

Ruth Thompson "Minnesota Memories" Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator - Author	Thompson, Ruth, 1880-1950
Title	Ruth Thompson "Minnesota Memories" Collection
Date	1945-1950
Extent	2.0 boxes
Language	English

Biography

Local historian and librarian, Ruth Thompson spent her life uncovering and preserving the local history of Minneapolis. She was the first student at the University of Minnesota to receive a master's degree for a thesis on Minnesota history. She graduated in 1912. In 1919 Thompson joined the art department staff at Minneapolis Public Library. In 1938 Ruth Thompson was named the first secretary of the Hennepin County Historical Society.

In 1940, Ms. Thompson was put in charge of the newly formed Minneapolis Historical Collection at the Minneapolis library. After her retirement from the library in 1946, she started to write a weekly column for the *Minneapolis Tribune* called "Minnesota Memories". The column ran from January 1, 1945 to October 9, 1950. Ruth Thompson died on October 20, 1950.

Description of the Collection

Collection consists of two boxes of Ms. Thompson's column, "Minnesota Memories" that was published in *Minneapolis Tribune* from 1945-1950. The columns are organized in in chronological order in one box and parially indexed. The second box contains a scrapbook of the column.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library

Related Materials

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In the Minneapolis Collection, Special Collections: Thompson, Ruth. *Twin towns at the falls of St. Anthony*. [Minneapolis?] : Colwell Press, 1926. **977.65 T47**

There are also biography files for Ruth Thompson in the Minneapolis Collection.

In the Minneapolis Athenaeum, North American Indians Collection: Thompson, Ruth. *Sioux treaties at Traverse des Sioux and Mendota in 1851 and their outcome*. Published 1912. [158] leaves ; 29 cm. Thesis (M.A.)--University of Minnesota, 1912. **970.4 T47**

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- History.
- Minnesota -- History.

Index to Minnesota Memories Column

Corporate Name(s)

- Academy of Music June 3, 1946
- Agricultural Societies April 23, 1945
- American Swedish Institute October 9, 1950
- American-Swedish Institute May 8, 1950
- Cataract House September 23, 1946, December 23, 1946
- Edmund DeWitt Brooks April 12, 1948
- Elks Club July 1, 1946
- Emma Abbott English Opera Company February 4, 1946
- Equity Co-operative Exchange September 1, 1947
- First Presbyterian Church June 28, 1948
- First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis May 30, 1949
- GAR of Minnesota June 23, 1947

- Grimm Alfalfa March 29, 1948
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church November 29, 1948
- Izaak Walton League of America April 28, 1947
- Longfellow Branch Library March 18, 1946
- Longfellow Gardens March 18, 1946
- Lyndale Farmstead December 2, 1946
- Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, and Dubuque Electric Company August 19, 1946
- Minneapolis School of Art June 17, 1947
- Minnesota Historical Society October 17, 1949
- North American Telegraph Co. June 9, 1947
- Old Mission Inn August 11, 1947
- Pence Opera House March 4, 1946
- Plymouth Congregational Church October 13, 1947
- Pullman Company September 1, 1947
- St. Anthony Express February 19, 1945
- St. Anthony Express May 23, 1949
- Teachers' College, Winona July 7, 1947
- Trinity Episcopal Church - Excelsior October 20, 1947
- Union City Mission March 4, 1946
- Western Union Telegraph Co. June 9, 1947
- Westminster Presbyterian Church August 18, 1947
- Y.M.C.A. November 10, 1947

Family Name(s)

- Hutchinson Family October 21, 1946
- Pond Family June 4, 1945

Function(s)

- Artists Course January 27, 1947
- Automobile Tour June 18, 1945
- Church Convention December 17, 1945
- Fairs, Festivals, etc. April 23, 1945, October 20, 1946, August 13, 1945
- GOP National Convention, 1892 December 9, 1946

Geographic Name(s)

