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Collection Summary

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Title

W. Sigurd and Goldie Opdahl Family papers

Creator

William Sigurd Opdahl and Goldie Opdahl

Dates

1943

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Abstract

Correspondence between W. Sigurd Opdahl and his wife, Goldie Opdahl while W. Sigurd worked at an airplane factory in California during World War II.

Biographical Note

William Sigurd Opdahl, descendant of Hogen and Mathilda Opdahl, married Goldie Burgeson, a school teacher, in 1920. She was a descendant of Arthur and Angie Burgeson of Bryant. They farmed on the Opdahl homestead for a time, later moving to the Byron Sour farm four miles west of Hayti, South Dakota.

In 1929, they moved into Hayti. Sig farmed in Hayti and Opdahl Townships, was a school bus driver, worked on the railroad for a short time, worked in a California factory during World War II, and was employed at the Hamlin County Coop Oil until retirement.

Goldie taught school in rural Bryant and Hayti areas, drove school bus, and was employed at the Hayti Post Office, and in local grocery stores.

They had two daughters, Lou Ellen (Mrs. Floyd Johnson) and Nona (Mrs. James Amerson).

William Sigurd died on May 10, 1975. Goldie dies on May 6, 1996.

Contents Note

This collection is composed of one file folder of correspondence between W. Sigurd Opdahl and his wife, Goldie Opdahl while W. Sigurd worked at an airplane factory in California during World War II. It details his journey to Long Beach, California and his work in the airplane factory. She writes about the daily activities in Hayti, S.D. Also included is a letter from his daughter Lou Ellen Johnson. The letters are photocopies of the originals.

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