



## Norwegian Letters from Texas

A.79.63

### Finding Aid

#### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Unknown

**Title:** Letters from Texas

**Dates:** 1819-1852

**Quantity:** One banker box containing 95 letters, (correspondence).

**Abstract:** This collection contains correspondence, and photocopies of the correspondence, written in Old Norwegian from 19<sup>th</sup> Century Norwegian settlers in Texas. The materials give a primary account of life in Texas, including weather conditions, crops, animals, and a variety of information regarding a settler's life in Texas.

**Identification:** A.79.63

**Location:** Archives of the Dallas Historical Society

**Language:** The materials are in Old Norwegian. The materials have not been translated.

**Repository:** The Dallas Historical Society

#### Biographical Sketch or Administrative History

This collection contains correspondence to and from Old Norwegian settlers in Texas and friends and family in Chistiania, (Oslo), Norway, dating from 1819 to 1852. The correspondence deals with the immigrant settlers and their reactions to Texas. The letters are descriptive and optimistic in nature. The correspondence publicizes the land and the settlement program.

#### Scope and Contents Note

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#### Arrangement

The collection is in chronological order.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

The collection is available for research by appointment only.

### Use Restrictions

Standard copyright restrictions apply.

## Related Material

N/A

## Separated Material

N/A

## Other Finding Aids

N/A

## Index Terms

**Subjects (Persons):** 19<sup>th</sup> Century Norwegian Settlers, Count T. A. Gjestvagn, Elisa Tvede, Madame Warenskjoeld, Knud Knudsen, Ole Knudsen, Knud Olsen, Cleng Pederson, Johannes Nordboe, G. V. Orback

**Subjects:** Farming, agriculture, land charters and acquisitions

**Places:** Texas, United States, Nacogdoches, Galveston, New Orleans, Missouri, Wisconsin

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

From the archives of the Dallas Historical Society

### Acquisition Information:

The collection was a donation by one of the descendants of the Herstad family who were part of the original Texas Norwegian settlers.

### Processing Information:

Collection/Papers/Records processed by Jennifer Sigrist, Beckie Bearden Brown, and Chris Bohannan

<b>Description of Series</b>
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The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection/papers/records.

Box #	Folder #	Title/Description:	Date:
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	A.79.63.4	Photocopies of Originals: 1 of 35	1829-1848
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	A.79.63.12	Photocopies of Originals: 9 of 35	1852
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	A.79.63.16	Photocopies of Originals: 13 of 35	1847
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	A.79.63.23	Photocopies of Originals: 20 of 35	1851
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	A.79.63.41	Norwegian Letters: transcribed letters into Norwegian	1846-1849
	A.79.63.42	Norwegian Letters: transcribed letters into Norwegian	1851-1852