

Collection Name: J. Jørgen Thompson papers, 1896-1963

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Extent: 5.6 cubic feet (14 archives boxes)

Abstract: Articles, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, and records of a Wisconsin-born St. Olaf College administrator and teacher. The papers concern campus life, public relations, counseling, courses of study, student and teacher recruitment, funds solicitation, band and choir tours, and Norwegian-American culture. Manuscripts include: "Rølvaag som lærer," "Min konfirmations dag" (1938), and minutes of the Board of the Norwegian Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Thompson was president of Spokane College (1917-1920); dean of men at St. Olaf college (1923-1942); secretary of NAHA (1931-1958); president of the National Association of Deans and Advisers of Men (1940-1941).

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Biographical miscellany, 1896-1922 Include correspondence from Rudolph Peterson, 1906
1	2	Biographical miscellany, 1931-1943
1	3	Biographical miscellany, 1944-1961 Includes: St. Olaf College Board honors (1955 November 28); several poems "Hospitality Personified," words by O.M. Norlie, tune by F.M. Christiansen.
1	4	Thompson family correspondence, 1901-1954
1	5	Sogn family correspondence, 1926-1946
1	6	Scandinavian Academy correspondence and records, 1900-1917
2	1	St. Olaf Academy correspondence and reports, 1914-1915 Includes: Endre B. Anderson, Bessie Gulbrandson, A.R. Kløven, Robert O. Skar, Herbert Habberstad, Henry Olson, Petra Hagen, Claude W. Knott (photo included); Paul E. Bollenbacher, William O. Anderson (Cottonwood, MN), Edward L. Steele (photo included), Lester Berger. Most of the correspondence is requests for catalogues or for room assignments for St. Olaf College.
2	2 ,	St. Olaf Academy correspondence and reports, 1915-1916 Includes: Lester Berger, Joseph Thompson (Woodville, Wis.), Andrew M. Simonson, Arthur Ferestad, rules and regulations for men's dorms at Augustana College (Rock Island, Illinois) and Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN, and Muhlenberg College. Most of the correspondence is requests for catalogues or for room assignments for St. Olaf College.
2	3 ,	St. Olaf Academy correspondence and reports, 1916 March 1-1916 August 31 Includes: Richmond Fiksdal, Edgar Lageson, Edolph Larson, Otto Myrland, Wilbur Nelson, Arthur Ferestad, Silas Marvick, Cornelia Gronlid, M. Aakrann (Rose Hill Farm), Clara Bergum, proposed St. Olaf statue at St. Olaf College, N.O. Sanden

- 2 4 St. Olaf Academy correspondence and reports, 1916 September 1-1917
May 28
Includes: Lester Berger, Clayton Krostoe, Wilbur Nelson, Rudie
Morstad, Gerhard Gunderson, Elmer Eige, concerts given by
Oscar Lyders, Elmer Hovdesven and Clement Granskou.
Clarence Dale, Franklin Clement,
- 2 5 Spokane College correspondence, 1917-1920
- 2 6 Spokane College correspondence and petitions, 1920-1928
- 3 1 St. Olaf College Band correspondence, clippings, and records, 1905-1908
Includes items related to the Band tour of Norway, 1906.
- 3 2 St. Olaf College Band correspondence and pamphlets, 1908-1909
Includes documents related to the building of the Finseth Band
Stand.
- 3 3 St. Olaf College Band correspondence and records, 1910-1912
Includes documents related to the building of the Finseth Band
Stand.
- 3 4 St. Olaf College Band clippings and pamphlets, 1913-1921
- 3 5 St. Olaf College Band correspondence and records, 1922
- 3 6 St. Olaf College Band correspondence and records, 1923
- 3 7 St. Olaf College Octet correspondence and reports, 1907-1911
- 3 8 St. Olaf Class of 1909 correspondence, 1949-1951
- 4 1-2 St. Olaf College Choir correspondence, clippings, and reports, 1912-1912
Includes documents related to Norway tour of 1913 and photo of
Fredrikshald, Norway.
- 4 3 St. Olaf College Choir correspondence and reports, 1914
- 4 4 Department of Norwegian correspondence and reports, 1937-1955
Includes items related to the Norwegian Cultural Institute.
- 4 4-5 St. Olaf College Choir correspondence and reports, 1929-1930
European tour.
- 5 1 Statue of St. Olaf correspondence and reports, 1916-1940
At St. Olaf College. Never realized.
- 5 2 Norwegian teachers and students correspondence, 1947-1949
- 5 3 WCAL correspondence, reports, and programs, 1925-1949
Includes photo of Sophie and Anton Kragh, Two Harbors, MN.
Radio program, "Let's Learn Norwegian."
- 5 4 Boe Memorial Chapel Drive correspondence and reports, 1940-1953
Includes correspondence from Christian Abrahamsen.
Correspondence from K.O. Finseth.
- 5 5-6 Fox River Settlement Centennial correspondence and clippings,
1933-1935
Ottawa, Illinois.
- 5 7 National Association of Teachers of Norwegian correspondence and
reports, 1936-1943

