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BEEDE FAMILY

Vermillion, South Dakota
(bulk dates, 1898-1950)
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History

These papers contain some genealogical information regarding the Beede family. Grace Lucile Beede was the daughter of Rosa Hyde and William H. Beede of Vermillion. She received her BA from The University of South Dakota in 1926, her MA in Classics from Washington University (St. Louis, Missouri), and received her Ph. D. at the University of Chicago in 1936. Dr. Beede was also the great-granddaughter of Captain Nelson Preston Miner. Miner was born on September 29, 1827 in Hartland, Ohio, and married Cordelia Gates on October 15, 1850. The couple had eight children—five girls and two boys. Miner came to Dakota Territory in 1860, and he helped to muster into service Cavalry Company A. This company, formed in the fall of 1861, consisted of 100 men for the purpose of setting up a garrison post for the area. Miner and his men were also instrumental in the building of the first school log house in the fall of 1864. The schoolhouse was located just below the bluff on the east side of what is now known as Dakota Street. The structure was also used by local citizens as a meeting and voting place. In January 1865, Miner was mustered out of the service. He was then appointed Register of the U. S. Land office, elected as a member of the Territorial Council from 1872-1878. He eventually owned the St. Nicholas hotel in Vermillion. Miner died on October 23, 1879.

Scope and Content Note

The Beede Family papers are divided into eight series: **Correspondence, Ephemera, Manuscripts, Military Documents, Photographs, Printed Materials, Subject Files, and Typescript.**

The **Correspondence** (Box 1) series contains letters in one file folder. Some relatives share genealogical information with Rosa, Will, and Grace Beede. This series has been arranged in chronological order (span dates 1899-1950).

The **Ephemera** (Box 1) series contains epaulet and military medals from Nelson Miner's military uniform and name tags from William Beede.

The **Manuscripts** (Box 1) collection contains genealogical information on the Miner family and handmade plot maps of Vermillion.

The **Military Documents** (Box 1) series contains the discharge papers of Private Albert Gibson.

The **Photographs** (Box 1-4) series include cabinet cards of men from Company A, early Vermillion reproduction prints, and Beede family photographs.

The **Printed Materials** (Box 1) series contains newspaper articles on the first school house and family members. The series also contains programs for meetings.

The **Subject Files** (Box 1) series contains a teacher's report from 1890-1891.

The **Typescript** (Box 1) series contains a Miner family history and genealogical information.

Additional Resources

Schell, Herbert S. *History of Clay County South Dakota*. Vermillion, SD: Clay County Historical Society, 1976.

Smith, Elizabeth T. *Historic Vermillion and Clay County*. Chicago, IL: Arcadia Publishing, 2002.

----. *Guide to Historic Sites in Clay County, South Dakota*. Vermillion, SD: Broadcaster Press, Inc., 1989.

Subjects

Clay County (S.D.)—History
Genealogy
South Dakota--History
Vermillion (S.D.)—History

Box No. Description**Box 1**

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming (1898-1950)

From Hyde, Fred to Rosa, William, and Grace Beede

No Date

From Miner, W. L. to William Beede

No Date

From Unknown to William Beede

No Date

From James Hyde to William Beede

1898, Dec. 9

From Hyde, Mrs. H. M. to Rosa Beede

1899, Jan. 23

From Father [James Hyde] to William and Rosa Beede

1899, Feb. 14

From Father [James Hyde] to William and Rosa Beede

1899, Feb. 26

From Father [James Hyde] to William and Rosa Beede

1899, Apr. 12

From James Hyde to William and Rosa Beede

1899, July 28

From Beede, Helen Fern to Mrs. William Hyde

1913, May 23

From Hyde, Fredric to Grandmother

1924, Mar. 21

From Mother [Hellen Medora Miner Hyde] to Rosa Beede

1926, June 3

From Unknown to Rosa Beede

1927, July 27

From Miner-Hyde, Hellen Medora to Rosa Beede

1928, Oct. 22

From Hyde, Helen Medora to Rosa Beede

1933, May 17

From Unknown to Rosa Beede

1950, Aug. 18

From Unknown to W. H. Beede

1950, Nov. 27

EPHEMERA

Miner, Nelson Preston

Epaulet and Military Medals – (Captain of Company A, Dakota Territory Cavalry)

