

Dagny Unsgaard Nygaard Papers, 1899-1979

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Carr, Inger Nygaard
Title	Dagny Unsgaard Nygaard Papers
Dates	1899-1979 (inclusive) 1899 1979
Quantity	1 File (1 folder), ()
Collection Number	OPVSIEmss_20 (collection)
Summary	The life story and family history of Norwegian immigrant Dagny Unsgaard Nygaard (born 1899), who came to America circa 1930.
Repository	Pacific Lutheran University, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Pacific Lutheran University 12180 Park Avenue South Tacoma, Washington 98447 Telephone: 253-535-7586 Fax: 253-535-7315 archives@plu.edu
Access Restrictions	The biography is available for research.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Dagny Unsgaard Nygaard was born on 31 August 1899 in Tydal, Norway, to Berit Stuedal Unsgaard, a midwife, and David Unsgaard, a furniture builder and farmer. Dagny had six siblings.

Dagny took a job as a salesclerk at a general store until she was 21 when she went home to care for her mother who died shortly after. Dagny married in 1927 to Lars Nygaard, a carpenter. He found a sponsor to America and left behind Dagny and their new baby girl, Inger. He stayed with people from Tydal in Minnesota helping out on the farms until he got a work for a building contractor in Montana. When he earned enough money a year later, he sent for Dagny and the baby. They were denied their passports the first time, so waited another year before they could join Lars in Minnesota in 1930. With the depression, there was little work for Lars, so they ended up moving into a home in the Grygla-Gatzke area to farm. When the economy picked up they moved closer to town and Lars got more carpentry jobs. They joined the Lutheran Church and Dagny taught Sunday School and became active in the Ladies Aid as secretary.

In 1943, during World War II, Lars moved to Washington State to work in the shipyards. Dagny and the children joined him later. In 1944 they bought their first house, a farm with twenty acres. They lived here for nineteen years. Lars returned to carpentry and Dagny took up dress making. They made three trips back to Norway.

Content Description

This is a biography of Dagny Unsgaard Nygaard, born in Tydal, Norway. She and her husband, Lars, immigrated to America, he in 1928, she two years later. They settled in Minnesota, then in Montana, and finally ended up in Washington State.

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Arrangement

Location of Collection

Box 2, file 6

Preservation Note

Custodial History

Written account of Inger Carr's taped interview with her mother

Acquisition Information

Donated by Inger Nygaard Carr

Bibliography

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Depressions -- 1929

Fort Lewis (Wash.)

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<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv32000>

McChord Air Force Base (Wash.)
Norway--Emigration and immigration
Norwegian language
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945--Norway

Personal Names :

Carr, Inger Nygaard--Archives
Nygaard, Dagny Unsgaard
Nygaard, Lars
Unsgaard, David

Corporate Names :

Boeing Aerospace Company
Sears, Roebuck and Company--Catalogs
Singer Sewing Machine Company
Montgomery Ward--Catalogs
Girl Scouts
Luther League of America

Family Names :

Nygaard family
Unsgaard family

Geographical Names :

Everett (Wash.)
Forks (Wash.)
Seattle (Wash.)
Bremerton (Wash.)
Dutton (Mont.)
Gatzke (Minn.)
Great Falls (Mont.)
Oslo (Norway)
Stanwood (Wash.)
Tacoma (Wash.)
Trønderlag (Norway)
Tydal (Norway)

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Unsgaard, Berit Stuedal
(creator)

Names and Subjects

Form or Genre Terms :

Biography
Family history

Occupations :

Carpentry
Midwifery

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