- Apostle Islands August 11, 1947
- Barnum Island July 17, 1950

- Bayfield, Wisconsin July 21, 1947
- Belle Plaine March 28, 1949
- Birch Bluff, Minnetonka November 11, 1946
- Bohemian Flats July 22, 1946
- Brooklyn Center January 6, 1947
- Chequamegon Bay August 11, 1947
- Christmas Lake September 16, 1946
- Church of the Redeemer July 14, 1947
- Church - St. Anthony of Padua April 7, 1947
- Dowling May 5, 1947, May 12, 1947
- Eden Prairie November 24, 1947
- Elk River September 22, 1947
- Emma Abbott Park February 4, 1946
- Excelsior October 1, 1945, October 20, 1947
- Fort Snelling September 9, 1946
- Fort Snelling October 11, 1948
- Fort St. Charles April 1, 1946
- Gethsemane Church December 17, 1945
- Glencoe October 21, 1946
- Grand Opera House June 10, 1946
- Guaranty Loan Building September 30th 1946
- Hennepin Avenue July 16, 1945
- Hiawatha, Statue June 24, 1946
- Hutchinson October 21, 1946
- International Falls December 30, 1946
- Lake Harriet and Pavilions November 18, 1946, November 25, 1946
- Lake Minnetonka April 2, 1945, November 11, 1946, October 1, 1945, October 20, 1947, July 28, 1947
- Lake Minnetonka April 26, 1948
- Lake Minnetonka August 2, 1948
- Lake Nokomis November 28, 1949
- Lake Street April 21, 1947
- Linden Hills December 13, 1948
- Littlefork January 13, 1947
- Loring Park August 14, 1950
- Madeline Island August 11, 1947
- Massacre Island April 1, 1946
- Maxwell's Bay July 28, 1947
- Mesabi Iron Range July 19, 1948
- Metropolitan Life Building September 30, 1946
- Minnesota and Wisconsin January 26, 1948
- Murphy Square March 10, 1947
- New Ulm April 19, 1948
- Nicollet House September 23, 1946
- Nicollet Island November 15, 1948

- Nicollet Island June 12, 1950
- Osseo April 7, 1947
- Pipestone Quarry June 2, 1947
- Rainy Lake City December 30, 1946
- St. Albans Bay October 20, 1947
- St. Anthony, incorporation of February 26, 1945
- St. Anthony Falls July 29, 1946
- St. Paul April 9, 1945
- St. Peter December 3, 1945
- St. Peter May 10, 1948
- Stevens House March 22, 1948
- Theodore Wirth Park December 1, 1947
- Victory Memorial Drive October 27, 1947
- Winona July 7, 1947
- Winona January 2, 1950

Name(s)

- Abbott, E.T. January 9, 1950
- Ayer, Frederick July 25, 1949
- Bassett, Joel Bean March 6, 1950
- Brackett, George A. August 29, 1949
- Bromley, Edward A. November 21, 1949
- Bull, Ole (statue) May 13, 1946
- Butler, Eloise (statue) May 6, 1946
- Church, Calvin September 4, 1950
- Countryman, Gratia Alta February 6, 1950
- Dillman, Willard October 31, 1949
- Exposition Building October 8, 1945, October 20, 1947
- Faribault, Jean Baptiste and Alexander March 13, 1950
- Father of Waters (statue) September 8, 1947
- Gabriel, Archangel (statue) August 25, 1947
- Gale, Samuel C. July 24, 1950
- Gideon, Peter (statue) July 30, 1945
- Goddess of Wisdom (statue) June 24, 1946
- Goodhue, James M. August 15, 1949
- Griswold, Franklin C. July 3, 1950
- Hiawatha (Statue) June 24, 1946
- Kimball, Dr. Hannibal Hamlin October 2, 1950
- LeSueur, Pierre Charles September 11, 1950
- Lind, John October 10, 1948
- Little Crow March 27, 1950
- Lowry, Tom (Statue) March 19, 1945

