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NORWAY TOWNSHIP, CLAY COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

PAPERS, 1906-1927
(bulk dates, 1906-1919)
Quantity 1 Linear Foot

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History

Herbert S. Schell wrote in his book *History of Clay County, South Dakota*, “The Norwegians, who had assembled on the Nebraska side, did not consider the lands adjoining the Vermillion particularly attractive, and occupied what looked like a more promising locality farther west. This was to become the Lincoln settlement in present-day Norway Township. Among these settlers were Ole Gjetle, Christian Jordahlen, Lars Lunde, Syvert Myron, and Halvor Swendson, followed by many others a little later, including John Aalseth, Ole Bottolfson, Halvor Brynelson, and Aslak Iverson.” (pg. 16) No exact date of when this migration occurred exists in Schell’s book, however, it appears to have happened circa 1860.

Scope and Content Note

The Norway Township papers are divided into seven series: **Calendars, Catalogs, Correspondence, Ephemera, Manuals, Printed Materials, and Subject Files.**

The **Calendars** series contains the *First Judicial Circuit Court Calendar* that list Petit Jury for Clay County, SD - October Term, 1918.

The **Catalogs** series contains the *Russell Road Building Machinery, Culverts, Bridges* Catalog from the Russell Grader MFG Co. of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The **Correspondence** series contains two items: a letter to William Larson from Iven Hanson and a letter from the Office of Tax Commission, Pierre, South Dakota.

The **Ephemera** series contains three used envelopes.

The **Manuals** series contains two manuals. *The Revised Township Manual for the State of South Dakota*, ca.1912, has chapter titles such as Election and Right of Suffrage, Civil Township Government-Organization-Division-Dissolution, etc. *A Manual of the Township and Road Laws of the State of South Dakota, 1915*, has annotations of Supreme Court decisions and rulings by the attorney general and includes laws of 1915 relating to townships.

The **Printed Materials** series contains three items: a Norwegian Newspaper “*Husbibliothek*” (meaning Library House), a preservation copy of this newspaper on acid-free paper, and a booklet with the complete set of South Dakota Township required forms.

The **Subject Files** series consists of: 1) Annual Reports; 2) Annual Town Meetings; 3) Town Officials; 4) Town Polls/Elections; 5) Clay County Ditch.

Additional Sources

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

Box No. Description

Box 1

CALENDERS

First Judicial Circuit, Clay County Court Calendar
1918 October Term

CATALOGS

Russell Road Building Machinery, Culverts, Bridges
Undated

CORRESPONDENCE

Larson, William
1906 October 26 (from Iven Hanson)
Township, City and Town Review Boards
1919 June 15 (from Office of Tax Commission)

EPHEMERA

Used Envelopes

MANUALS

Revised Township Manual for the State of South Dakota
ca. 1912
A Manual of the Township and Road Laws of the State of South
Dakota, 1915
1915

PRINTED MATERIALS

"Husbibliothek" (Library House) Norwegian Newspaper
1903 February 27, original and preservation copy
Township Blanks for South Dakota

SUBJECT FILES

Annual Reports
Annual Account of the Board of Supervisors
1907 March 2
1908 February 25
1909 February 23
1912 February 28
1917 September 11
Blank Form
Annual Report of the Board of Auditors
1907 March 2
1909 February 23
1911 February 28
1912 February 28
1913 February 25
1918 February 26
Blank Form
Annual Statement of the Treasurer
1907 March 1
1908 March 1
1909 February 23
1911 February 28