Name Tag

W. H. Beede

MANUSCRIPTS

Manuscripts

Clay County Historical Information

Cordelia Miner—made administrator of Nelson P. Miner's estate
(1880, Jan. 19)

Gross and Abigail (Arnes) Gates family genealogy

Miner, Cordelia G. – Copy of message on cemetery marker, Signal Hill Cemetery, Long Beach, California

Beede Family History (2 copies)

Note about Mr. Brown building an Adelphi and selling it to Nelson Miner

Box No.	Description
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	Map, hand drawn, showing early Vermillion, n.d.
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	“Plot Map of Vermillion property owners,” hand drawn, n.d.
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	MILITARY DOCUMENTS
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	Discharge Papers – Gibson, Albert (Private) 1862
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	PHOTOGRAPHS
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – English, A. M.
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Franklin, Benjamin
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – “Mindy?”
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Miner, Nelson (Captain)
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Monsen, Albert
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Oxford, John
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Orland, Ole N.
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Sharock, Capt.
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Shaw, A.
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Unidentified
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – “Wambow?”
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	Cabinet Cards – Company A – Whitney, J. C.
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	Reproductions – Early Vermillion
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	First School House in Vermillion (1864)
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	First Baptist Church, Vermillion
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	Old Whirl Pool, East of Town
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	Unknown
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	Vermillion, Before the Flood
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	Cabinet Card – 1897
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	PRINTED MATERIALS
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	Newspaper Articles – Log Schoolhouse
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	“Copy of Republican Printed in 1861 Tells of Civil War, Dakota Territory,” Unknown, No Date
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	“Do You Know?” Unknown, No Date
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	“Do You Know?” Unknown, No Date
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	“Franklin Taylor Tells of Early Schoolhouse In Historic Scrapbook,” <i>Dakota Republican</i> , 1938, Dec. 15
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	“Historic Brown’s Cabin Near Vermillion Will be Restored,” Unknown, No Date
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	“The ‘Joll(e)y’ Old Schoolmaster,” Unknown, No Date
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	“Many Types of Architecture Found in City of Vermillion,” Unknown, 1930, Mar. 27
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	“The Old Log School-house,” Unknown, No Date
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	“Old Schoolhouse Controversy Revived by Pioneer Resident of Union County,” <i>Dakota Republican</i> , 1938, Dec. 8
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	“Work Starts on School Replica,” Unknown, No Date
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	Newspaper Articles – Miscellaneous
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	“Do You Know?” Unknown, No Date
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	“The Frisbies and Other Dakota Pioneers,” Unknown, No Date
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	“Obituary,” <i>Dakota Republican</i> , 1879, Oct. 30
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	“National Indian War Veterans,” <i>The Sunshine Magazine</i> , 1928, April
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	“How Vermillion, University City, Looked in 1873,” <i>Sioux City Journal</i> , 1941, Oct. 26
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	“World Traveling Instructor’s Father Built First School,” <i>Volante</i> , 1956, May 22
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	Programs
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	Annual Meeting of the Log School House Association, 1906, July
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<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
	50 th Anniversary of Vermillion Commandery No. 16 – 1950, Nov. 29
	SUBJECT FILES
	Teacher's Report, 1890-1891
	TYPESCRIPT
	Typescript
	Miner, Nelson and Cordelia Genealogy
	Miner Family History
Box 2	
	PHOTOGRAPHS
	First School House in Vermillion
Box 3	
	PHOTOGRAPHS
	Black and white photographs
Box4	
	PHOTOGRAPHS
	Color photographs