- Mcleod, Martin July 31, 1950
- Mill Explosion (statue) May 27, 1946
- Minneapolis Public Library May 1, 1950
- Murphy, Dr. John H. March 20, 1950
- Old Kenwood Armory January 20, 1947, January 27, 1947
- Pike, Zebulon September 18, 1950
- Pond, Gideon January 23, 1950
- Pond Brothers (statue) June 4, 1946
- Pratt, Jennie A. September 26, 1949
- Reed, Roland W. February 27, 1950
- Tapper, Capt. (Statue) June 25, 1945
- Temple Israel April 10, 1950
- Upton, Rufus August 28, 1950
- Victory Memorial Drive October 27, 1947
- Wellcome, Sir Henry Solomon February 20, 1950

Occupation(s)

- Lawyers December 15, 1947, September 1, 1947, November 12, 1945
- Teachers, early January 28, 1946, January 13, 1947, March 24, 1947, June 16, 1947

Personal Name(s)

- Abbott, Emma February 4, 1946
- Ames, A. E. January 29, 1945
- Anderson, Joseph and Mary Jane October 15, 1945, October 22, 1945
- Archbishop Ireland August 30, 1948
- Arctander, Hon. John W. May 13, 1946
- Beltrami, Giacomo Constantino January 12, 1948
- Bishop, Harriet E. March 24, 1947
- Bottineau, Pierre April 7, 1947
- Bradstreet, John S. June 10, 1946
- Brake, Hezekiah October 1, 1945
- Branham, J. V. August 12, 1946
- Bremer, Frederika August 20, 1945
- Brown, Earle January 6, 1947
- Brown, Joseph R. May 28, 1945
- Bull, Ole May 13, 1946, March 4, 1946
- Bushnell, Dr. John E. August 18, 1947
- Butler, Eloise May 6, 1946
- Cadotte, Michael August 11, 1947
- Catlin, George June 2, 1947

- Chapman, Rachel January 24, 1949
- Chatfield, Andrew G. March 14, 1949
- Chippewas November 1, 1948
- Christmas, Charles W. September 16, 1946
- Clark, Edwin December 23, 1946
- Clausen, Peter Gui March 8, 1948
- Cleveland, H. W. S. April 29, 1946
- Cochrane, John June 21, 1948
- Conwell, Russell H. November 10, 1947
- Daniels, Dr. Asa September 2, 1946
- Dan Patch August 19, 1946
- Donnelly, Ignatius October 29, 1945
- Dorr, Caleb D. April 28, 1947
- Dowling, Michael May 12, 1947
- Edwards, Col. David April 11, 1949
- Eggleston, Edward December 3, 1945
- Eloise Butler May 6, 1946
- Eustis, William May 5, 1947, June 9, 1947
- Falk, Major Edward G. April 21, 1947
- Farnham, Horace April 25, 1949
- Fjelde, Jakob and Pauline, Artists June 24, 1946
- Flandrau, Charles E. December 31, 1945
- Folwell, William Watts June 23, 1947
- Fournier, Alexix Jean February 16, 1948
- Galpin, Charles and Galpin, George October 1, 1945
- Garfield, James A. April 30, 1945
- Gideon, Peter, and Family November 11, 1946, July 30th 1945
- Godfrey, Harriet and Godfrey family August 4, 1947, December 8, 1947, July 8, 1946
- Goodhue, James Madison January 19, 1948
- Grimes Family November 3, 1947
- Hall, Dr. P. M. February 17, 1947
- Hamilton, Gail May 20, 1946
- Hankinson, Richard H. March 25, 1946
- Hanks, Stephan October 18, 1948
- Heffelfinger, Christopher December 27, 1948
- Hennepin, Louis July 9, 1945
- Hill, James J. March 17, 1947
- Hill, James J. September 6, 1948
- Hinckley Family December 30, 1946, January 13, 1947
- Homer, Louise May 26, 1947
- Hughes, Thomas A. June 30, 1947
- Humphrey, John A. September 2, 1946
- Johnson, John A. July 26, 1948
- Jones, Robert March 18, 1946
- Juell, Dr. Nils May 12, 1947

