

Guide to Chippewa Valley Genealogical Collection, 1966-1989

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Overview of the Collection

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Collection Number: University Historical Collection 93

Creators:

Blodgett, Dennis and Joan
Grinnell, J.L.
Grippen, Lee
Helwig, Russel
Owen, Ralph W.
Peterson Paul
Walz, Orry C.
Wyman, Bert L.

Title: Chippewa Valley (Wis.) Genealogical Collection

Dates: 1966-1989

Quantity: .2 linear feet (1/2 archives box)

Location of Collection: A10/3b

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: Genealogical studies, biographies and oral histories completed by families and colleagues in the 20th century of persons significant to the development of Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Also included are news articles and a report related to the Krueger shootout in Withee in 1918.

Biographical / Historical Note

Small collection of genealogical and biographical materials related to various families in the Chippewa Valley. Several folders contain information about persons integral to the development of Eau Claire and the timber industry in the Chippewa Valley. Also of particular note is information related to the 1918 shootout at the family home of the Krueger family, conscientious objectors during World War I.

Content Description

Various genealogical studies of families from the Chippewa Valley in the 19th and early 20th centuries, along with biographical profiles of several important individuals during that same period.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: Donated to the Special Collections & University Archives prior to 2007.

Access Restrictions: Collection is open to the public.

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Subjects

Personal Names:

Beckett, Anna Rae
Blodgett, Thomas
Campbell, James Edward
Eaton, Lewis T.
Goff, Arthur W.
Krueger Family – Ennis, Frank, Leslie, Louis and Louise
Lougee, Willis E.
North, Ronald F.
Owen, John S.
Putnam, Henry C.
Randall, Adin
Reed, James
Rosholt, Kim
Stokes, Jim
Wyman, Francis

Wyman, Thomas

Corporate Names:

Chetek Lumber & Supply Company
Drummond & Southwestern Railway
Knapp-Stout Lumber Company
Reed's Hall
Rust-Owen Lumber Company

Subject Terms:

Banking - Wisconsin — Eau Claire
Banking - Wisconsin — Chetek
Farming - Wisconsin -Buffalo County
Government - Wisconsin -- Chippewa County
Lumber - Wisconsin - Bayfield County
Lumber - Wisconsin - Chippewa County
Lumber - Wisconsin - Eau Claire

Geographical Terms:

Barron County, WI
Bloomer, WI
Chippewa County
Chippewa Falls, WI
Eau Claire, WI

Detailed List of Contents

Container	Contents	Dates
Box 1, Folder 1	Transcript from an informal eulogy for Ronald F. North, a former police officer and district attorney in Chippewa Falls. Several Chippewa County judges, attorneys and law enforcement officials reminisce about North's life. The transcript also briefly mentions the John Dietz Uprising and North's tangential experience with it.	1966
Box 1, Folder 2	Genealogical study, performed by Bert L. Wyman, formerly of Eau Claire, of the Wyman family, which traces its roots to colonial America. Includes newspaper article about Wyman family reunion in Vermont at the colonial Wyman House.	1976
Box 1, Folder 3	Genealogical study of the descendants of Jens and Grunhild Larson, Norwegian immigrants who eventually settled in Buffalo County to farm.	1978
Box 1, Folder 4	Genealogical study of the Becketts of New Jersey, completed by Orry Walz, former professor of sociology, Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire.	1981
Box 1, Folder 5	Printout of the descendants of Pierre Grenelle of France. Descendants changed name to "Grinnell" at some point.	1981
Box 1, Folder 6	Eligibility form for membership to the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Included among the eligible descendants is James Edward Campbell, who operated a steamboat company on the Chippewa River in the late 19 th century. Includes a newspaper article about Campbell.	1983

Box 1, Folder 7	Genealogical study by Dennis and Joan Blodgett of their family.	1984
Box 1, Folder 8	Genealogical study by August H. Helwig of his family.	1989
Box 1, Folder 9	Biography of Eau Claire timber industry operator John S. Owen authored by his son. Owen explored the Bad, White, Namekagon and Mississippi Rivers for a Michigan lumber company in the early 1870s. He also explored Drummond Lakes, which came to be named "Lake Owen." Owen created a timber company with the Rust Brothers, called the Rust-Owen Lumber Company, which opened a mill in Drummond in 1882 and operated until 1930. The company maintained an office in downtown Eau Claire. Owen also partnered in business ventures with Eau Claire land official, Henry C. Putnam. Also includes an employment agreement, dated 1890, between Ernest Clock and Rust-Owen Lumber Company to work at the mill in Drummond.	Undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Several materials related to Kim Rosholt, a businessman who lived and operated lumber, manufacturing and banking businesses in Chetek and later Eau Claire in the late 19 th and early 20 th centuries: A transcribed obituary from the <i>Eau Claire Leader</i> , dated January 6, 1920, a timeline of Rosholt's life and a written biography of Rosholt, as told by his daughter-in-law.	Undated
Box 1, Folder 11	Biography of James Reed, who created the first sawmill in Eau Claire in 1847. A family tree of the Reed family is included. Reed donated the land which eventually became University Park. An <i>Eau Claire Leader</i> article from 1958 details consideration by the city council to make University Park a junior high playground. Also included is a timeline featuring land sales made by Reed and information related to "Reed's Hall," a public meeting place on the east side of Eau Claire in the 1800s.	Undated
Box 1, Folder 12	Materials related to the 1918 shootout at the Withee home of the Krueger family, conscientious objectors during World War I. Included is a <i>St. Paul Pioneer Press</i> article about the shootout, a copy of a May 2, 1920 <i>New York Times</i> article on the incident and a 2008 report by a Chippewa Valley Museum intern, Paul Peterson.	Undated