

Collection Name: A.O. Serum papers, 1871-1927

Collection Number: P0589

Extent: 1.2 cubic feet (3 archives boxes)

Abstract: Correspondence, reports, speeches, articles, clippings, and account books of a Norwegian-born farmer at Halstad, Minnesota. The papers include school district reports; articles and letters treating the early days in the Red River Valley; correspondence with Fuller and Johnson, farm machinery company, Madison, Wisconsin; and personnel at Augsburg and Augustana (Marshall, Wisconsin) seminaries. The clippings include items on synod controversies and letters from World War I servicemen. Serum held state and church offices, spoke on crop production, suffrage, monopoly, cooperatives, and local history, was the first teacher in his district, the first president of the Selbulag, and the author of "Nybyggerliv i Red Riverdalen" in "Selbybogen."

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Miscellaneous, 1972-1910 Includes poster for July 4, 1894 grand celebration on J.T. Redland's Farm, Town of Shelby. A.H. Gordon, President of the Day; "The Mothers' Memorial. The Loftiest Tower to the Highest Sentiments. Woman's Universal Alliance, Washington, D.C. (n.d.)
1	2	Correspondence, 1871-1926
1	3	Minutes and reports of local church in Halstad, MN, 1888-1920
1	4-5	Selbulag reports, 1909-1925
1	6	Poems, 1876-1894
1	7	"Suggestions to Rural Teachers of Norman County issued by Marie Lovsnes, County Superintendent of Schools," 1912-1913 Also includes School Register, State of Minnesota, County of Polk, District 9, 1877-1881.
2	1-4	Photographs, undated
3	1-2	Speeches, articles, local history of Halstad, MN, 1879-1912 Includes pamphlet: "History of Norman and Clay Counties, their People, Industries and Institutions," by C.K. Semling and John Turner, undated.
3	3	Church clippings, 1877-1901
3	4	Clippings, local history, World War I letters, 1894-1919 Allan Gilbert, Manly Madson, W.J. Nygaard.
3		Miscellaneous "Articles of Incorporation of the Halstad Mutual Fire Insurance Company," 1920; Halstad telephone line construction notes, 1904; campaign expenses (1902) kept in a Michigan Stove Company pocket journal; grocery account book, 1877-1887; dry goods and grocery account book, 1878-1896) Dairymen's and Creamery men's Account book (Halsted Creamery, 1911-1912).
3		School District Report, 1877-1886