- 5 8 Society Advancement Scandinavian Studies correspondence and reports, 1936-1958
- 5 9 U of Oslo and Am. Universities correspondence and reports, 1934-1939
7 "Vocabulary for Bernt Lie's 'Svend Bidevind," 1925
Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis.
- 7 1 Nordmanns-Forbundet correspondence and reports, 1933-1957
- 7 1 U.S. State Dept. guests correspondence and reports, 1954-1955
Includes photo of Frede Castberg.
- 7 2 World War I service men letters, 1916-1919
Includes correspondence from: Percy H. Dyste '17, William B. Hatlestad, "Virgin", photo of unknown soldier, Robert J. Lund, postcard of an ore boat on Maumee Bay, Toledo, Ohio from J.S. Norse, Richard Hellbaum, "Norman", Frank Lonergan, A.A. Thronson, Otto M. Johnson, Oscar Lyders, Gilbert Orwall, postcard of passenger boat locking through the "Soo" sent by (no author), postcard of Green Street, Augusta, GA sent by Carl Opsahl, "Hank", R.W. Dittberner,
- 7 3 World War II service men, 1940-1945
Includes correspondence from: "Spike" Hanson, James R. Garaghan, Paul Textor, Waldo Balzer, Carroll Saffell, Ansgar Sovik, Frederick W. Bieberdorf, Clarence Kilde, Enoch O. Glesne, Bob Griffiths, Lawrence J. Thompson, Raymond A. Grossmann, "Lois and Shorty", Merlin I. Seal, Tillard P. Oppedal, Harold W. Hansen, Brynhild Rowberg, Donald Flom, Don Hoiness, Wallace J. Estenson, Ed Sovik, photos of Ansgar Sovik, Roy "Shorty" Thorson.
- 7 4 Korean and World War II veterans correspondence, 1941-1951
Includes correspondence from: Bob Griffiths, Dominic J. Blesener, Robert Magnuson, Gene Fevold, Marshall "Mush" Haugen, Rueben Johnson, Tom Johnson, Kermit Raftshol, Roy "Shorty" Thorson, Lyle Peterson, Howard A. Jacobs, Don A. Johnson, Jerome Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Harold Larson, Roger Larson, Thorwald Lillevik, Rodney Lindell, Everett Mattson, Kerman Pedersen, Stanley A. Peterson, Elmer Romundstad, John Rosendahl, Carroll L. Saffell, Herbert E. Sinn, Roy E. Skafte, Luther Swenson, Paul Textor, Kenneth Tysdal, A. Elliot Anderson, LeRoy Bean, Rolf Berge, Glendor Bjelland, Archie Bolstd, Steve Corneliussen, Eugene Fevold, Vic Fleischmann, Raymond Fyhrie, Jim Garaghan, Nils Glesne, Paul Groth, Kenneth M. Haugen, Norman Reelstone, Melvin Sargeant, Mahlon Le Blanc, Ingvold Braaten, Rudolph Lokensgard, H.O. Lokensgard, A.M. Grangaard, E.M. Erickson, Arne Sovik, Ansgar Sovik, Roy Thorson, Orville Dahl, Harry E. Gribbohn, Marvin Gulsrud, Richard M. Miller,