- Kelley, Oliver Hudson September 22, 1947
- King, Col. William S. November 18, 1946, December 2, 1946
- Kingsley, Dr. Ira August 4, 1947
- Koehler, Robert June 17, 1946
- Levenworth, Lt. Col. Henry September 9, 1946
- Lincoln, Abe February 7, 1949
- Lincoln, Abraham February 12, 1945, April 30, 1945, February 11, 1946, February 10, 1947
- Lindsay, Mrs. Effie Grout December 22, 1947
- Little Crow, Chief August 12, 1946, September 2, 1946
- Loftus, George September 1, 1947
- Manahan, James September 1, 1947
- Mann, John W. November 11, 1946
- Martin, Capt. John January 6, 1947
- Mattson, Hans September 17, 1945
- Maxwell, Mrs. Delilah July 28, 1947
- McKinley, Wm April 30, 1945
- Meeker, Bradley B. June 6, 1949
- Meeker, Judge Bradley B. December 15, 1947
- Miller, Mary November 8, 1948
- Morrill, Rev. Gulian Lansing April 8, 1946
- Morris, Frank December 10, 1945
- Murphy, Dr. John H. August 4, 1947
- Neill, Dr. Edward Duffield February 5, 1945
- Neill, Edward Duffield August 23, 1948
- Nelson, Knute June 7, 1948
- Nicollet, Joseph Nicolas June 13, 1949
- Northrop May 3, 1948
- Northrup, Anson April 18, 1949
- Parker, Guy C. January 13, 1947
- Percival, Frank G. September 30, 1946
- Pettijohn, Eli October 14, 1946
- Pond, Gideon February 23, 1948
- Prescott, Philander August 5, 1946
- Quinlan, Elizabeth January 18, 1949
- Ramsey, Alexander March 3, 1947
- Reeve, Gen. Charles September 29, 1947
- Renville, Joseph November 4, 1946
- Rice, Henry Mower, "founder of St. Paul" July 21, 1947
- Ripley, Martha G. January 8, 1948
- Rolette, Joseph May 17, 1948
- Rollins, Capt. John November 4, 1946
- Sample, Rev. Robert F. August 18, 1947
- Sanford, Maria L. May 31, 1948
- Savage, M. W. August 19, 1946
- Schussler, Otto F. May 9, 1949

- Shakopee, Chief June 30, 1947
- Shields, Gen. James February 10, 1947
- Shutter, Dr. Marion July 14, 1947
- Sibley, Henry H. February 28, 1949
- Snelling, Col. Josiah September 9, 1946
- Snelling, William Joseph September 20, 1948
- Snyder, Fred B. March 18, 1848
- Spencer, Dr. Kirby April 1, 1946, September 15, 1947
- Stanton, Dr. Gertrude May 14, 1945
- Steele, Franklin April 7, 1947
- Stevens, Col. John H. April 14, 1947, October 21, 1946, August 4, 1947
- Stewart, Elder November 12, 1945
- Strout, Capt. Richard August 12, 1946
- Tailiaferro, Lawrence July 2, 1948
- Tapper, Capt. John and Statue June 25, 1945
- Tuttle, Rev. James H. July 14, 1947
- Twichell, Mrs. Agnes Anderson October 22, 1945, November 24, 1947
- Tyler, Elmer February 19, 1945
- Van Cleve, Charlotte January 17, 1949
- Van Cleve, Mrs. Charlotte September 9, 1946
- Van Sant, Samuel July 12, 1948
- Wabasha, Chief July 7, 1947
- Warren, Lyman August 11, 1947
- Washburn, Mills May 27, 1946
- Wilkinson, Francis - Englishman's impression of Minnesota January 7, 1946
- Williams, Thomas H. October 6, 1947
- Winchell, Charlotte S. January 10, 1949
- Windom, William February 14, 1949
- Winston, Eliza April 22, 1946
- Wipple, Bishop March 11, 1946
- Wirth, Theodore December 1, 1947
- Wood, Helen Edith April 2, 1945
- Wood, Stella Louise June 16, 1947

