



**Collection Name:**

Bertram Jensenius papers, 1922-1973

**Collection Number:**

P0920

**Extent:**

9.6 cubic feet (24 archives boxes)

**Abstract:**

Papers of a Norwegian-American journalist and author, born in Madagascar of Norwegian missionary parents. At age nine or ten, he journeyed alone to a home for missionary children in Stavanger, Norway. He was educated in Norway, then lived in France for three years, after which he participated in a race across the Atlantic in 1922, which brought him to the United States. He settled finally in Chicago, where he engaged in various occupations. In 1958 he took over the Norwegian weekly newspaper "Viking" and renamed it "Vinland." He and his wife (Ingrid Hermanson) also ran the Vinland Travel Bureau. He was involved in the many Norwegian organizations in Chicago. He wrote articles, short stories, essays, and plays, and published four books: "Deilig er Jorden" (1948), "Calling on Eternity" (1956), "Misjonærens sønn" (1972), and "Misjonærbarna på Korsteig" (1973). The papers include a broad correspondence, articles, manuscripts, reviews, clippings, and information about the Norwegian-American community in Chicago.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	Range
1	1	Biographical data and Reviews of his books.	1941	1976
1		Correspondence (A-Z) 17 folders. Includes: "Christmas Memories from Childhood" [ca. 1910-1915] by Lars Fletre; photo of Hubert Humphry and Henry Jackson (1975); -	1929	1975
2	1	Correspondence, Aschehoug (Publishers)	1933	1967
2	2	Correspondence, Berg, Toralv A.	1966	1967
2	3	Correspondence, Boe, Henning--W. Viking.	1961	1974
2	4	Correspondence, Boyd, Louise A.	1966	1966
2	5	Correspondence, Buchardt, Harry L.V.K.	1963	1963
2	6	Correspondence, Buxton, Margarethe	1963	1976
2	7	Correspondence, Cappelens, Forlag	1963	1965
2	8	Correspondence, Carlsson, K. Alex	0	0
2	9	Correspondence, World Import Fair, Carson Pirie and Scott	1964	1966



2	10	Correspondence, Chicago. Includes brochure "Echoes from The Lutheran Day Nursery of Chicago" (1954)	1933	1967
2	11	Correspondence, Christiansen, Gunda	1964	1965
2	12	Correspondence, Copyright Registration	1952	1953
2	13	Correspondence, Cleng Peerson Memorial Institute	1970	1980
2	14	Correspondence, Daae, Austen C. Includes photos, "Farewell to Arms: A First World War Story" by Eystein Daae (n.d.)	1965	1975
2	15	Correspondence, Gunderson, Gunnar	1959	1967
2	16	Correspondence, Gunners, Gunnar. Includes: "Vinland The Good?" (1966); "A Christmas Tale for Children" (n.d.); "Theory on Noah's Ark" (1969); "Unlocking the Secrets of our Universe" (n.d.)	1966	1973
2	17	Correspondence, Duffy, Ingeborg	1957	1969
2	18	Correspondence, Bergethon, Bjornar	1959	1975
2	19	Correspondence, Anker-Larsen, Chr.	1963	1966
2	20	Correspondence, Andersen, Odd Tidemann	1961	1965
2	21	Correspondence, Daasvand, Sigurd ("Nordisk Tidende")	1973	1975
2	22	Correspondence, Dreyer (Publisher)	1967	1975
2	23	Correspondence, "Duluth Skandinav"	1965	1965
2	24	Correspondence, Ellingson, Harald	1969	1975
2	25	Correspondence, Erickson, Alfred O.	1963	1967
2	26	Correspondence, Evans, Eyvind (n.d.)	0	0
2	27	Correspondence, Gabrielsen, Bjørn (Arbeiderbladet, Oslo)	1955	1973
2	28	Correspondence, Gabrielson, Thor	1953	1974
2	29	Correspondence, Gabrielsen, Tom	1966	1977
2	30	Correspondence, Gyldendal (Publisher)	1932	1975
2	31	Correspondence, Hansen, Lester W. Includes: "A Brief History of the Viking Race"	1966	1966
2	32	Correspondence, Harr, R.J.	1960	1968
2	33	Correspondence, Holand, Hjalmar Rued	1957	1957
2	34	Correspondence, Hong, Anna	1965	1966
2	35	Correspondence, Ingvaldstad, Orlando: Includes: "Rimes for Rusty" poetry by Ingvaldstad (1964)	1966	1968
2	36	Correspondence, Jondahl, Lucinda	1968	1996
3	1	Correspondence, Korsgard, Ingrid	1974	1975
3	2	Correspondence, Kvisgaard, Olav A. (n.d.)	0	0
3	3	Correspondence, Lindrup, John	1950	1958



