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George and Evelyn Norby Collection
COMPILED DATA

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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Abstract:	Collection is composed of compiled data about the city of Brookings with a small amount covering Brookings County and South Dakota.

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SELECTED SEARCH TERMS

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the subject guide. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects:

Brookings (S.D.)
Brookings (S.D.) Independent School District.
Brookings (S.D.)—Attorneys.
Brookings (S.D.)—Avenues.
Brookings (S.D.)—Buildings.
Brookings (S.D.)—Business.
Brookings (S.D.)—Charter.
Brookings (S.D.)—Churches.
Brookings (S.D.)—City officials.
Brookings (S.D.)—Crazy Days.
Brookings (S.D.)—Directories—Telephone.
Brookings (S.D.)—Downtown
Brookings (S.D.)—Elections.
Brookings (S.D.)—Fire Department.
Brookings (S.D.)—Government.
Brookings (S.D.)—Health care.
Brookings (S.D.)—Historic District.
Brookings (S.D.)—Homes.
Brookings (S.D.)—Mayors.
Brookings (S.D.)—Military.
Brookings (S.D.)—National Historic Register.
Brookings (S.D.)—Newspapers.
Brookings (S.D.)—Obituaries.
Brookings (S.D.)—Police Department.
Brookings (S.D.)—Post Office.
Brookings (S.D.)—Railroad.
Brookings (S.D.)—Realtors.
Brookings (S.D.)—Streets.
Brookings (S.D.)—Telephone.
Brookings County (S.D.)
Brookings County (S.D.)—Sheriff.
Brookings Telephone Company.
Persons.
South Dakota State University—Buildings.
U.S.S. Brookings.

BACKGROUND NOTE

Joseph “George” Norby was born in Paulina, Iowa on February 24, 1924 to Joe and Amy (Shook) Norby. His first job was as a type - setter for ads at the Ireton Ledger in Iowa. George worked as well for the Hawarden Independent in Iowa and then later for the Wishek Star in North Dakota. Before moving to Brookings, SD in 1952 he worked for a time at a commercial printing shop in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

While in Brookings; George worked at Harold’s Printing and Advertiser and at Hauff Printing. George began working at the Brookings Register in September 1970. Here he worked as a pressman, camera man and news compositor until his retirement in February 1986. He continued to work part time at the Register for another five years.

On May 29, 1953 George married Evelyn Marie Pederson in Sinai, South Dakota. They have two children; Diana Norby–Munger and David Norby.

Evelyn Norby was born on August 6, 1932 in Sinai, South Dakota to John and Emma (Thompson) Pederson. Evelyn graduated from Sinai High School in 1950. She worked for many years at the Brookings Laundry and as a motel housekeeper from 1955 – 1982. Evelyn also worked from 1982 – 1986 at the Brookings Register as a custodian.

Beginning around 1965 when the old Register building was torn down George and Evelyn begin to collect photographs and newspapers, some dating back to 1890. Their collection began to grow over the years and soon many knew of the collection.

The Norby's were active members in many Brookings area organizations and clubs. George was a member of the Odd Fellows and on the County Museum Board of Directors. Evelyn was greatly involved with the First Lutheran Church in the First Lutheran Church Women, the Church Library Committee and the quilting group. She was also a member of the Brookings Genealogical Society. Evelyn also volunteered at the Agricultural Heritage Museum at South Dakota State University.

Both were involved with the Rebekah Lodge, Brookings Area CB Club, Brookings County Historical Society and members of the First Lutheran Church.

Both were given the "South Dakota Preservationist of the Year" award for 1998.

Evelyn Norby died in Sioux Falls, SD on May 8, 2002. George Norby died on September 11, 2003 at the age of 79.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The Compiled Data subgroup is composed of data compiled by George and Evelyn Norby and recorded into various databases. Material in this collection consists of data about the city of Brookings with a small amount covering Brookings County and South Dakota.

The following list provides insight into the type of material that can be found in files. This list is not, by any means, a complete listing of all material located in the files, but may assist researchers. It is suggested that researchers also consult the Subject Files (NA 1.4) in order to conduct a thorough study on their topic.

- Apartments and mobile homes—lists housing complexes and agents of rental property
- Appointed officials—directory of officers and boards
- Avenues—lists name and address of businesses and is arranged in files by avenue address and listed by year within each file
- Births/Deaths/Marriages—listings of each by year
- Building permits—lists of permits issued in 2003
- Burial Records-First Lutheran Church—listed by block
- Businesses-A-Z—alphabetical listing of Brookings businesses, included owner name, address and the year located at the address, other names, and type of business
- Charter—charter for the city of Brookings
- Churches—name of church, address, clergy
- City and County Officials—listings of each by office and term
- Day care—list of providers
- Directory—city of Brookings, name, type of business, address, some clippings
- Health Care Providers—for medical doctors, dentists, chiropractors, optical, lists name, specialty and address, some clippings
- Elections—sample ballots, resolutions, canvass sheets, election results, number of registered voters, clippings
- Fire Department—wardens, chiefs, marshals, retired, ordinance, clippings, images
- National Historic Register Nomination—draft of nomination paperwork, images

