunday School Picnic, Maple Bluff on Lake Mendota, Dane Co., Wisconsin, circa 1873

002_003: Norwegian Sunday School Picnic, Maple Bluff on Lake Mendota, Dane Co., Wisconsin, circa 1873

002_004: The Norwegian Sunday School Picnic

002_005: Gathering on shores of Lake Monona, Madison, Wisconsin, circa 1876

002_006: Group of people sitting outside

002_008: Possibly Spring Prairie Lutheran Church, Liberty Prairie, Wisconsin, circa 1876

002_010: Synod held at Winchester, 1877

Men at the Eastern District Norwegian Synod. Men seated outside during the Eastern District Norwegian Synod held at Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester, Wisconsin. Winnebago County.

002_013: Norwegian Lutheran College (Luther College), Decorah, Iowa, circa 1880.

Possibly Reunion of the 15th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. Two lines of men holding the American and Norwegian flags. WHS image ID/5259

002_014: The Beauties of Madison, Wisconsin and Surroundings. Looking down Wisconsin Avenue toward the third Wisconsin Capitol, a view that suggests something of the ongoing importance of the Capitol building in the Madison urban landscape. The building that partially blocks the view of the Capitol is the U.S. Post Office. View from the William

F. Vilas House on the corner of East Gilman and Wisconsin Avenue. Seen are the Capitol, City Hall and the Park Hotel. Titled "Central View of the City from Yankee Hill" in Dahl's 1877 "Catalogue of Stereoscopic Views." From the series, "Views of the City of Madison, Wisconsin."

002_015: Rev. N. Brandt and Family, Decorah, Iowa, July 18, 1876

002_016: Interior, Norwegian-American Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin, circa 1874

002_017: Spring Grove Lutheran Church, Spring Grove, Wisconsin, circa 1872

002_019: Harold Haroldsen Stugaard farm, Springdale, Wisconsin, circa 1876

002_020: Mrs. Berit Stugaard Family, Springdale, Wis.

002_021: Rev. Peter Andreas Rasmussen and family, Primrose, Wisconsin, circa 1879

002_022: The Representatives gathered at the Norwegian Lutheran Synod held at Minneapolis, Minn. (Our Savior's Lutheran Church), 1875

002_023: The Ministers gathered at the Norwegian Lutheran Synod held at Minneapolis, Minn. (Our Savior's Lutheran Church), 1875

002_025: Ministers at the Eastern District Norwegian Synod, Winchester, Wisconsin

002_029: View of south and west sides, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, circa 1876-77

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002_030: View of Dining Hall, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 1876-77

Female kitchen staff.

002_031: Students outside of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, circa 1876-77

002_034: A couple of women in a horse drawn buggy, outside of a house and barn in Southern Wisconsin

002_035: Daleyville, Perry Township, Dane County, Wisconsin. Wood fences. Small village or town.

002_036: Gathering of a family in front of their house. Wisconsin.

002_037: Southern Wisconsin. Farmland.

002_039: Norwegian Luther Seminary, Monona Academy Madison, Wisconsin (formally Soldiers' Orphans' Home), Madison, Wisconsin, circa 1877

002_040: Norwegian Luther Seminary, Monona Academy Madison, Wisconsin (formally Soldiers' Orphans' Home), Madison, Wisconsin, circa 187

002_041: Building, unidentified. Probably educational in use, school building. Bell on the tower.
 002_042: Building, unidentified. Probably a school building.
 002_043: Norwegian Luther Seminary, Monona Academy Madison, Wisconsin (formally Soldiers' Orphans' Home), Madison, Wisconsin, circa 1877
 002_045: Rev. J.A. Ottesen's Library, Utica, Wisconsin, circa 1876-77
 002_048: Rev. A. Jacobsen, family and visitors, Perry, Wisconsin, circa 1876-77.

Guests include: Marit Moen (later Mrs. Gulbrand Rundhaug, Kjestine Goli).

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List of stereographs at Wisconsin Historical Society
 Stereoview photographs

003_001: The Norwegian Lutheran Church, Decorah, Iowa
 003_002: Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin
 This is a picture of the old Capitol building before a new one was built in the early 1900s.
 003_003: Rev. P.A. Rasmussen
 003_004: Picture taken looking at the Wisconsin State Capitol building from Luther Seminary
 003_005: Linka Preus funeral, circa 1800
 003_006: Professors and students of Luther Seminarium, Madison, Wisconsin, 1880
 003_007: St. Anthony Falls, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 003_008: Inside view of the congregational church, Madison, Wisconsin
 003_009: Bridge by Marimak, Wisconsin
 003_010: Council Rock, Sprindale, Wisconsin
 003_011: Ole Bull's residence, Madison, Wisconsin
 003_012: Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls
 003_013: Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls

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Photographs and books

Includes: "Et Mindeblad til Erindring om vor kjære Hensovede Datter Sara Dahl, født i Lodi, Wis. den 6te November 1881, død i Mt. Morris, Wis., den 18de August 1889" by Andreas Dahl, Wittenberg, Wisconsin; Clippings; Index of the Andrew Dahl collection at the Wisconsin Historical Society; and large photographs:

- The Norwegian Lutheran College (Decorah, Iowa), H.A. Preus family portrait, 1893 (Spring Prairie, Morrisonville, Wisconsin)
- J.A. Ottesen family and guests (First row left to right: Mrs. Ottesen, Froken Larsen (Late Mrs. Krohn), Rev. Ottesen,

Rev. Krohn, Froken Normann, Mrs. H.A. Preus, Rev. L.A. Preus. Second row: Otto C. Ottesen, Agnes Preus, Hannah Ottesen, unknown. Standing: O.J. Felland, Rosine Pauline Keysr Preus (Late Mrs. Nordbye), Dr. Magelssen, Dikka Ottesen C.K. Preus, Henrietta (?) Kornie. Taken in Dane County, Wisconsin, circa 1876)

- Meeting of the Eastern District Norwegian Synod (A group seated around a table in the yard drinking coffee) Pastor Even Johnson Homme (1843-1903), the founder of the Wittenberg Orphan's Home, is on the left. Mrs. Ingeborg Swenholt Homme sits at the right front. The photograph was made at the meeting of the Eastern District Norwegian Synod, held at Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, circa 1878.)

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Photographs

Includes: Interior of Perry Lutheran Church Parsonage and Old Main, Luther College.