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George and Evelyn Norby Collection
IMAGES

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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| Title: | George and Evelyn Norby Collection, Images |
| Dates: | 1886-1998 |
| Creator: | George and Evelyn Norby |
| Physical description: | 23.31 linear feet—7 horizontal file drawers, approximately 35,000 images |
| Collection number: | NA 1.2 |
| Language: | Collection material in English. |
| Repository: | South Dakota State University Archives, Hilton M. Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D. |
| Abstract: | Collection is composed of photographs and negatives of the city of Brookings, S.D., Brookings County, S.D., South Dakota State University and South Dakota. |

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance: The George and Evelyn Norby Collection was donated by David Norby and Diana Norby-Munger in September 2003.

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Processing information: The processing of the Image collection subgroup is not complete. These images were found in various locations throughout the Norby Collection—in file folders interleaved with newspaper clippings, in dated envelopes in shirt boxes, and file boxes, for example. Since no real organizational structure was discovered, the decision was made to number the images starting with number one and continue as new images were unearthed. Most of the images have been kept in the order they were found (i.e. found together in an envelope or file folder), so there may be runs of like images listed in the database. Only 10,514 of an

estimated 35,000 images have been processed: identified, described and placed in hanging files inside polyester sleeves. Of these, 9,304 are entered into an image database. This database is available in PDF form on the archives website and is searchable using Adobe Reader. This is the easiest way to find images. A printout of this database is available in the Trump Reading Room in the archives. This printout consists of the first 9,304 described images that have been entered into the database and consists of over 2,300 pages. Ask archives staff for assistance with this. The completed portion of this collection was processed by Crystal J. Gamradt and Megan Jaros with assistance from Wayne Hexem and Stuart Kool. The remaining unprocessed images will be added to this finding aid as time allows.

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 County (S.D.)
Persons.
South Dakota State University
South Dakota.

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 Images subgroup is composed of an estimated 35,000 negatives and photographs varying in subject. Most of the images are of Brookings, South Dakota: downtown businesses, homes, events, schools, people, etc. There is also a considerable amount of images related to towns in Brookings County, South Dakota: Sinai, Elkton, White, Arlington, Bruce. Images of South Dakota State University, ranging in topic from Hobo days to images of campus, can also be found in the collection.

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ARRANGEMENT of the RECORDS

Most of the images are negatives, 35mm and 4 x 5. There are also photographs ranging in size and several sheets of slides. These images are arranged numerically by identification number.

See staff for assistance in researching material in this sub-group.