

Linda Slaughter, Preserving History, Education, and the Fight for Women's Rights

Linda Slaughter and her husband, Dr. Benjamin F. Slaughter, were early residents of Bismarck. A historian, educator, activist, and writer, Linda assisted in founding what would become the State Historical Society, and was the first teacher and superintendent of schools in Burleigh county. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting Linda Slaughter's role in the early history of Bismarck.

Archival Collections

10003 Linda (Warfel) and Benjamin Franklin Slaughter Family Papers

Papers of Linda (Warfel) Slaughter, her husband Benjamin Franklin Slaughter, daughters Linnie Lee (Mrs. Albin) Hedstrom, and Jessamine (Mrs. Arthur) Burgum, sister Aidee, granddaughter Hazel (Hedstrom) Eastman, grandson Ted Hedstrom, and great-granddaughter Virginia (Eastman) Dullum. The collection also includes family history and genealogy information, newspaper clippings about the Slaughters, papers of Albin Hedstrom (Burleigh County Sheriff), Allan Eastman (Bismarck Tribune writer), and Allan's parents Phillip K. and Maude Eastman (store owners in Wilton, N.D.).

10023 Fannie Dunn Quain Papers

Box 1, Folder 7

Correspondence, autograph albums, printed materials, newspaper clippings, calling cards, business cards, programs, advertisements, ephemera, manuscripts relating to early Bismarck and Burleigh County history, records of the Original Club, the North Dakota Federation of Women's Club and the Fortnightly Club; papers of John Piatt Dunn and Christiana S. Dunn, 1877-1934.

10064 Edwin James Taylor Family Papers

Papers of Edwin James Taylor, his wife Charlotte (Sterrett), and sons Herndon and Edwin Jr., as well as the papers of Mrs. Hazel Paris Reid (sister of Edwin Taylor Jr.'s second wife Aldeen Paris [Welch] Taylor), and papers of Major James Hanley (whose daughter Lewista married Aldeen Paris' brother Robert). E. J. Taylor Sr. was an educator and librarian. The Taylor papers include correspondence with Walter Stockwell, W. E. Hoover, Minnie J. Nielson, Beatrice Johnstone, and Jerry D. Bacon, among others, pertaining in part to educational affairs and politics. Contains personal correspondence with friends and relatives and some business papers and notes for speeches. Includes materials relating to the Masonic Lodge, Bismarck Presbyterian Church, the Rotary Club, and the Women's Fortnightly Club.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- Ladies' Historical Society of Bismarck and North Dakota
- The Daughters of the American Revolution
- Bismarck Women's Christian Temperance Union
- National Women's Suffrage Association
- Bismarck Academy
- Early schools in North Dakota

People

- Linda Slaughter, 1843-1911
- Susan B. Anthony, 1820-1906

Locations

- Edwinton, Dakota Territory (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Journal Articles

Leaves from Northwestern Territory; Fort Abercrombie; Fort Randall

Linda W. Slaughter – Collections of the State Historical Society of *North Dakota* Vol. 1

Susan B. Anthony in the Dakotas

Alma Lutz – *North Dakota History* Vol. 25 Issue 4

Land, Liquor, and the Women of Hatton, North Dakota

Barbara Handy-Marchello – *North Dakota History* Vol. 59 Issue 4

10133 Women's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota Records

Annual convention minutes and reports, constitution, correspondence, organizational history, records of the Florence Crittenden home, activities, scrapbooks, obituaries, news clippings, printed material, financial records, songbooks, photographs and post cards, audio visual material, and records of local and district chapters. Also includes minutes and reports from the annual meetings of the WCTU of Dakota (1884-1889).

10152 Daughters of the American Revolution Records

Records of the state office, including subject files, programs, committee reports, state conference minutes and reports, and national DAR proceedings, constitution and by-laws, correspondence, genealogical information, photographs, financial reports, scrapbooks, biographies, reports, and publications, and records of local chapters, consisting of minutes, correspondence, financial records, biographies, by-laws, scrapbooks, photographs, and publications. Originally arranged in eight series: State minutes, subject files, Treasurer's files, national proceedings, national files, biographies, scrapbooks, and local chapter records.

