

College of Arts and Science

History Department records

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Title: College of Arts and Science, History Department records

Dates: 1967-1979, [n.d.] (bulk 1976-1977)

Creator: History Department, College of Arts and Science, South Dakota State University

Physical description: 0.42 linear feet—1 container, 40 audio reels

Collection number: UA 6.14

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 oral interviews of various persons on topics such as South Dakota State University, South Dakota, and Brookings, SD region conducted by students for the Bicentennial Oral History Project. Also included is a pamphlet about the History program.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance: Part of this collection was found in the Archives in 1997. There is no indication of where they came from or how they came to be here.

Dr. John E. Miller transferred the Bicentennial Oral History Project transcripts to the archives on behalf of the History Department in February 1994 and the audio reels (numbered 1-24) in September 2001. Dr. Michael Funchion transferred additional audio reels (numbered 25-40) to the Archives in on behalf of the History Department in June of 2007.

This is an on-going collection with material arriving through departmental records transfers, the university campus mail, or random donation by various individuals.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open to research without restriction. Items in this collection do not circulate and may be used in-house only.

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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.

Persons

- Anderson, Jo Anen.
- Beatty, John.
- Bibby, Ruth Erwin.
- Biggar, James.
- Briggs, Hilton Marshall.
- Colburn, John H.
- Connelly, Morrell.
- Cooper, Ora L.
- Cooper, Orena.
- Cunningham, Ray C.
- Ellsworth, Mabel.
- Emmerich, Jim.
- Erickson, R. Esther.
- Evenson, A.D.
- Fenner, Vic.
- Farm relief.
- Hansen, Chris.
- Harding, Neva Whaley.
- Haupt, Paulette Ann.
- Hedman, Olen.
- Holm, Clara Thompson.
- Johnson, John.
- Johnston, Ralph.
- Jordahl, Nancy L.
- Justice, Phyllis.
- Karnes, Guy O.
- Kjellson, Carl.
- Kramer, J. Howard.
- McMullen, Olive.
- Miller, Ward L.
- Misener, Alda.
- Murphy, Maria Sylvia Gehant.
- Nagel, Kathleen.
- Rude, Duane.
- Rude, Vern.
- Sackreiter, Lucille.
- Schlobohm, William.
- Seykora, Edythe.
- Smith, Howard B.
- Stine, Larry.
- Sundet, Stanley.
- Thorburn, Frank.
- Tompkins, Doris.
- Wagner, John.
- Woodard, Ellsworth.
- Younger, Beryl.

Subjects:

- Athletics—South Dakota State University.
- Brookings (S.D.)—History.
- Brookings School District #1 (S.D.)
- Frontier and pioneer life—Montana.
- Frontier and pioneer life—South Dakota.
- Great Depression.
- History—South Dakota State University.
- History Department—South Dakota State University.
- History Department—Bicentennial Oral History Project—South Dakota State University.
- Libraries—South Dakota.
- National Farmers Organization (U.S.)
- Nursing.
- Oral history interview.
- Presidents—South Dakota State University.
- Railroads—South Dakota.
- Rural schools.
- South Dakota—History.
- Teachers—Training of-South Dakota.
- Teaching.
- Volga (S.D.)—History.
- The West.

BACKGROUND NOTE

The teaching of history at South Dakota State University developed alongside the college. From the beginning, students in all divisions of the college were required to take basic history courses. As time went on and the numbers of students and teachers multiplied, the Department of History was able to carve out its own niche. At times, other disciplines were taught through the department and the name was occasionally changed to reflect these areas. In 1905, the department was known as the Department of History and Political Science, this lasted until 1967. After a year as the Department of History, in 1968 the name changed to the Department of History and Geography to reflect the number of geography courses taught. In 1973, a separate geography department was established and the history department was reorganized into a resemblance of today's department.

Today, the courses offered by the Department of History are intended to prepare majors for careers in teaching, government, and service oriented occupations, and to provide a necessary background for graduate work or other specialized training.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

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The **Bicentennial Oral History Project** occurred during 1976, at the time of the national Bicentennial, the Department of History at South Dakota State University obtained funds to purchase reel-to-reel audiotapes and interview people about local history. Dr. John Miller, professor of history, conducted several of the interviews with the remaining interviews being conducted by students. Dr. Miller created transcripts of many of these audio reels. These transcripts are mainly notes, which indicate interview questions, responses of the informant and the topics covered in the interview. Also included are other oral interviews both prior to and following 1976 conducted by students and faculty that were included with this project.