- Robert Bergan, Olaf Cartford, Neal Pearson, Don Hoiness, Harold Heiberg, Viggo Oscar Aronsen, Dolph Bezoier, Glen Evanson, T.P. Oppedal, Ernest Schlanbusch, Walter N. Comer, Ronald W. Carlson, Paul Natvig, Karl F. Rølvaag, Paul H. Lober, Carl H. Overby, Kent E. Spaulding, Enoch O. Glesne, Kenneth V. Tysdal, Earl L. Thorp, clipping of Paul O. Ingvaldstad, Stanley A. Peterson, list of St. Olaf College men in the service, Discharge list,
- 7 5 Independent Reality, Farm Home Co. correspondence and records, 1906-1935
- 7 6 Includes documents signed by President Theodore Roosevelt
- Articles and reports, 1908-1960
- Includes: Petition from the St. Olaf Class of 1909, written by S. Nesdal (fall, 1908); Memorandum of Agreement (covering terms and conditions under which Augustana, St. Olaf and Waldorf Academies shall conduct triangular debates) ca. 1914; corresp. From A.A. Willand (Minot, ND, Oct. 6, 1920); Alumni News Sheet (1927); "Rølvaag som Lærer" (1932); "min Konfirmationsdag" (1938); "Hilsen til Deres Kongelige Høiheter Kronprins Olav Og Kronprinsesse Martha fra St. Olaf College. May 8, 1939); "Memo on meeting with Navy Negotiation Committee" (1943); items placed in Thorson Hall cornerstone (1948); St. Olaf College colors, donors to Thorson Hall furnishing fund (1948), notes for honorary degree introduction for Rev. Eivind J. Berggrav (1949); Diamond Jubilee at St. Olaf College (1949); address given by Reidar Dittman for J. Jørgen Thompson (1952); Review by E.R. Erling of "Canute the Great" by Laurence M. Larson (n.d.); "Social Scandinavia in the Viking Age" by Williams (review by unknown author, n.d.); Sermon by Rev. Thompson, Dean of Men, St. Olaf (n.d.); "Jorgen's Talk on Prof. Ytterboe" (n.d.); poem by Freda Bu-Homnes, "Til Kaffeens Pris"; notes on first year Norwegian
- 7 7 Lectures and programs, 1930-1952
- Includes: "900th Anniversary of Norway," (1930); "Trondhjems domkirke" (1930); "The 17th of May. Norway's National Independence Day in 1930" (1931); "Bjørnsjerne Bjørnson" (1952); "Henrik Ibsen" (1952); "Jonas Lie" (1952); "Alexander Kielland" (1952); "Arne Garborg" (1952); "Ivar Aasen" (1952); "M.B. Landstad" (1952); "Olaf Trygvason" (1952); "The Trondheim Cathedral" (1952); "Student Health Services--Is it a Passing Fad? (n.d.); "Olav Tryggvason" (n.d.); items about NAHA; "How Dr. Norlie got Cleng Peerson's Picture" by P.M.G.; "Norwegian Music" (n.d.); "Snowshoe Thompson" (n.d.);
- 7 8 Sermons, 1933-1954
- 8 1 Bulletins and pamphlets, 1931-1957

- Includes Northfield National Bank account book for the 1909 St. Olaf College Viking annual; ticket stubs and program for the inauguration and luncheon of Donald John Cowling (Carleton). Dated Oct. 18, 1909; Carleton banquet invitation to the business men of Northfield (1911); Exhibition program of Bernt Cluber's paintings (1934); invitation to meet their Royal Highnesses of Norway in Agnes Mellby Hall (1939); poem for Therese and Birger Osland on their Golden Wedding Anniversary (1940); Testimonial Dinner program for Sigurd Henry Holstad (1941); dinner program in honor of Martin Hegland (1950); poster "An urgent appeal to you men and women of our community to help alleviate the suffering of war-torn Norway [World War II]" paid for by C.M. Grastvedt, Northfield, MN.
- 8 2 Publications, 1941-1946
"Banner" [publications about Rølvaag to some degree; George Weida Spohn; and Leif Erikson], "Frontier Banner," "The Pioneer Issue," "Facing the Issues," [article by K.F. Rølvaag, A Veteran Looks at Politics] editor, Kenneth Bjork.
- 8 3 Clippings, 1906-1962
- 8 5 Pictures, 1911-1938
Includes the following not scanned photos: Ellen Erickson (1938); group photo of Esther Gulbrandson, J. Jørgen Thompson, and Stella Sogn Thompson; snapshots of St. Olaf Faculty (1935); Wedding of Evelyn Ytterboe and Joseph Tetlie (1917); group of St. Olaf alumni who met in Oslo in 1911. Identified: Marie Grønvold, Agnes Kittelsby, J. Jørgen Thompson, Joseph Tetlie, John A. Holvik, Harry Tosdal (?), Theo C. Blegen,
- 9 1 Correspondence, 1901-1910
Includes: Einar Ramseth, N.H. Sjodt, Gerhard Ericksen, Deacon Earl, A.J. Dysland, K.A. Sannes, Ivar Ramseth.
- 9 2 Correspondence, 1911-1915
- 9 3 Correspondence, 1916-1922
- 9 4 Correspondence, 1923-1929
- 9 5 Correspondence, 1929-1933
Includes St. Olaf Athletic Field Campaign correspondence; Arne Cluver exhibition.
- 10 Ten St. Olaf College class record books, 1906-1939
- 10 1 Correspondence, 1933-1936
- 10 2 Correspondence, 1936-1941
- 10 3 Correspondence, 1941-1949
- 10 4 Correspondence, 1950-1961
- 11 1 Correspondence "A," 1933-1950
- 11 2 Correspondence "B," 1932-1952