10202 North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs Records

Records of the state and district offices and various affiliated clubs including minutes, subject files, biographies, district annual reports, pioneer daughters club records, annual meeting programs, scrapbooks, photographs and records of the North Dakota Federation of Womens' Clubs Pioneer Mothers Project.

10547 Kathie (Ryckman) Anderson Papers

Papers consist of a draft manuscript copy entitled "Dakota: The Literary Heritage of the Northern Prairie State" from which excerpts were published in North Dakota History, as well as research, notes and publications about North Dakota authors and musicians, and cassette tapes of interviews with North Dakota authors.

10553 Frank E. Vyzralek Collection

Box 38, Folder 14, Box 38, Folder 17

The collection includes the research files, personal papers, photographs and audiovisual materials of lifelong researcher and former North Dakota State Archivist Frank Edward Vyzralek.

10597 National League of American Pen Women Inc. Records

Contains by-laws, minutes, biographies, correspondence, memorials, photographs, scrapbooks, publications, and newspaper clippings, snapshots detailing lives of members and work of the association, reports, and loose inserts from a scrapbook with clippings from the Bismarck Tribune and Mandan Morning Pioneer. The collection also includes records from Medora (N.D.) chapter.

11116 North Dakota Humanities Council, Larry Remele Memorial Fellow Reports

Box 1, Folder 20

Collection consists of audiocassettes, papers, programs, and reports to the people of North Dakota tabloids by Larry Remele Memorial Fellows of the North Dakota Humanities Council.

11493 Doreen Chaky Research Collection

Box 15

Research for the book *Terrible Justice*, numerous freelance articles, and work with the Williston Oil Reporter, as well as article drafts and notes.

10725 Delta Kappa Gamma Society Alpha Omicron Records

Box 17, Folder 96

Records include historian's reports which describe activities at the annual conventions, historical information, the organizational charter, biographies of pioneer women teachers of North Dakota, scroll of founders and initiate information, constitution, bylaws, minutes, yearbooks, programs, scrapbooks, printed material, publications, and memorabilia.

30203 Historical Society. Administration, Superintendent's Correspondence

Box 100

Consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, and printed material relating to administration of the agency, research, state parks, acquisition of artifacts, books and records, and special programs. Also includes correspondence with state and federal agencies, press releases, bills and legislative testimony, and surveys and studies.

Books

The William Moore School : In the Service of the Youth of Bismarck for Fifty Years, 1883-1933

1933

Presents a brief history of schools in Bismarck and biographical sketches of prominent citizens, including Linda W. Slaughter, James W. Foley, H.F. Mclean, Lynn Sperry, and William Moore. Also includes rosters of graduating classes of Bismarck High School from 1887 to 1912

Call Number: 373.238 W670

A Rhymed Address for Decoration Day

1901 – Linda W. Slaughter

Call Number: 394.268 S6317r 1901

My Soldier: A Song for Memorial Day

1904 – Linda W. Slaughter

1 score

Call Number: 781.599 S6317m 1904

State Song for North Dakota

1902 – Mrs. Linda W. Slaughter

1 sheet

Call Number: 781.599 S6317s 1902

Well-Tempered Women: Nineteenth-Century Temperance

Rhetoric

1998 – Carol Mattingly

Call Number: 178.1 M4442w 1998

The History of the Woman's Suffrage Movement in North Dakota

1951 – Jeanne F. Tucker

Call Number: 324.623 T892h

Online Resources

[Linda Warfel Slaughter: Bismarck Pioneer and Powerhouse](#)

Emily Kubischta – State Historical Society of North Dakota Blog

[SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

[Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

[WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

External Resources

[Linda Slaughter: Camp Hancock](#)

[State Historic Site](#)

Article from the North Dakota State Library website

[Did You Know That](#)

Bottineau Courant newspaper article about Linda Slaughter from September 28, 2004

State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email archives@nd.gov or call (701) 328-2668.



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