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Carrie costume, "Carousel,“  
1988-1989
Created by now-retired professor of Theatre Harvey Jurik, these sketches provided the inspiration for the creation of costumes for many St. Cloud State theatre productions between 1972 and 1992. All 500+ color sketches are available in Minnesota Reflections.


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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Henry Bosse Dredge Thompson Photo Album Frontispiece 1883-1891

Henry Peter Bosse 1844-1903
Henry Bosse worked for the Corps as a photographer, draughtsman and cartographer. Between 1883 and 1891 while surveying the Mississippi River he photographed the river, vessels, bridges and the surrounding area. The Corps’ St. Paul, MN District conserves an album containing 136 images which was recently appraised at $4,512,000. These images are in the MDL.
U. S. Army Planes at Mankato Airport, Mankato, Minnesota, 1915
The Blue Earth County Historical Society collects and preserves photographs relating to Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Photographs included in our collection are of the towns within the County, rural landscapes and family snapshots. BECHS has contributed 1,400 photographs to MDL; these photographs illustrate the rich history of our County.
Dr. G. A. Dahl being photographed by a photographer at Keene Studios in Mankato, Minnesota, c.a. 1900

The Blue Earth County Historical Society was excited and honored to have this photograph selected to represent MDL with the launch of the Digital Library of America.
Images in the slide show are from the Gallagher Studio Photograph Collection. They were scanned from negatives documenting Duluth’s Superior Street block by block in 1963, just before major urban renewal projects changed the face of Duluth’s downtown.
Superior Street in 1963
621-611 West Superior Street

Superior Street in 1963
418-422 West Superior Street

Superior Street in 1963
426-432 West Superior Street
Superior Street 1963
Lake Avenue and Superior Street

Superior Street 1963
423-427 West Superior Street
MnDOT Library

MnDOT Library has worked with MDL on the following four projects:

1. Minnesota Registered Auto Trails (1917-1931)
2. Minnesota State Highway Maps (1919-2010)
“Minnesota Scenic Highway” designation form from Registered Minnesota Auto Trails. The form was filed with the Minnesota Highway Commission and Minnesota Highway Department in 1917 to register the name, symbol and general location of the auto trail. The trails were established to direct motorists along the best routes to popular destinations.
The Hasting Bridge over the Mississippi River replacing the spiral bridge (Aug. 1961)

Storm sewer tunnel under Twin Cities freeways (March 1964)

I-390 interchange north of Owatonna, part of the first interstate road project in Minnesota (July 1958)
Introducing new highway signs at State Fair (Oct. 1971)

The Stillwater Lift Bridge (July 1973)
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Minnesota Geological Survey

Bedrock Geology of Minnesota, 1872

Bedrock Geology of Minnesota, 2011
Minnesota Geological Survey

Geologic maps and reports published since the inception of the Minnesota Geological and Natural History Survey in 1872, under the direction of Newton Horace Winchell.
Dr. G.M. Schwartz, geologist, Mud cracks, Mississippi River under the Lake St. bridge, ca 1940

Bedrock geology map of the Twin Cities area, 1985

Bedrock geology map of the Twin Cities area, 2000
Iron ores of Minnesota, their geology, discovery and development, Bulletin 6, Plate 1, 1891

One hundred years of mining: alterations to the physical and cultural geography of the western half of the Mesabi Iron Range, M-118, 2002
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Grant County Historical Society

Completed power line tower, Grant County, c. 1978
The power line built across Minnesota in the late 1970s by the Cooperative Power Association and United Power Association was very controversial in many parts of the state. Our collection includes property appraisals, photos and maps related to this project.
Appraisal reports were completed on each of the affected properties.
Crane helicopter lining up top portion of tower with tower base, Grant Co., c. 1978

CPA/UPA power line tower placement map, Delaware Township, Grant County, 1976

Reels of power line cable being strung, Grant County, c. 1978
The archival collection of the Basilica of Saint Mary contains documents & artifacts dating to the original parish’s founding in 1858. Contributions to the Minnesota Digital Library include photographs, architectural drawings, and parish announcement books.
Pipe Organ Cases, Choir & Echo Organ.
Slifer & Abrahamson, C. 1926
First Communion class processes into the Basilica. May 3, 1951