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3	4	Correspondence, Liabo, Roy. Includes: "The Rumbling of the Runes" (Kensington Stone) 1966; "Fante-Nils" a short story by Per Sivle, translated by Liabo.	1965	1966
3	5	Correspondence, Litterare Samfund (De-Li-Sa)	1935	1964
3	6	Correspondence, Magnusen, Claus	1963	1973
3	7	Correspondence, May 17 [Syttende Mai], Celebrations in Chicago	1932	1969
3	8	Correspondence, Minnesota University Press. Re: "Grass Roots History" by T. Blegen	1958	1958
3	9	Correspondence, Mortensens Forlag-Øistein Larsen	1967	1969
3	10	Correspondence, "Nationen," Oslo	1969	1970
3	11	Correspondence, Nelson, Lawrence M.	1976	1988
3	12	Correspondence, Norberg, Sverre	1962	1975
3	13	Correspondence, "Nordisk Tidende" Soyland-Roedder	1958	1973
3	14	Correspondence, Nordmanns Forbundet	1938	1975
3	15	Correspondence, Norwegian American Editors 1966 in Norway.	1966	1966
3	16	Correspondence, Norwegian American Press Association	1967	1967
3	17	Correspondence, Norwegian American Sesquicentennial--Fox Valley	1975	1975
3	18	Correspondence, Norwegian American Sesquicentennial--King Olav V in Chicago. Includes: "With our Hands and Minds: Norwegians in the Midwest 1825-1975. A photographic display of everyday life over 150 years." Held Oct. 16-30, 1975, Chicago. Presented by the Norwegian American Immigration Anniversary Commission.	1975	1975
3	19	Correspondence, Norwegian American Sesquicentennial--Jensenius	1975	1975
4	1	Correspondence, Norwegian Embassy	1926	1970
4	2	Correspondence, Norwegian Consulate	1962	1975
4	3	Correspondence, Oak Forest Hospital, Mission Fund	1962	1962
4	4	Correspondence, Paasche, Jens	1964	1969
4	5	Correspondence, Pax Forlag, Oslo	1966	1966
4	6	Correspondence, Pageant Press	1958	1959
4	7	Correspondence, Percy, Charles H. for Governor.	1962	1964
4	8	Correspondence, Rølvaag, O.E. re "Amerika Brev". Includes letter from Gov. Karl Rølvaag	1964	1964
4	9	Correspondence, Sandberg, Finn	1964	1971



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4	10	Correspondence, Scandinavian Airlines.	1964	1972
4	11	Correspondence, Scandinavian-American Alliance	1939	1966
4	12	Correspondence, Schwartzman Co.	1958	1976
4	13	Correspondence, Sejelke, Tore (Mrs. Raabe)	1958	1966
4	14	Correspondence, Seip, Didrik Arup	1953	1958
4	15	Correspondence, Siqveland, Th.	1967	1972
4	16	Correspondence, Skiing. Includes: "Norway: The Country with A Thousand Years of Ski History" (no author or date); "'Snowshoe' Thompson"	1969	1974
4	17	Correspondence, Sons of Norway (Chicago Lodge)	1957	1973
4	18	Correspondence, Sleipner Centennial Plaque	1962	1962
4	19	Correspondence, Society of the Preservation of Norwegian Culture.	1957	1965
5	1	Correspondence, "Stavanger Aftenblad" A. Hauge	1957	1973
5	2	Correspondence, Stavanger Amt Laget	1949	1949
5	3	Correspondence, Stevenson, Adlai	1956	1956
5	4	Correspondence, Stoylen, Sigvald	1965	1966
5	5	Correspondence, Syvertson, Helge	1951	1967
5	6	Correspondence, Talbott, Gwyneth	1966	1971
5	7	Correspondence, Theater interests, prog. Reviews	1934	1964
5	8	Correspondence, Thompson, Thom	1967	1970
5	9	Correspondence, Trade Union--Membership record.	1952	1970
5	10	Correspondence, Twetem. Arnold A.	1963	1970
5	11	Correspondence, Vik, Alf	1972	1972
5	12	Correspondence, Vinland Map Dispute	1965	1996
5	13	Correspondence, Vinland Publishing Co.	1958	1972
5	14	Correspondence, Vinland Travel Bureau	1959	1975
5	15	Correspondence, Westness, P. Rolf	1956	1975
5	16	Correspondence, Williams, Harry	1963	1977
6	1	Family Correspondence, Bertram's Parents.	1933	1937
6	2	Family Correspondence, Normann (Bertram's brother)	1936	1936
6	3	Correspondence, Mrs. Rakel Piirainen	1935	1952
6	4	Correspondence, Camilla	1953	1976
6	5	Family Correspondence, Mia	1959	1959
6	6	Family Correspondence, Synnove Hartmann (Bertram's sister)	1951	1976
6	7	Family Correspondence, Harriet Hermansen II	1965	1974
6	8	Family Correspondence, Ingrid Jensenius corresp.	1934	1971