11	3	Correspondence "C,D,E," 1935-1952
11	4	Correspondence "F,G," 1935-1958
11	5	Correspondence "H," 1934-1946
11	6	Correspondence "H," 1946-1957
12	1	Correspondence "I,J,K," 1933-1959
12	2	Correspondence "L," 1935-1955
12	3	Correspondence "M," 1935-1955
12	4	Correspondence "N," 1935-1956
12	5	Correspondence "O,P," 1936-1956
12	6	Correspondence "Q,R," 1935-1957
13	1-2	Correspondence "S," 1936-1946
13	3	Correspondence "T-Z," 1935-1957
13	4	L.W. Boe correspondence, 1915-1943
13	5	Kristian Prestgaard correspondence, 1927-1939
13	6	Ole E. Rølvaag correspondence, 1911-1931
13	7	Thorgeir Siqveland correspondence, 1911-1931
13	8	Reidar Solum correspondence, 1944-1946
13	9	P.J. Eikeland correspondence, 1911-1912
13		St. Olaf College Band daybook, 1906 Diary journal, tour to Norway 1906 June 7 to June 30.
14	1	Photo album, 1910 "Our Home" photograph album of Sigurd and Rebecca Hanger, Yankton, South Dakota.

Digital Collections

P0595_001_001_001	J. Jorgen Thompson reading Grass of the Earth (by Aagot Raaen) with Olaf Halvorson, undated
P0595_001_001_002	J. Jorgen Thompson portrait, undated
P0595_003_007_001	St. Johns Lutheran Church Choir, Northfield, Minnesota, 1908 Toured all summer. Prof F. M. Christiansen, Henry Langum, J. Jorgen Thompson, Gusta Locken, Mabel Locken, Joseph Tetlie, Oscar Hertsgaard, Stella Sogn, Caroline Heltne. Dr. F. Melius Christiansen wrote on the pictures for each one of us "this octette was the first St. Olaf Choir".
P0595_007_007_001	St. Olaf College W.C.A.L. Radio station, Norwegian Hour, circa 1945 1. Martin Hegland, 2. Erik Hetle, 3. Theodore Jorgenson, 4. J. Jorgen Thompson, 5. Esther Gulbrandson, 6. Anna Thykeson, 7. Mrs. J. Jorgen Thompson, 8. Mrs. Theodore Jorgenson, 9. Erik Sovik, 10. Mrs. E. Sovik.

P0595_008_005_001	J. Jorgen Thomposon with group of men, undated Row 1 - Varland, J. J. Thompson, Aden Haug. Row 2 - Englestad, Alin Reigstad.
P0595_008_005_002	Beloit Iowa Orphans Home?
P0595_008_005_003	Portrait of J. Jorgen Thompson, undated
P0595_008_005_004	Group with J. Jorgen Thompson, undated J. Jorgen Thompson, L.W. Boe, Edvard Hambro, Herman Vildenori?, Esther Gulbrandson.
P0595_008_005_005	J. Jorgen with a group of people, undated Theodore Jorgenson, Esther Gulbrandson, Anna Thykesen, Jorgen Thompson.
P0595_008_005_006	Noridc Arts Club, 1957 Agnus Milly Recreation Room.
P0595_008_005_007	Grandma Opperue, Aunt Julie Sogn, Cousin May Bjornstad, Myrtle Mays other daughter, undated
P0595_008_005_008	Uncle John Johnson, Aunt Clara's husband, 1899
P0595_008_005_009	J. Jorgen Thompson, circa 1910
P0595_008_005_010	St. Olaf College Band tour of Norway, 1906 Students at "Olavsstotten" King Olaf's Statue, Stiklestad, Norway. Copyright 1907 by F.A. Messerschmidt.
P0595_008_005_011	Scandinavian Academy, 1902 Bottom Row: 1. Gens Olson Seidensticker 2. Nellis Quam 3. Lottie Greina _____ 4. Bertha Dahl Larson 5. Josephine Wrolstad 6. Ella Reese Larson 7. Ragnhild Quien, Scandinavia, Wis. (1962) 8. Elvina Jacobson Berge, Portland, Oregon (1926). Second Row 1. Rudolph Peterson 2. 3. 4. Francke Homme 5. 6. 7. Otis Wilhelmson 8. J. A. Westberg, Whitehale, Wis. Retired clergymanm 1962. 9. J. Jorgen Thompson, Sioux Falls, So. Dak. (1962) retired 10. Carl Christopherson 11. Gerhard Erickson, Green Bay, Wis. (1962).
P0595_008_005_012	J. Jorgen Thompson and family eating watermelon, undated