Announcement Book, Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1881 – 1883. Archbishop Ireland to speak on Total Abstinence. May 29, 1881
Fr. Thomas Cullen and the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary choir. Easter Sunday, 1917

Detail of Plaster Ornament, Side Aisle Arches. Slifer & Abrahamson. C.1926
Stewartville Public Library

The Opera House – Stewartville, MN
ca. 1920
The images in this collection represent businesses and recreational sites from the early part of the twentieth century. Lake Florence is now gone, but most of the buildings remain and the old bank building is now being restored to its former self.
Idle Hour Excursion Boat on Lake Florence. ca. 1910

The Big Elm, Camping & Picnic Grounds ca. 1918

Main Street looking north. ca. 1910
Cussons Roller Mill,
Stewartville, MN  ca. 1915

First National Bank
ca. 1900

Tews Hotel under construction.
1911
The Stork family: William, Florence, Clinton, and Grace, ca. 1898
This collection represents a small portion of the personal diaries and letters held at the Ames-Florida-Stork House. Included are two Civil War era diaries written by William Stork, with the remainder written by his daughter between the ages of 10 and 23 (1886-1899) while the family lived in Jasper, Minnesota.
William’s diary, noting President Lincoln’s death, 1865 (above) and 1866 (below)

Florence, Clinton, and William Stork, ca. 1920
Page from Florence’s first diary
Jan. 3, 1886

Norman Clinton Stork with his sister, Florence, about 1886
The Carleton College founded in 1866, one of the first private colleges in Minnesota. Carleton has contributed 373 items to Minnesota Digital Library including photos albums, architectural drawings, documents and letters. These materials exemplify the early history of Carleton College.
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Women's ice hockey,
Northfield, Minnesota, 1922

Bouncing day,
Northfield, Minnesota, 1900?
General Plan of Carleton College,
Northfield, Minnesota, 1915
Women's basketball, Northfield, Minnesota, 1903

Art Narverud, basketball cheer leader, Northfield, Minnesota, 1922
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Region 3 Archives at Luther Seminary

These images are from the congregational history collection at Luther Seminary. It includes images of Lutheran churches and church members from the metro area and small towns throughout Minnesota.
St. Timothy Lutheran Church,
St. Paul, Minnesota, 07/08/1951

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1888?

Pontoppidan Lutheran Church,
Ellendale, Minnesota, 1910
Minnesota Newspapers

The Minnesota Digital Library is now providing access to some of Minnesota's historical newspapers. We are focusing our attention on titles, volumes, and issues that were never microfilmed and where the originals are frail and not frequently available to the public.
Minnesota newspapers

• The Organizer
• Iapi Oaye
• The Word Carrier
• The Ojibwe News
• The Pierz Journal
Iapi Oaye

A Dakota language newspaper that was published 1871-1939 at the Santee Normal Training School. The Santee Normal Training School instructed Dakota children in the Dakota language. These children came from families who were removed from Minnesota to Nebraska after the Dakota Conflict of 1862.
The Word Carrier

In March of 1884 the *lapi Oaye* publication was split into two newspapers: *lapi Oaye* and *The Word Carrier*. *lapi Oaye* was primarily written in Dakota and *The Word Carrier* was written in English.
The Labor Studies Herman Library's contribution to Minnesota Reflections, was a first of its kind, a labor union daily strike newspaper. Published July to October 1934, *The Organizer* was an in-depth look into the struggles and victories from the labor union perspective in the 1934 Teamsters Strike.
Minnesota Newspapers

The Ojibwe News

*The Ojibwe News* reported on the politics, social issues and human interest stories of Minnesota Indian reservations between 1987 and 2009.
Minnesota Newspapers

The Pierz Journal

*The Pierz Journal* reported on the social issues and human interest stories of Morrison County from 1909 until 1973. The years 1909 to 1913 have been digitized.
The Macalester College collection includes photos and documents pertaining to the history of the College, its campus, and community.
Macalester College from the intersection of Summitt and Snelling Avenues, St. Paul, MN, 1890?

