



**Collection Name:**

Synneve Brugjeld Skrenes papers, 1881-1956

**Collection Number:**

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**Extent:**

1.2 cubic feet (3 archives boxes) and 1 flat box

**Biography/History:**

Synneve Brugjeld was born in Balestrand, Sogn, Norway, on March 30, 1845 to Peder Nielsen Brugjeld and Gjertrud Olsdatter Thorsnaes. With her parents, four brothers (Niels, Ole, Bottolf, and Peter P.), and one sister (Kari), she left Bergen, Norway in 1848 aboard the sailing vessel Dorothea and arrived in New York, NY on July 5, 1848.

In 1865, after the end of the Civil War, Synneve moved with her family to Emmet County, Iowa. Synneve eventually Americanized her name to Susan Peterson. On November 6, 1870, she was united in marriage to John Knudtson Skrenes (John Johnson) at Lakeside Farm by Reverend T.H. Dahl. John and Synneve had eight children: Severina Gjertina (Tina) (Johnson) of Bricelyn, MN, Nels J. of Wallingford, IA, Petra Johannah (Hannah) (Olsen) of Pequot, MN, Carrie (Anderson) of Wallingford, IA, Helen (Berg) of Estherville, IA, Sena Josephine (Carter) of Blue Earth, MN, Bertha Randina and Manda Telende (Larsen) of Wallingford, IA. Bertha died at the age of 2, but the other seven children survived to adulthood.

**Scope and Content:**

Family photographs, books, and personal letters of Synneve Brugjeld Skrenes from the estate of Wesley and Irene Anderson.

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**Bibliographic Citation:**

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1	Correspondence from Ellen Olson and mother, Marmon, North Dakota, 1917-1923
1	2	Correspondence from Carrie Monson, Portland, North Dakota, 1888-1910



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1	3	Correspondence from Gertie Iverson, Mitchell, South Dakota, 1927
1	4	Correspondence from Oline Gudvangen, Barton, North Dakota, 1909
1	5	Correspondence from Norway, circa 1920
1	6	Correspondence from John Anderson, Frost, Minnesota, 1921-1930
1	7	Correspondence from Peder Erickson, Chicago, Illinois, 1927-1928
1	8	Correspondence from Kari Kallestad, Hayfield, Minnesota, 1917-1922
1	9	Correspondence from A.C. Anderson, Gorham, North Dakota, 1915-1916
1	10	Correspondence from Susan Larson, Cyrus, North Dakota, 1907-1925
1	11	Correspondence from pastors, 1920
1	12	Correspondence from Mrs. F.T. Strand, Glenwood, Minnesota, 1910-1928
1	13	Correspondence from Martha Golberg, Carpenter, Iowa, 1922-1927
1	14	Correspondence from Briitha Peterson Lee, Puyallup, Washington, 1912-1925
2	1	Correspondence with Bertha Brugjeld, Grafton, North Dakota, 1900-1913
2	2	Correspondence with Segri Grave, Windom, Minnesota, 1925-1927
2	3	Correspondence with Christine, 1925-1927
2	4	Correspondence with Gjertrude Wass, Lake Park, Iowa, 1921
2	5	Correspondence with Tina Thorsness, Spooner, Wisconsin, 1923-1924
2	6	Correspondence with L.B. Rockne, Howard Lake, Minnesota, 1927
2	7	Correspondence with John Bailey, 1918
2	8	Correspondence, 1918-1927
2	9	Postcards, circa 1925-circa 1930
2	10	Brugjeld family tree, Nels Johnson, 1931
2	11	Clippings
2	12	Songbook, 1909
2	13	Nadverden (1916), Lars Oftedal (1904), Sange Udgivet for den Forendede Kirkes Forbund (1914)
3	1	Funeral book for Nels Johnson, 1956
3	2	Heimlands-Sanger, 1881
3	3-5	Photographs
4	1	Photographs
4	2	Frye's Grammar School Geography, Iowa Edition, 1902