

**Collection Name:** Lingah Anderson and Jens Ness family papers, 1888-1975

**Collection Number:** P1708

**Extent:** 1.2 cubic feet (3 archives boxes)

**Abstract:** Family papers of Lingah (Leirgat) Christine Anderson (1871-1954) who married Jens Anderson Ness (1863-1937) in 1902. He was born in Sogndal, Norway, and immigrated 1872. Lingah was a graduate of St Olaf College in 1894; and attended the Univ. of Kansas (1894-95) and Peabody Conservatory of Music (1987-98). She served as an instructor of music, German, and history for a time at Park Region Luther College In Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Jens Ness obtained degrees from Luther College (1890), and Johns Hopkins Univ. (Ph.D., 1901). He was a teacher of Latin, French, and Greek. A long-time faculty member at Wittenberg College (1904-1935). Collection comprises several folders of photographs; letters of reference for Lingah; diaries, clippings and family correspondence.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1	Address book, undated
1	2	Family clippings, 1927-1975 Includes "In Memoriam" booklet for Helen Nelson Anderson, 1848-1932.
1	3	Non-family clippings, 1922-1968 Includes "How to live to be one hundred"; "Rare Lincoln print in possession of Springfield photographer now [Howard B. Fry]" [Image of George Washington receiving Lincoln at the portals of Heaven with the laurel wreath for the martyred hero of the Civil War]; wedding announcement for Emily Moores and J. Robert Groff; last rites for Fannie M. Raup; Wittenberg College Nursery School; wedding announcement for Dorothy Anne Chenney and Donald Anderson Higgins; obit for Dr. Owen S. Barke; wedding announcement for Dorothy Higgins and William Goode Wilson; obit for Marian Boggess; obit Grace Prince; Margery Harris and Elizabeth Ricks (Wittenberg students) injured in car accident (1922); Mrs. Roy Solveig Carpenter.
		<b>Lingah Anderson records</b>
1	4	Diary kept during first year at St. Olaf College, 1890
1	5	Autograph book kept while attending St. Olaf College Includes: J.O. Barke (1896), H.T. & Elise Ytterboe (1894); Gurly Christianson (1894); E.R. Sinkler (1894); Marie Krohn (1893); Augusta Amundson (1891); Christine Grose (1891); J.A. Ness (1890); Anna E. Mohn (1894); Camelia Jensen (1890); from cousin Josie; from sisters Ella and Mrs. Thorpe; Clara Johnson (1890); A.J. Sandbo (1890); Marie Wing (1891); Thorsten K. Thorstensen (1890); August Bjerneby (1890); Maline Oie; John P. Tandberg

(1890); Caroline Finseth (1894); O.C. Narvestad (1890); Clara Schmidt; O.P. Berg (1890); William Bjornstad (1890); Matth A. Pederson (189); Ivar Havneros (1890); Anna Gronvold (1894); Martha Fedje (1890); Gena Finseth (1894) Anna Thorstensen (1890); Marie Gronvold (1894); Thora Marie Swennumson; S.O. Johnson (1890); Herman Biorn (1890); Agnes Mellby; E.B. Wollan (1890); Magna Naess (1893); Sarah Larsen; C.J. Rollefson (1890); Paul G. Schmidt; "Lulu" (1891); Ida [roommate] (1890); Marie Mellby (1890); Ivan Ringstad (1890); P.G. Bjerneby (1890); Wm. E. Homme (1890); Ole O. Glesne (1890); Hjalma S. Hanson (1890); Susanne M. Rollefson (1890); K.A. Sannes (1890); T. Rygh (1891). Additional entries from other locations.

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Miscellaneous, 1896-1909

Including wedding invitation (Jens Ness & Lingah Anderson, 1896); "When the Tide is Low," small poem book created by Georgia H. MacPherson (1937); program for "Flower Circle Musical"; program for the "Cosmopolitan Club of Wittenberg College"; musical recital at Methodist Church, Morganville, Kansas with Heika, Carrie, and Lingah Anderson; invitation: ); Wedding announcement of Ole G. Bundlie & Gertrud Brusegaard Bryllup (1887); playbill of Nixon & Zimmerman's "The Girl from Maxim's" (1900); playbill Nixon & Zimmerman's "The Turtle"; blank contract "The Thurston Teachers' Agency (315 Wabash Avenue, Chicago); receipt of life membership, St. Olaf Alumni Association (1909);

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St. Olaf records, 1888-1894

Includes: Academy graduation diploma (1890); college department grades; calling cards of the following: Johan A. Erstad, O.E. Winterbold, Louis P. Johnson, L.S. Swenson, and G.A. Christensen;

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Publications, circa 1893

Includes student essay, "Hiawatha" written for Founders' Day, 1893.