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6	9	Family Correspondence, Ingrid's mother	1950	1960
6	10	Family Correspondence, Harriet Hermansen I	1936	1965
6	11	Family Correspondence, Mrs. Ingrid Jensenius Memorials	1972	1972
6	12	Family Correspondence, Miscellaneous	1953	1969
7	1	Family Correspondence, Bertram and Ingrid Correspondence.	1936	1967
7	2	Family Correspondence, Gunda Jensenius (daughter) correspondence	1953	1959
7	3	Family Correspondence, Gunda Jensenius (daughter) correspondence	1960	1975
7	4	Photographs, snapshots.	0	0
7	5	Family Correspondence, Gunda Jensenius (daughter) photographs	0	0
7	6	Miscellaneous family photographs	0	0
8		Correspondence: Vera (daughter). Includes her years at St. Olaf College (1950-1954); and Glacier Park (1952). 8 folders	1945	1953
9		Correspondence: Vera (daughter). Includes European tour and some St. Olaf College papers and notes, also postcards. 6 folders	1953	1970
10	1	Short Stories and Articles "Mandelen i Julegrøten"	1973	1973
10	2	Short Stories and Articles "Rimet om Chicago" (n.d.)	0	0
10	3	"Skyskraperen' farce i 3 akter av Ola O. Smaakasin	1973	1973
10	4	Short Stories and Articles "How it Felt to Be a Cabdriver in Chicago" ca. 1934	1971	1971
10	5	"Negrenes Syn Paa Saken" includes letters to Norwegian newspapers	1967	1967
10	6	Short Stories and Articles "En Sammenstilling" (n.d.)	0	0
10	7	Short Stories and Articles, miscellaneous (n.d.)	0	0
10	8	Short Stories and Articles, miscellaneous (n.d.)	0	0
10	9	Short Stories and Articles, miscellaneous	1957	1957
10	10	Short Stories and Articles. Includes: "Who Won the Election--Humanity!" (ca. 1956); "The Future of Church Life in America"; "Crossing of the sloop Restoration [Restaurationen]" (1957)	1956	1957
11	1	Short Stories and Articles, Speeches. (n.d.)	0	0
11	2	Short Stories and Articles, Hall, J.D.H., Christmas Story clipping	1929	1929
11	3	Short Stories and Articles, Biographical Miscellany. Clippings. (n.d.)	0	0



11	4	Short Stories and Articles, Ibsen Centennial, Clippings (U.S.)	1928	1928
11	5	Short Stories and Articles, Poems. Clippings (n.d.)	0	0
11	6	Short Stories and Articles, "Viking" Dec. 25, 1952	0	0
11	7	Short Stories and Articles, Hamsun, Knut (clipping) n.d.	1916	1916
11	8	Short Stories and Articles, clippings.	1929	1936
11	9	Short Stories and Articles, "Redemption" (n.d.)	0	0
11	10	Short Stories and Articles, "Diana...Goddess of Chastity" (n.d.)	0	0
11	11	Short Stories and Articles, "Hundeliv i Chicago" (n.d.)	0	0
11	12	Short Stories and Articles, Translation of a O.E. Rølvaag letter (Peder Anderson. Clarkfield, S.D., Aug. 26, Sept. 2-3, 1896)	0	0
11	13	Short Stories and Articles, Petrel [Petrel Beat Enterprise: A Windjammer Against Steam Across the Atlantic.] n.b.: In the early 1920s, Petrel--one of the the last of windjammers, raced the Enterprise, one of the first passenger steam boats across the Atlantic Ocean. (ca. 1969)	1969	1969
11	14	Short Stories and Articles, "Forbuden Frukt Smaker Best" (n.d.)	0	0
11	15	Short Stories and Articles, Political Situation in United States (1935) correspondence to Tidens Tegn	1935	1935
11	16	Short Stories and Articles, Royalty in Norway "Afterposten"	1968	1968
11	17	Short Stories and Articles, "Min Første dag i Chicago" (n.d.)	0	0
11	18	Short Stories and Articles, "Den Mangfoldige Messegutten"	1952	1952
11	19	Short Stories and Articles, "A Windjammer's Last Victory" published in the "Chicago Tribune Magazine" Sept. 14, 1969. Story re: In the early 1920s, Petrel--one of the last of windjammers, raced the Enterprise, one of the first passenger steam boats across the Atlantic Ocean.	1969	1969
11	20	Short Stories and Articles, "Dengang ad jeg var gutt" (n.d.)	0	0
11	21	Short Stories and Articles, "Would you Marry the Rainbow?" (n.d.)	0	0
11	22	Short Stories and Articles, fragments.	0	0
11	23	Short Stories and Articles, "Karen's First Quarter" a novelette by Nancy Ann Hagen. Ca. 1974	1974	1974
11	24	Short Stories and Articles by Gale Wanneboe	0	0



