



Collection Name:

Rev. Parelius H. Rognlie papers, 1870-2000

Collection Number:

NAHA 2020/015

Extent:

16.6 cubic feet (11 record center cartons and 14 archives boxes) and 1 flat box

Biography/History:

Rev. Parelius H. Rognlie was born near Trondhjem, Norway, December 21, 1858. In 1870 he immigrated with his parents to the United States and lived in Houston County and eventually Lyon County, Minnesota. In 1881 he entered the preparatory school at St. Olaf's college, Northfield, Minnesota, and later attended Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, earning his way by teaching school and doing farm work. In the fall of 1885 he went to Europe in order to receive treatment for his eyes and was operated on at the State Hospital in Norway. When he returned to the United States, he resumed teaching and continued his studies by himself. In 1888 he was admitted to the Luther Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, and graduated June 26, 1891. In February, 1891, he was called as pastor for the Fort Ridgely, Dale, Palmyra and Clear Lake congregations, Renville and Sibley counties, Minnesota. On July 22, 1891, he was ordained at Fort Ridgely and Dale church by Rt. Rev. K. Bjorge, assisted by Rev. S. J. Bergh, Rev. N. P. Xavier, Rev. Thomas Johnsen and Rev. B. Askevold.

Parelius Rognlie was married to Ronnaug Marie M. Gullerud. Together they had six children: Ingolf Herman Marentius (March 26, 1896); Katharina Josephine (December 26, 1897); Parelius Monrad (January 28, 1900, died July 2, 1901); Palma Margrethe (born April 8, 1902); Clarence Parelius Monrad (May 6, 1904); Julia Christine (October 4, 1908).

Abstract:

The Rev. Parelius H. Rognlie papers consist of photographs of multiple generations of the Rognlie extended family, personal and professional correspondence, sermons, school notebooks, and various other records that document the life of a pastor in Southwestern Minnesota. Records also include photographs of Nils Xavier, a Sami pastor who originally homesteaded in the Rognlie parsonage.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie, 1880-1899 Includes mainly correspondence while attending Luther Seminary and while living in Franklin, Renville Co., MN
1	2	Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie, 1900-1909 Includes correspondence while living in Franklin, Renville Co., MN



- 1 3 Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie, 1910-1919
Includes correspondence while living in Franklin, Renville Co., MN
- 1 4 Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie, 1920-1929
Includes correspondence while living in Franklin, Renville Co., MN
- 1 5 Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie, 1930-1945
Includes correspondence while living in Franklin, Renville Co., MN
- 1 6 Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie, undated, circa 1890-1940
Includes undated correspondence while living in Franklin, Renville Co., MN
- 1 7 Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie and N. W. Damm and Sønn, 1890-1891
Includes correspondence with the Norwegian publishing company N. W. Damm & Sønn
- 1 8 Correspondence, Rev. Rognlie and his children, 1900-1950
Includes correspondence between Rev. Rognlie and his children Monrad, Ingolf, Katharina, Margaretha, and Julia Rognlie
- 1 9 Letters and documents from steamer lines, 1890-1891
Includes correspondence between Rev. Rognlie and Norwegian steamer lines for those emigrating from Norway to the U.S., includes steamer tickets
- 1 10 Correspondence, Mrs. Rognlie, 1890-1930
Includes the correspondence of Marie Rognlie, wife of Rev. Rognlie, while living in Franklin, Renville Co., MN
- 1 11 Correspondence, Katharina, Margaretha, and Julia Rognlie, 1910-1960
Includes the correspondence of the three Rognlie sisters, children of Rev. Rognlie
- 1 12 Documents belonging to the Rognlie sisters, 1920-1950
Includes official documents and papers belonging to Katharina, Margaretha, and Julia Rognlie
- 1 13 Correspondence, Helen Rognlie, 1940-1960
Includes the correspondence of Helen Rovelstad Rognlie, wife of Ingolf Rognlie
- 1 14 Documents regarding Gilbert Pedersen's trial against Rognlie, 1927-1928
Includes official documents, correspondence, and affidavits pertaining to Gilbert Pedersen's accusations of Rognlie propositioning Mrs. Pedersen and his subsequent investigation
- 1 15 Correspondence, Ingolf Rognlie, 1920-1940
Includes the correspondence of Ingolf Rognlie, son of Rev. Rognlie and a reverend himself