P0595_008_005_013	J. Jorgen Thompson and family in the living room, undated
P0595_008_005_014	J. Jorgen Thompson, Theodore C. Blegen chatting at a party, undated
P0595_008_005_015	Group portrait, undated From left 1. Aunt Stend 2. ? 3. Aunt Josie Sogn. 4. Uncle John Johnson, Aunt Clara & Husband. She sits to the left Myrtle Bjornstad, her mother, May Sogn-Bjornstad and Neva Bjornstad. Taken at Aunt Josie Sogn's.
P0595_008_005_016	Director Minnesota State Historical Society at left; center Dr. Theodore Blegen; at right Jorgen Thompson, undated
P0595_008_005_017	J. Jorgen Thompson portrait, 1930
P0595_008_005_018	J. Jorgen Thompson and wife at wedding, undated Photographer: The Donner Studio, Green Bay, Wisconsin.
P0595_008_005_019	Child with a teddy bear, undated
P0595_008_005_020	Morgan Sterve and J. Jorgen Thompson standing outside, undated
P0595_008_005_021	"Richard Sogn, my nephew. to Stella Sogn-Thompson," undated
P0595_008_005_022	Anna Ericksen, Green Bay, Wisconsin, undated
P0595_008_005_023	J. Jorgen Thompson with unidentified person, undated Photographer: Sturtz, 215 N. Washington St. Green Bay. Wisconsin.
P0595_008_005_024	Portrait of J. Jorgen Thompson, undated
P0595_008_005_025	Portrait of J. Jorgen Thompson, undated
P0595_008_005_026	J. Jorgen Thompson and unidentified person, undated
P0595_008_005_027	Unidentified portrait taken in Canton, South Dakota, undated
P0595_008_005_028	A group of St. Olaf people who met in Kristiania (Oslo) in summer of 1911 Jorgen Thompson, Joe Jettie Josdae (?), F. A. Halvick, Marie Gronvold, Agnes Kittelsby. Photographer: T. Kongstud Liet, Christiania
P0595_008_005_029	Wedding of Evelyn Ytterboe and Joseph Tettie, 1917 June 14

	Front row: Edith Ytterboe, Rev. Peter Kittelsby, Evelyn Ytterboe, Joseph Tettie, Albert Tettie. Back row: Anna Kildahl, Anna Mohn, George Mohn, Jorgen Thompson, Sophie Sivertson, Gertrude Hilleboe
P0595_008_005_030	J. Jorgen Thompson with friends, undated
P0595_008_005_031	J. Jorgen Thompson with friends, undated
P0595_008_005_032	A student taking a picture outside, 1935 October 7 Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) 10th Anniversary?
P0595_008_005_033	10th Anniversary of the Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA), 1935 1. ? 2. Nils Flaten 3. D.G. Ristad made Doctor of Letters 4. Dr. C.A. Mellby 5. Dr. Lars W. Boe 6. Dr. T.C. Blegen, Doctor of Humane Letters 7. Birger Osland, Doctor of Law 8. ? 9. J. Jorgen Thompson
P0595_008_005_034	Letter to Jorgen Thompson from Dorothy Boleyr Melle, undated
P0595_008_005_035	Group picture for Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) 10th Anniversary, 1935 October 7
P0595_008_005_036	Portrait of Birger Osland, 1935 October 7 Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) 10th Anniversary.
P0595_008_005_037	Portrait of O.G. Ristad, 1935 October 7 Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) 10th Anniversary.
P0595_008_005_038	Portrait of O.G. Ristad and unidentified person, 1935 October 7 Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) 10th Anniversary.
P0595_008_005_039	Dr. Niles Flaten and Birger Osland, 1935 October 7 Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) 10th Anniversary.
P0595_008_005_040	Portrait of Carl Melby and unidentified person, 1935 October 7 Norwegian-American Historical Association (NAHA) 10th Anniversary.

P0595_008_005_041	Ellen Erickson, St. Olaf, 1938
P0595_008_005_042	Portrait of Esther Gulbrandson, J. Jorgan Thompson, and Stella Sogn Thompson, undated