Box No. Description**Box 1, continued**

SUBJECT FILES, continued

Annual Reports, continued

Annual Statement of the Treasurer, continued

1912 February 28

1913 February 25

1915 February 23

1918 February 26

1919 February 25 (hand written form)

Overseer's Annual Report

1906 October 30 (District 1)

1907 March 26 (District 1)

1907 March 2 (District 2)

1908 February 25 (District 1 and 2)

1909 February 23 (District 1 and 2)

1910 No month or date (District 2)

1911 February 28 (District 2)

1912 February 28 (District 2)

1913 February 25 (District 2)

Blank Form

Annual Town Meetings

Annual Town Meeting Ballot

Blank Form

Claim of J.N. Junker for Town Meeting

1909 February 23

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting

1907 March 5

1908 March 3

1909 March 2

1910 March 1

1911 March 7

1912 March 5

1914 March 3

1917 March 6

1918 March 5

1919 March 4

1921 March 1

1927 March 1

Poll and Tally List Used at the Town Meeting

1908 March 3

1909 March 2

1910 March 1

1911 March 7

1912 March 5

1918 March 5

1919 March 4

Blank Form

Supervisor's Account to Annual Town Meeting

1923 March 1

Blank Form

Town Officials

List of Town Officer's

Blank Form

Box No. Description**Box 1, continued**

SUBJECT FILES, continued
 Town Officials, continued
 Assessor
 Assessor's Bond and Oath
 Blank Form
 Clay County Assessor's Book, Money and Credits
 1922
 Board of Registration
 Expense Bill
 1914 October 27
 Clerk
 Claims
 1909 February 23 (to Adolph Iverson)
 Receipts
 1906 March 24 (to A. Healin)
 1908 March 7 (Receipt of Rural Carrier)
 1909 June 28 (to C.I. Vaughn)
 1910 February 22 (to Adolph Iverson)
 Constable
 Notice of Vacancy for the Office of Constable
 1906 March 27
 Office of Bond and Oath: Constable
 Blank Form
 Warrant of Appointment
 1906 March 27
 Justice
 Official Bond and Oath: Justice
 Blank Form
 Road Overseer
 Acceptance of Overseer
 1906 March 6
 1907 March 5
 Claims for Overseer's Fees
 1909 February 23
 1910 February 22
 Land Tax Pass Book, Road District No. 1
 1908 March 31, 2 books
 1909 March 30, 3 books
 1910 April 2, 3 books
 1911 March 28, 1 book
 1912 March 26, 3 books

Box 2

SUBJECT FILES, continued
 Town Officials, continued
 Road Overseer, continued
 Land Tax Pass Book, Road District No.2
 1908 March 31, 3 books
 1909 March 30, 3 books
 1910 April 2, 3 books
 1911 March 28, 1 book
 1912 March 26, 3 books

Box No. Description**Box 2, continued**

SUBJECT FILES, continued

Town Officials, continued

Road Overseer, continued

Officer Oaths

1906 March 14

1906 March 27

1907 March 23

1907 March 26

1910 April 2

March 1 (Year Unknown)

Order form for 2-wheeled scrapers

1907 March 26

Overseer's Complaint

Blank Form

Overseer's List

1906 March 27 (District 1)

1906 March 23 (District 2)

1907 March 26 (District 1)

1909 March 30 (District 1)

1911 March 27 (District 1)

1911 March 28 (District 2)

Blank Form

Payment Receipts for Overseer Fees

1910 February 22

Poll Tax Pass Book

Blank Form

Poll Tax Pass Book, Road District No. 1

1908 March 31

1912 March 26

Poll Tax Pass Book, Road District No. 2

1912 March 26

Poll Tax Road Warrant

1907 March 26

Supervisor

Claims for Supervisor Fees

1909 February 23 (by C. F. Brunick)

1909 February 23 (by A.A. Iverson)

1909 February 23 (by Peder Lund)

1917 September 11 (by Ole Junken)

Officer Oaths

1906 March 6

1907 March 5

1910 March 1

1919 March 4

Payment Receipts

1910 February 22

Resignation, Acceptance, and Notice

1908 February 25 (by Benedict Bottlfson)

Supervisor's Notice of Hearing

Blank Form

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Box 2, continued

SUBJECT FILES, continued

Town Officials, continued

Supervisor, continued

Supervisor's Report on Guide Posts

1907 March 25

Treasurer

Official Bond and Oath: Treasurer

Blank Form

Town Polls/ Elections

Annual Election Poll Book

1901 November 5

1902 November 4

Ballot Clerks' Record of the Voters

1922

Poll Sheet and Return of Election

1922 June 20

1928 June 19

1930 June 17

1931 June 16

Register of Qualified Electors

1918

1924

Register of the Voters

1916

1918

1920

1922

Registration Book

1914, Fall,

1916 June 27

Registry List

1903 May 1

1906 November 6

1908 November 3

1920 November 2

The Election Laws of the State of South Dakota

1920

Clay County Ditch

Assessments

Bill for Assessment

1908, July 23 (letter sent)

1927 February 22 (date paid)

1927 February 22 (date paid)

Notice to land owners regarding artesian wells

1919 May 13

Receipts

1908 August 12

1926 October 1