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| 1 | 16 | Rev. Rognlie receipts and financial records, 1880-1930
Includes receipts, deeds, and bills belonging to Rev. Rognlie |
| 1 | 17 | Official documents issues to church and Rev. Rognlie, 1880-1940
Includes deeds, marriage licenses, death certificates, and more |
| 2 | 1 | Correspondence between Monrad and Julia Rognlie, 1920-1940
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and his sister Julia Rognlie, mainly while living in St. Paul, MN |
| 2 | 2 | Correspondence between Monrad and Katharina Rognlie, 1920-1940
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and his sister Katharina Rognlie, mainly while living in St. Paul, MN |
| 2 | 3 | Correspondence between Monrad and Margaretha Rognlie, 1920-1940
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and his sister Margaretha Rognlie, mainly while living in St. Paul, MN |
| 2 | 4 | Correspondence between Monrad and Ingolf Rognlie, 1920-1940
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and his brother Ingolf Rognlie, mainly sent from Monrad to Ingolf, while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 5 | Correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and J. S. Olson, 1920-1930
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and his brother-in-law J. Spenser Olson, husband of Margaretha Rognlie, while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 6 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie and James Thompson, 1924-1934
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and James Thompson, mainly sent from Monrad to Thompson, while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 7 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie and Evelyn Hansen, 1920-1940
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and friend Evelyn Hansen, mainly sent to Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 8 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie and Helen Rovelstad, 1925-1929
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and Helen Rovelstad (Rognlie), former fiancé of Monrad/wife of Ingolf, while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 9 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie and Helen Rognlie, 1930-1940
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and Helen Rovelstad (Rognlie), former fiancé of Monrad/wife of Ingolf, while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 10 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie and Mildred Rognlie, 1930-1950
Includes correspondence between Monrad Rognlie and Mildred Rognlie, wife of Monrad, while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 11 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie, 1920-1925
Includes correspondence addressed to Monrad Rognlie, mainly while living in St. Paul, MN |



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| 2 | 12 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie, 1926-1929
Includes correspondence addressed to Monrad Rognlie, mainly while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 13 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie, 1930-1950
Includes correspondence addressed to Monrad Rognlie, mainly while living in Franklin, MN |
| 2 | 14 | Correspondence, Monrad Rognlie, undated, circa 1920-1940
Includes undated correspondence addressed to Monrad Rognlie, mainly while living in St. Paul, MN |
| 2 | 15 | Documents and advertisements, Monrad Rognlie, circa 1920-1940
Financial documents and advertisements belonging to Monrad Rognlie |
| 2 | 16 | Guidebooks and pamphlets, Monrad Rognlie, 1920-1940 |
| 3 | 1 | Notebook, blank, circa 1930
Glenlugh Writing Tablet |
| 3 | 2 | Notebook and planner, 1911
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie, C. Rasmussen Publishing Co. |
| 3 | 3 | School notebook, Julia Rognlie, 1922-1923
Fairfax High School Note Book No. 118 |
| 3 | 4 | Record Book, meeting notes, 1899-1904
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie |
| 3 | 5 | Notebook, circa 1900
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie, miscellaneous notes |
| 3 | 6 | Luther College composition book, Rev. Rognlie, 1883
Essays written for Luther College by Rev. Rognlie |
| 3 | 7 | Rev. Rognlie writing tablets, circa 1890-1930
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie, miscellaneous notes |
| 3 | 8 | School notebook, Rev. Rognlie, 1885
Seminary notebook |
| 3 | 9 | Notebook belonging to Rev. Rognlie, circa 1893 |
| 3 | 10 | Notebook belonging to Rev. Rognlie, circa 1900
Loose notes inside |
| 3 | 11 | Notebooks belonging to Rev. Rognlie, circa 1880-1900
Three bound notebooks |
| 3 | 12 | Pastor's Record Book belonging to P. H. Rognlie, circa 1900-1920
Stall's Pastor's Record Book |
| 3 | 13 | Notebook belonging to Rev. Rognlie, circa 1920
American Quadrille |
| 3 | 14 | Notebook belonging to Ingolf Rognlie, circa 1930 |
| 3 | 15 | Church year calendar, published by Fr. Wøldikes forlag, 1873 |
| 3 | 16 | Almanac for the church year, Lutheran Publishing House, 1917
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie |



- 3 17 Almanac for the church year, Augsburg Publishing House, 1919-1921
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie
- 3 18 Almanac for the church year, Augsburg Publishing House, 1922-1924
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie
- 3 19 Almanac for the church year, Augsburg Publishing House, 1925-1927
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie
- 3 20 Almanac for the church year, Augsburg Publishing House, 1928-1931
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie
- 3 21 Almanac for the church year, Augsburg Publishing House, 1932-1933
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie
- 3 22 Almanac for the church year, Augsburg Publishing House, 1939-1941
Likely belonged to Rev. Rognlie
- 3 23 Seed catalogue with notes and papers inside, Rev. Rognlie, 1913
Published by L. L. May & Co.
- 3 24 Ledger with papers and notes inside, Rev. Rognlie, circa 1920
- 3 25 Rognlie Farm Records, 1946-1960
- 3 26 Lutheran Calendar Book belonging to Katharina Rognlie, 1905
Published by Den norske synodes forlag, Decorah, Iowa
- 3 27 Almanacs and pamphlets, Rev. Rognlie, circa 1880-1920
Various small almanacs and pamphlets
- 4 1 A brief history of Camp Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran congregation,
circa 1910
Written by A. A. Bergley, N. O. Nelson, J. O. Semmerud, Johnny
O. Jacobson, N. O. Berge, and A. E. Melevold
- 4 2 Church records/lists, 1890-1940
- 4 3 Church records/lists, 1941-1980
- 4 4 Newspaper clippings, 1910-2000
From various newspapers, found in entire collection
- 4 5 Church bulletins and programs, 1890-1950
- 4 6 Church bulletins and programs, 1951-2000
- 4 7 Church obituaries, circa 1920
- 4 8 Rognlie sisters concert programs and tickets, circa 1920-1940
- 4 9 Christmas storybooks, devotionals, and hymn books, 1895-1950
- 4 10 New Ideas Philadelphia newspapers, 1911
- 4 11 The Fairfax Standard newspapers, 1913-1914
- 4 12 The Fairfax Standard newspapers, 1925-1927
- 4 13 The Fairfax Standard newspapers, 1935-1943
- 4 14 The Fairfax Standard newspapers, centennial edition, 1982
- 4 15 The Franklin Tribune newspapers, 1925-1935
- 4 16 The Gibbon Gazette newspaper, February 16th, 1923
- 4 17 Decorah-Posten newspaper, February 20th, 1925
- 4 18 Minneapolis Tidende, February 19th, 1925