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University of Kansas, 1894-1896

Includes: University of Kansas "The Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, banquet (1894) and dedication of Spooner Library; invitation to Sigma Nu, Frazer Hall, with calling card of Mr. E. T. Hackney (1894); Thirteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma

- with Upsilon Chapter at Evanston, Illinois (1896); grades (1894-1895)
- 1 9 Recommendation letters, undated  
Includes: H.T. Ytterboe, J.A. Ness, F.W. Blackmar, Th. N. Mohn, Albert E. Egge, E.M. Hopkins, Andrew Fossum, C.J. Rollefson, O.G. Felland, J.O. Barke, Prof. E. G. Mellem (Park Region Luther College).
- 1 10 Letters to Lingah, circa 1895  
Includes: Ole Fugleskjel (1895). Includes many family letters.
- 1 11 Family farm (Lawrence, Kansas), undated
- 1 12 Postcards and ephemera, circa 1885-1909  
Includes ca. 1885 Allen & Ginter, "Our Little Beauties" and woman baseball catcher "Virginia Brights."; advertisement card for "Jackson Corset Company, Jackson, Michigan; calling cards for Eugene Ness, Mrs. Jens Anderson Ness, Harry Roedel Minter, birth announcement of Lauren Davis (April 10, 1909); Clark's Mile-End Spool Cotton.
- 1 13 Recipes, undated
- 1 14 Death records, undated
- 1 32 Daily Diary kept by Lingah Anderson, circa 1910 February 2-March 1910
- Jens Ness records**
- 1 15 Receipts, 1885-1887  
Includes receipt from Johns Hopkins University (1885-87); Howell & Kingman manufacturers of boots and shoes, 325 Main Street, Red Wing, Minnesota (1885)
- 1 16 University of Minnesota, 1884  
Includes student train pass on Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, signed by Cyrus Northrop (1884)
- 1 17 Luther College, undated  
Includes receipts from Buchhandlung Gustav Fock in Leipzig
- 1 18 Recommendation letters, undated
- 1 19 Letters to J.A. Ness, undated  
Includes G.H. Kiland, Sioux Falls, SD.
- 1 20 Letters to J.A. Ness from former students, undated  
Presented at time of retirement at Wittenberg College.
- 1 21 Letters from J.A. Ness, undated
- 1 22 Publications, 1902-1926  
Includes "The Etymology and meaning of the Sanskrit Root Id" (1902); The Johns Hopkins University Doctors' Dissertations 1876-1926" (1926)

- 1 23 Death records, undated  
Includes personal documents.
- 1 24 Notebooks/compositions, undated
- 1 32 Daily Diary kept by Lingah Anderson, Feb. 2-March 10, ca. 1920
- 1 25-31 Photographs, undated  
Include St. Olaf College images; Ness and Anderson families;
- 2 Books and wallets, 901-1911  
Includes: "The K-Suffixes of Indo-Iranian," dissertation by Franklin Edgerton (Leipzig, 1911); "Ciceros Rede" by Gustav Landgraf (Leipzig, 1905); "Ralph Roister Doister," edited by Williams & Robin (London, 1901); "Daily Light on the Daily Path" (New York, n.d.); "Gems from William Cullen Bryant" (Boston, 1904); "Johannes Gossner's Skatkiste : indeholdende bibelske betragtninger paa hver dag i aaret, ledsagede af opbyggelige salmer, til fremme af husandagt og guds frygt" (Kristiania, 1907); "Birthday Greetings from Burns" (Edinburgh, ca. 1889); Holy Bible; "Den Engelske Lods" Henrik Wergland (1881); "Fragments from Fenelon" (New York, 1902); "A Christmas Caro in prose" Dickens (Philadelphia, Henry Altemus Co., n.d.); "Norsk Lyrik" by T. Blanc (Kristiania, 1906);
- 3 Miscellaneous, 1894-1920  
Lingah Anderson-Jens Ness Papers: Loose items: Formal family photographs; Wittenberg Diploma (Helen Ness, 1920); St. Olaf College Degree (Lingah, Anderson, 1894); John Hopkins Ph.D. (Ness, 1901)