

Collection Name: Claus Lauritz Clausen papers, 1841-1988

Collection Number: P0059

Extent: 0.4 cubic feet (1 archives box)

Abstract: Papers of and materials about the Danish-born clergyman, the second pastor ordained to serve Norwegian-Americans. Includes his emigration diary, letters, ministerial record books, photographs, clippings, and articles. Clausen served congregations in Racine and Rock counties, Wisconsin, and Boone county, Illinois before he led a colony to settle at St. Ansgar, Iowa. He founded many congregations in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	<p>Diary and letters, 1841-1908</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Tyvende Opbyggelige Breve - Skrevne af en dansk Mand, C.L. Clausen, medens han opholdt sig i Norge, til de kristelige venner i Kongsberg, sant tilforet trende af hans sange (Twentieth edifying letter - written by a Danish man, C.L. Clausen, while he stayed in Norway, to the Christian friends in Kongsberg, true to the going trend of his song)," September 15, 1841• Dagbog (diary), undated• Letter to H.A. Stub, Luther Valley, November 7, 1849• Three newspaper clippings of articles written by and about Claus Clausen, from Emigranten, several tell of his trip to explore for the location for the later St. Ansgar colony, August 1852 - March 1854• Photocopy of letter to Knud B. Dugstad, Jr., Cairo, Illinois, July 15, 1862, with transcription and translation• Photostat of letter to Pastor J. Clausen, Ryslinge, Denmark, from C.L. Clausen, St. Ansgar, Iowa, November 12, 1867, published in Kirkeligt Maanedblad, February 15, 1868• Photocopy of "Abstract of Title, Town of Plymouth, Rock County, Wisconsin" to Clausen and his wife for the land where Luther Valley church was built; copy of article from Scandinaven, No 36, from Jan 31, 1867
1	2	<p>Photographs, 1867-1887</p> <p>Includes: two strips of negatives; five undated photographs; portrait of Wilh. Cappelen, Christiania, March 18, 1867; Unidentified portrait, 1873; portrait of Bergetha Pedersen Brekke Hjorth, second wife of Clausen.</p>
1	3	<p>Pamphlets, 1868-1881</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Synod for the N.E.L.K. i Amerika: Historisk fremstilling af den strid...skriftens lære om slaveri" (Synod for the N.E.L.K. in America: Historical representation of the conflict...the scriptural teachings on slavery), 1868

- "Gjenmæle mod Kirkeraadet for den Norske Synode i Anledning af dets Skrift" (The Church's Answer to the Council of the Norwegian Synod on the occasion of its Font), Chicago, 1869
- "Om Pastor C.L. Clausen's Gjenmale aftrykt efter Kirkelig Maanedstidende" (On Pastor C. L. Clausen's's Answer printed after the Christian Monthly Journal), Decorah, Iowa, 1870
- "Prof. Georg Sverdrups Angreb om Pastorerne J. Olsen's og C.L. Clausen's Tilsvar" (Prof. Georg Sverdrup's Attack on the pastors' J. Olsen and CL Clausen Answers), conference in Rod Creek, Iowa, printed in Chicago, 1881
- "Mærkelige tildragelser i Shell Rock, Silver Lake, Lime Creek, og Round Prairie forenede R.C.L. Menigheder - Afnodet selvforsvar mod Pastor C.L. Clausens og tilhængers Angreb" (Strange occurrences in Shell Rock, Silver Lake, Lime Creek, and Round Prairie United RCL congregations - Self-defense against Pastor C.L. Clausen's and supporters' attacks), written by T.A. Torgerson, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 1870.
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Includes:

Volume Jefferson Prairie, Long Prairie, Rock Run, and Wiota Parishes, Ministerial Record Book, 1844-1855

- "Kirke-Bog for de norsk-lutherske Menigheder paa
- Jeffersons Prairier, Rock County, Wisconsin Territory
- Long-Prairier, Boone County, Illinois
- Rock-Run, Stephensons & Winnebagos Counties, Illinois,
- I og omkring Viota, Iowa County, Montana

The membership, baptism, confirmation, marriage, and burial records; the pastoral reports of J.W.C. Dietrichson, Claus L. Clausen, and Gustav F. Dietrichson; and letters of call to G.F. Dietrichson (July 7, 1855), Gunnulf J. Omland (July 10, 1880), and Claus F. Magelssen (February 10, 1859).

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"The Founder of St. Ansgar: The Life Story of Clause L. Clausen," by Fred H. Swanson, Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska, 1949