This series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the informants. While most files contain notes or transcripts of the interview, a data form, and an audio reel, several contain only an audio reel. The data form includes the name, address and general biographical information of the informant, the date of the interview and the name of the researcher who conducted the interview. Signed release forms are found in a separate file. These forms allow the use of the audio reels by anyone for scholarly or research purposes. There are some release forms for which there is no transcript and/or audio reel available.

The **Departmental records** are composed of a single pamphlet describing the History program and South Dakota State University.

ARRANGEMENT of the RECORDS

This collection is arranged into two series: Bicentennial Oral History Project and departmental records.

Folders are arranged in alphabetical order within each series.

SERIES 1: Bicentennial Oral History Project

Box 1.

| Folder | Description | Dates |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1 | Anderson, Jo Anen and Wagner, John | 1976 circa |
| 2 | Beatty, John | 1976 February 12 |
| 3 | Bibby, Ruth Erwin | 1977 March 31 |
| 4 | Biggar, James | 1970 |
| 5 | Briggs, Hilton M. | 1976 March 25 |
| 6 | Brookings School District #1 Residents | 1967 |
| 7 | Colburn, John H. | 1976 October 14 |
| 8 | Connelly, Morrell "Buck" | 1976 February 24 |
| 9 | Cooper, Orena | 1976 Spring, 1977 March 23 |
| 10 | Crosser, Ora L. | 1976 February 24 |
| 11 | Cunningham, Ray C. and Tompkins, Doris | 1976 February 5, October 9 |
| 12 | Emmerich, Jim | 1977 February 8 |
| 13 | Erickson, R. Esther | 1976 April 20 |

| Folder | Description | Dates |
|--------|--|-------------------------|
| 14 | Evenson, A.D. (Mr. and Mrs.) | 1976 January 6 |
| 15 | Fenner, Vic ; Hedman, Olen ; and Misener, Alda | 1979 June 23 |
| 16 | Fenner, Vic ; Justice, Phyllis ; Misener, Alda ; and Sackreiter, Lucille | 1979 April 7 |
| 17 | Hansen, Chris | 1976 circa |
| 18 | Harding, Neva | 1977 March 3 |
| 19 | Haupt, Paulette Ann | 1977 February 13 |
| 20 | Holm, Clara and Karnes, Guy | 1977 April 20 |
| 21 | Holm Clara Thompson | 1977 March 21 |
| 22 | Johnson, John | 1977 March 30 |
| 23 | Johnston, Ralph | 1976 January 18 |
| 24 | Jordahl, Nancy L. | 1975 October 21 |
| 25 | Karnes, Guy O. | 1977 March 30 |
| 26 | Kjellson, Carl | 1977 May 3 |
| 27 | Kramer, J. Howard | 1977 March 29 |
| 28 | McMullen, Olive | 1976 circa |
| 29 | McMullen, Olive and Nagel, Kathleen | 1977 March |
| 30 | Miller, Ward L. | 1977 March 29 |
| 31 | Murphy, Maria Sylvia Gehant | 1977 April 28 |
| 32 | Rude, Duane | 1976 February 16 |
| 33 | Rude, Vern | 1976 February 25 |
| 34 | Seykora, Edythe | 1977 February 16 |
| 35 | Smith, Howard B. | 1975 September 22 |
| 36 | Stine, Larry with Prof. Kinyon's comments | 1975 September 18 |
| 37 | Sundet, Stanley and Schlobohm, William | 1973, 1976 September 15 |
| 38 | Thorburn, Frank (Rev.) | 1976 April 20 |
| 39 | Woodard, Ellsworth and Mabel | 1976 July 2 |
| 40 | Younger, Beryl | 1976 circa |

SERIES 2: Departmental records

Box 1.

| Folder | Description | Dates |
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| 41 | History at South Dakota State University (pamphlet) | [n.d.] |