- Homes—arranged by address, list street address, owners, and other pertinent information, a historic inventory for the home of G.A. Mathews at 423 8th Street is included
- Mayors-Commissioners—list of names, some clippings
- Obituary index—from 1960-1996
- Police Department—list of police chiefs and officers
- SDSU Buildings—list name of building, when built, cost, change of use, when razed, and other information
- Sheriff's Department—list marshals, etc.
- South Brookings-Streets, Avenues, Misc.—lists information for addresses located in South Brookings
- Streets— lists name and address of businesses and is arranged in files by street address and listed by year within each file
- Telephone Books—data gathered from telephone directories listing names of individuals and businesses, the address where they were located, and the business type and occupation for some, data for 1936, 1948, 1952-1953, and 1956-1958 are missing
- USS Brookings—history of the ship, clippings on remembrance, and some images (photocopies)

ARRANGEMENT of the RECORDS

Folders in this sub-group is arranged in alphabetical order.

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3. Appointed officials 1965-1965
4. Appointed officials 1967-1969
5. Appointed officials 1980-1990
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7. Appointed officials 1993-1994
8. Appointed officials 1995-1996
9. Appointed officials 1999-2000
10. Appointed officials 2000
11. Appointed officials 2001
12. Appointed officials—County 1871-20003
13. Attorneys 2000
14. Avenues 1879-2003
15. Avenues—1st 1879-2003
16. Avenues—2nd 1879-2003
17. Avenues—3rd 1879-2003
18. Avenues—5th 1879-2003
19. Avenues—6th 1879-2003
20. Avenues—7th 1879-2003
21. Avenues—8th 1879-2003
22. Avenues—9th 1879-2003
23. Avenues—22nd 1879-2003
24. Avenues—Henry 1879-2003
25. Avenues—Main 1879-2003
26. Avenues—Medary 1879-2003
27. Avenues—Western 1879-2003
28. Avenues—Wilson 1879-2003
29. Births / Deaths / Marriages 1879-1891
30. Building permits 2003
31. Burial records—First Lutheran Church 2003
32. Business—A-Chi 2003

33. Business—Chi-God 2003
34. Business—Gol-Kam 2003
35. Business—Kam-Mil 2003
36. Business—Mil-Ree 2003
37. Business—Reg-Tay 2003
38. Business—Tay-Z 2003
39. Census 1884-1990, 2003
40. Charter 1881, 1883,1997, 1999
41. Chronology of businesses 1879-1890
42. Chronology of businesses 1891-1900
43. Chronology of businesses 1901-1910

Box 2.

1. Chronology of businesses 1911-1920
2. Chronology of businesses 1921-1930
3. Chronology of businesses 1931-1940
4. Chronology of businesses 1941-1950
5. Chronology of businesses 1951-1960
6. Chronology of businesses 1961-1970
7. Churches 2003
8. City Officials 1881-1999
9. County names 2003
10. County Officials 1880-1999
11. Daycare 2001
12. Directory—Business-City 1884, 1901, 1909
13. Elections 1989-2002
14. Fire Department 1888-2003
15. Governors 1840-1993, 2003
16. Health care providers 2000
17. History 1899-2003 2003
18. Homes 1888-2003
19. Homes—6th Avenue 2003
20. Homes—7th Avenue 2003
21. Homes—8th Avenue 2003
22. Homes—9th Avenue 2003
23. Homes—12th Avenue 2003
24. Homes—13th Avenue 2003
25. Homes—Medary Avenue 2003
26. Homes—3rd Street 2003
27. Homes—4th Street 2003
28. Homes—5th Street 2003
29. Homes—6th Street 2003
30. Homes—7th Street 2003
31. Homes—8th Street 2003
32. Homes—9th Street 2003
33. Mayors-Commissioners 1881-2003

Box 3.

1. National Historic Register nomination 1993
2. Newspapers 2003
3. Obituary index 1960-1996
4. Police Department 1881-2003
5. Post Office 2003
6. Realtors 2000

7. SDSU Buildings 1997
8. Sheriff's Department 1873-1999
9. South Brookings—Streets, avenues, misc. 1879-2003
10. Streets 1879-2003
11. Streets—1st 1879-2003
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19. Streets—9th 1879-2003
20. Streets—11th, 1879-2003
21. Streets—13th 1879-2003
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23. Streets—Front 1879-2003
24. Telephone 2003
25. Telephone Books
26. Telephone Books 1909
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6. Telephone Books 1942
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12. Telephone Books 1949
13. Telephone Books 1950
14. Telephone Books 1951
15. Telephone Books 1954
16. Telephone Books 1955
17. Telephone Books 1959
18. USS Brookings 1994-1995