11	25	Short Stories and Articles, "The Mock Guneal" (n.d.)	0	0
11	26	Short Stories and Articles, "Father of Immigration" (play). Action takes place in Norway (1842), the last day before leaving for America.	1956	1956
11	27	Short Stories and Articles, "Once a Lumberjack--Always a Lumberjack: Life in a Canadian Lumber Camp 47 years ago" (ca. 1933)	1970	1970
11	28	Questions and Answers, re: United States History. (n.d.)	0	0
11	29	Short Stories and Articles, "Would you Marry the Rainbow?" (n.d.)	0	0
12		"Berserk Barden"; "Madcap Egil" (translation of Berserk Barden); "Calling on Eternity"; "Cavalcade of Brides"; and "Chicago er Byen paa Sletten"	0	0
13		"Cleng Peerson" (includes a play and photographs); "Gløtt og Glimt, Bak Kulissene i det Norske Amerika"; "Joan of Arc"; and "Joseph Bjartland"	0	0
14		"Kjekkasen"; "Korsteig"; and "Misjonsbarna paa Korsteig Barnehjem (page proof from Dreyer, 1973)	1973	1974
15		"Melinda" ('Skogfiolinene'); "Melinda, a play in 2 acts; "Sangen om Soatanana"	0	0
16		"Siste par Ut"; "Paa Videvanke"; "Vi Norsk-Amerikanere"	0	0
17		Photographs and snapshot collection. Photographs and snapshots (1960-1975), mostly unidentified. These were part of the photograph file for "Vinland." A great many of the pictures deal with the Norwegians in Chicago. The following are folder headings in the box: Groups; Individuals (misc.); Individuals (chiefly Norwegian-Americans); Parades (mostly 17th of May); Sports; Speakers; Concerts, Theatre productions etc.; Dinners, Receptions, etc.; Monuments; Musical Organizations	1960	1975
18		Snapshots and film. Box contains 2 large envelopes of snapshots, and 1 large envelope of small photos. In addition, 4 films (no identification provided).	0	0
19		Photographs from Norwegian Press and Tourist offices. Much of this material is identified. Includes: 4 folders of misc. material; 6 folders covering: ships, skiing, winter scenes, Lapps, Scandinavian Airlines, and film, "The Heroes of Telemark" (1965)	1960	1975
20		photographs that correlated to specific issues of "Vinland". Includes weekly photo packets for period of Nov. 1963-Jan. 1966	1963	1966



21		photographs that correlated to specific issues of "Vinland". Includes weekly photo packets for period of Feb. 1966 - Oct. 1968	1966	1968
22		photographs that correlated to specific issues of "Vinland". Includes weekly photo packets for period of Nov. 1968 - Nov. 1970	1968	1970
23	1	Estate Settlement	1976	1977
23	2	Estate Settlement: Mrs. Jondahl letters	1976	1976
23	3	Correspondence	1939	1975
23	4	Family Correspondence.	1969	1975
23	5	Miscellaneous. Includes passport, address book, apartment lease (1930) and savings bank books	1930	1974
23	6	Typescript: "Never the Twain Shall Meet" (n.d.)	0	0
23	7	Typescript: "Petrel." Story re: In the early 1920s, Petrel--one of the the last of windjammers, raced the Enterprise, one of the first passenger steam boats across the Atlantic Ocean.	1969	1969
23	8	Manuscript: "Wenche" (fragment) (n.d.)	0	0
24	1	"Viking Windjammer's story of Petrel" Two letters received about story.	1969	1969
24	2	Ms. Jeg veddet en dollar paa vaar flyvende sky"	1964	1964
24	3	SAS Bommer	1964	1964
24	4	Correspondence, Family	1967	1968
24	5	Correspondence, Mrs. Jondahl	1976	1976
24		Photographs (family photographs and negatives). Folders 6-11.	0	0

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Percy, Charles H.  
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Vinland Map dispute  
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Anker-Larsen, Christian  
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