4	19	Nordisk Tidende newspaper, April 11th, 1934
4	20	The Chamberlain Register newspaper, January 8th, 1931
4	21	Skandinaven newspapers, 1890-1932
4	22	Freedom newspaper, 1902
4	23	The Minneapolis Morning Tribune newspaper, February 1925
4	24	For gammel og ung newspaper, 1923
4	25	Menighets blad for Kristiania newspaper, 1923-1924
4	26	Children's pamphlets, 1956-1958
4	27	Lutheran newspapers and other publications, 1890-1930 Miscellaneous publications related to Lutheran organizations
4	28	Ladies' Guidebooks, 1892-1899 Cookbook, advice book, seminary book
4	29	World's Fair Weekly, June 1933
4	30	Plat Book of Renville County, Minnesota, circa 1900
5	1	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1890-1895
5	2	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1896-1899
5	3	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1900-1905
6	1	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1906-1910
6	2	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1911-1915
6	3	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1916-1920
6	4	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1921-1925
6	5	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, 1926-1940
6	6	Notes for funerals given by Rev. Rognlie, 1890-1940
7	1	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, undated, circa 1890-1909
8	1	Rev. Rognlie sermon notes, undated, circa 1910-1930
9	1	Notes written by Rev. Rognlie, circa 1890-1930
9	2	Notes written by Rev. Rognlie, circa 1890-1930
9	3	Correspondence, unknown, Rognlie family, circa 1900-1930
9	4	Various notes and correspondence, no name, undated, circa 1880-1940
10	1	Business cards, circa 1940
10	2	Calling cards and other small keepsakes, 1890-1930
10	3	Blank cards and advertisements, circa 1890-1970
11	1	Rognlie Library Inventory, written by Abner Grender, 2002-2003
11	2	Photo album, Grender family, 1951
11	3	Civil War Diary of Hans Olson Grinder, written by Albert Grender, 1993
11	4	Grender Farm Records, 1961
11	5	The Grinder Family History, by Albert O. Grender, 1995
11	6	Correspondence, Mr. and Mrs. Grender, 1930-1990
11	7	Documents and guidebooks, Arnemann Grender, circa 1950-2000
11	8	Notes belonging to Abner Grender, circa 1950
12	1	Jacobsen Family History book, 1846-1911
12	2	The Skalet Family History, by Ingerid M. Kvam, 1996



12	3	Correspondence, Chr. Blichfeldt, 1910-1930
12	4	Correspondence, Thompson family, 1920-1940
13	1	Cigar box, 1901
13	2	New Testament belonging to Lars Tibelstad, 1870
14	1	Embroidered blanket with family tree, 1900-1910 Includes Rognlie family and others
15	1	Oversized posters, circa 1920-1940
15	2	Oversized photo portraits, circa 1890-1930
15	3	Rognlie family wedding portraits, circa 1930-1940
15	4	Norsk Presse Under Hakekorset, 1946 Book about Norwegian press censorship during WWII
15	5	Mcdonald's Stylograph; Rapid Letter Copying Book, 1877
15	6	Rev. Rognlie Luther Seminary Diploma, 1891
16	1	Various guidebooks, 1890-1930
16	2	Devotionals and church guidebooks/pamphlets, 1890-1930
17	1	Photo album, Rognlie family, circa 1910-1930
17	2	Fairfax High School Class of 1927 Portrait Book, 1927
17	3	Photocopy of photo album, circa 1900-1960
17	4	Loose scrapbook pages, circa 1920-1950
17	5	Scrapbook, circa 1920-1930
17	6	Photo album, circa 1950-1970
17	7	Photo album, circa 1970-1980
17	8	Photo album, circa 1930
17	9	Photo album and loose photos, Katharina Rognlie, circa 1900-1920
17	10	Photo album, circa 1910-1940
17	11	2 photo albums, circa 1870-1910
17	12	Photo album and loose photos, Rognlie family, circa 1920-1940
17	13	Photo portraits, circa 1870-1910
17	14	Photo album, circa 1940-1960
17	15	Photo album, circa 1890-1930
18	1	Photo negatives, circa 1880-1980
18	2	Photo portraits, circa 1880-1899
18	3	Photo portraits, circa 1900-1909
19	1	Photo portraits, circa 1910-1919
19	2	Photo portraits, circa 1920-1929
19	3	Photo portraits, circa 1930-1939
20	1	Photo portraits, circa 1940-1949
20	2	Photo portraits, circa 1950-1959
20	3	Photo portraits, circa 1960-1980
21	1	Framed photos, circa 1890-2000
22	1	Color slide viewer, Barbara Kiergaard, circa 1980
22	2	Color slides, circa 1955-2000



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23	1	Loose photos, circa 1870-1899
23	2	Loose photos, circa 1900-1909
23	3	Loose photos, circa 1910-1919
23	4	Loose photos, circa 1920-1929
24	1	Loose photos, circa 1930-1939
24	2	Loose photos, circa 1940-1949
25	1	Loose photos, circa 1950-1959
25	2	Loose photos, circa 1950-1959
26	1	Loose photos, circa 1960-1969
26	2	Loose photos, circa 1960-1969
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27	7	Loose photos, circa 1990-2000