Four Mac Chorus students wearing each others' clothing, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, 1910

Coach Al Gowans watching a tackle, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, 1930
Chemistry lab in Moss Hall, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN 1911?

James Murray and William McFadden under Shadow Falls, St. Paul, MN
Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans

Deaf students fingerspelling “I love Miss Buxton” with teacher Ruth Buxton, Minnesota Institute for Defectives (Deaf, Blind and Feeble-Minded), Faribault, 1892-1893
Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans

On behalf of the community, the Commission submitted 173 items (primarily photos), including:

• 30 from the Charles Thompson Memorial Hall (a deaf club in St. Paul that is also on the National Register of Historic Places)
• 24 from the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens
• 119 from the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf Alumni Association Museum
Charles Thompson Memorial Hall, a deaf club building donated by a deaf woman, Margaret Thompson, in memory of her deaf husband and designed by the deaf architect Olof Hanson, St. Paul, November 11, 1916

Margaret Silents basketball team on steps of Charles Thompson Memorial Hall, 1921

Vaudeville performance in auditorium of Charles Thompson Memorial Hall, 1920-1930
Minnesota Association of the Deaf convention delegates, including Petra Fandrem Howard, at the St. Louis County Court House, Duluth, July 3, 1913

Petra Fandrem Howard (in back row) and other students fingerspelling “FIRST ORAL-06 [CLASS]”, Minnesota School for the Deaf, Faribault, 1906

Portrait of Petra Fandrem Howard, first female president of the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens, 1940-1950
The Northfield History Collaborative

The Northfield History Collaborative (northfieldhistorycollaborative.org) preserves and makes accessible digital versions of records of the history of the Northfield area. Its 11 partner organizations include Carleton and St. Olaf colleges, Northfield Historical Society, Rice County Historical Society, Northfield Public Library, the Northfield News, KYMN Radio, the Northfield Arts Guild, Northfield Hospital, First National Bank of Northfield, and St. John's Lutheran Church.
RECOLLECTIONS OF EARLY ARTS GUILD BEGINNINGS
BETTY & STUART HUNTER
February 1993
Tucson, AZ

Northfield Arts Guild - 1959
We had just moved to Northfield.

- Gina Phoenix, wife of the Carleton Dean, had a meeting we attended with Marilyn Carver, Fred Leighton, Casey Hero and others interested in getting an arts group together. Marilyn would probably remember this. Gina and her husband left Carleton at the end of the school year so nothing else was done under her leadership. (Note: Phil Foxvog very active in the first organization, too.)

- I and some others in town were interested in taking a studio art course and Dean Warnholtz offered to give us a night course at his Carleton studio. There were six or eight of us who took advantage of this.

- Stu and I had an idea it’d be good to get the people back together who had shown an interest in the arts and Dean offered to give further studio classes to get the art classes continued and to help get the whole thing going.

- Carl Weight (Northfield News editor), Dean, and Stu and I met at our house and decided to get a group of people representing the various arts together. With so many faculty people from the two colleges, from the public schools and from town, we found a lot of enthusiasm.

- We met with a group representing the various arts (incl. literature, music, dance, drama and the studio arts) and decided to put together a non-profit organization, set up legal requirements to do this, put together by-laws, etc., and elect officers to run it and to apply for non-profit status. To the best of our recollection, Gene Fox, Casey Hero, Mary Lou Street, Marilyn Carver and Evie Woodruff and the two of us were involved. We elected Stu as the President and Ted Scott as Treasurer. And, I recall, Erling Larson was Secretary. His tongue-in-cheek minutes are worth reading, if you can find them. (Erling was a Carleton English prof. - wrote a book, "Waterford, Oh My Waterford.") This was our first Board of Directors:

  Stuart Hunter, President  (Sheldahl)
  Mary Lou Street, VP      (Town)
  Erling Larson, Secretary (Carleton)
  Ted Scott, Treasurer    (1st Nat’l Bank)
President William Howard Taft Visiting Northfield, MN, 1908

Posthumous Portrait of Bank Robber Bill Chadwell, 1876
Bird's Eye View of Northfield, MN, 1869
Bulwer Junction Depot, built in 1887, as it looked in the 1980s, before being moved to Long Lake Park for a museum in 1990.
The Society was formed in 1980. In 1985, the Soo Line Railroad donated the Bulwer Junction Depot to the Society. After moving it to Long Lake Park in New Brighton in 1990, the Society opened it as the New Brighton History Museum in 1994.
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church was formed in 1892, with its superstructure built in 1922.

First State Bank of New Brighton, shown in 1925.

Town Hall, built in 1898, was used until the mid-50s.
The stockyards industry, one of New Brighton’s earliest enterprises, was begun in 1889.

Ice harvesting on Long Lake began in 1888, due to its pristine waters. Up to 8000 car loads of ice were hauled out yearly. This business lasted until the 1950s.

Undue influences by the railroad and sanitation problems forced the stockyard operations to close in 1901.
Northwest Minnesota Historical Center

Haakon Bjornaaas, a regional photographer, and his studio, collection at NMHC.
Northwest Minnesota Historical Center

The NHMCH is a regional depository holding records of the twelve counties of northwest Minnesota, located on the campus at Minnesota State University Moorhead.
Family fishing in northern Minnesota

East Battle Lake near Clitherall, Minnesota

Bass Lake near Underwood, Minnesota
Post Office lobby in Federal Building, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Post Office, Roosevelt, Minnesota

Post Office, Carp, Minnesota
Helen and Harriet Fillebrown at the Fillebrown House, 4735 Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minn, 1931
The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society in White Bear Lake, Minnesota has a collection, which spans nearly 150 years and includes artifacts, photographs and records relating to the resorts, railroads, businesses and governments of the five municipalities that touch White Bear Lake, just north of St. Paul. For *Minnesota Reflections*, the historical society most recently contributed images of the Fillebrown family at White Bear including a series of family correspondence depicting life at the lake.
Page 1 of Letter from J. Walter Fillebrown to Harriet Fillebrown, May 3, 1905

My dear Harriet,

I am very glad to hear from you. I hope you are well. I trust you are all well. The weather here is very pleasant. I hope you are enjoying yourself.

I hope you have received this letter. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Walter Fillebrown

Jonas Walter Fillebrown, ca. 1910

Harriet Coxe Fillebrown, ca. 1910
March 17, 1936

St. Patrick's was a great hotel. Auntie Smith and Uncle John—and the rest of the family—are all there. I don't know if I'll be there. Father and Mother left an influence.

At all the time, there was a talk of the Weather, the climate, and the weather. The mountain town was a delight. The whole town was a joy.

I was reading a newspaper article about the Weather. It mentioned what it said was a great influence. It talked about the Weather and the climate. The mountain town was a delight.

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Rochester Community and Technical College

Commencement Program for the class of 1918
Rochester Community and Technical College

This collection includes cover shots of RCTC’s Commencement Programs and images taken from the College’s Student Newspaper, “The Echo”.
First Annual Commencement Rochester Junior College

Commencement Exercises
June 2, 1923

NINETEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
ROCHESTER JUNIOR COLLEGE

8:00 p.m.
CENTRAL AUDITORIUM
JUNE 4, 1941

Rochester Junior College’s First Annual Commencement, 1923

Rochester Junior College’s Nineteenth Annual Commencement, 1941
Rochester Junior College’s 1953 Commencement Cover

Rochester Junior College’s 1955 Commencement Cover
Echo: Xmas Events
December 11, 1946

Echo: YellowJacket Basketball
January 22, 1947
Echo: RJC Remodeling
October 2, 1940

Echo: RJC Pilot Training
November 6, 1940
Echo: 1941 Graduation. May 23 1941
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Duluth Public Library

The Duluth Public Library's Duluth Collection consists of items on Duluth's history, including books, maps, media, and manuscripts. The collection is housed in the North Shore Room on the top floor of the library in downtown Duluth.
Old Settlers of Duluth, MN
The Booster Book: West Duluth in 1916
Inclined Railway; Incline Pavilion; The Lyceum; and Duluth Elevators
Souvenir of Duluth, 1893