Subject(s)

- 13th Minnesota Regiment September 29, 1947
- 13th Minnesota Regiment July 5, 1948
- 1857 Real Estate Bubble June 20, 1949
- 1891 Harvest Festival August 8, 1949
- Art and Artists June 2, 1947, April 29, 1946, June 24, 1946, June 17, 1947
- Balloon Ascents April 16, 1945
- Bicycling April 21, 1947

- Bicycling Feburary 21, 1949
- Blizzards of the 1870s December 19 1949
- Capitol Fire of 1881 March 1, 1948
- Cheever's Tower September 19, 1949
- Christmas December 23, 1946, December 24, 1945, December 22, 1947
- Christmas Tree December 24, 1945
- Congregational Church June 14, 1948
- Courts December 15, 1947
- Crippled Children May 12, 1947
- Dan Patch August 9, 1948
- Dan Patch Line August 19, 1946
- Directory, 1859-1860 January 15, 1945
- Dred Scott Trial March 7, 1949
- Early Black Minnesotans July 4, 1949
- Early Doctors May 14, 1945, August 4, 1947, September 2, 1946, January 29, 1945, February 17, 1947, April 15, 1946, September 15, 1947
- Early Fire Fighters August 22, 1949
- Early State Newspapers December 6, 1949
- Early Steamboats September 25, 1950
- Early Territorial Celebrations June 27, 1949
- Early Trade Routes June 5, 1950
- Easter Observances March 26, 1945
- Edina Mill March 21, 1949
- Ericsson, Leif May 16, 1949
- Father of Waters September 8, 1947
- Ferry, first over Mississippi April 14, 1947
- First Regiment Minnesota Febuary 9, 1948
- First Thanksgiving Day November 22, 1948
- Fish April 28,1947
- Flag - First U.S. Flag in Minneapolis July 8, 1946
- Food of the 1850s October 28, 1946
- Football - in early days at University October 28, 1946
- Fort Ripley August 1, 1949
- Fourth of July July 8, 1946, July 2, 1945, July 1, 1946
- Gardens in the 1850s April 23, 1945
- Gateway Park January 16, 1950
- Gobelin Tapestry June 24, 1946
- Grasshopper Invasion of 1873 April 4, 1949
- Halloween November 5, 1945
- Hazelwood Republic September 27, 1948
- Hinckley Fire September 12, 1949
- Horses: Horse Driven Vehicles Feburary 24, 1947
- Hospitals Feburary 24, 1947
- Hunting September 24, 1945
- Hutchinson Massacre August 12, 1946

- Ice Palace - 1886 February 18, 1946
- Impressions of '49ers January 3, 1949
- Indian Legends June 2, 1947, July 7, 1947
- Indian Medicine Men October 10, 1949
- Indians January 14, 1946, July 23, 1945
- Jury Trial, First in Henn. county December 15, 1947
- Kindergarten School June 16, 1947
- King's Highway November 18, 1946
- Koochiching December 30, 1946, January 13, 1947
- Ladies Seminary July 11, 1949
- Lectures February 5, 1945
- Legend of Sisseton Oak July 18, 1949
- Literary Clubs May 22, 1950
- Locomotive No. 3 August 16, 1948
- Loring Park August 21, 1950
- Lowry, Tom and Lowry Memorial March 19, 1945
- Lyceum February 5, 1945
- Mendelssohn Additon February 4, 1946
- Merger of Minneapolis and St. Anthony February 26, 1945
- Mill Explosion - 1878 May 27, 1946
- Minneapolis April 17, 1950
- Minneapolis, choosing of name February 26, 1945
- Minneapolis, incorporation of February 26, 1945
- Minneapolis Athenaeum April 15, 1946, September 15, 1947, October 6, 1947
- Minneapolis Gold Rush October 24, 1949
- Minneapolis Mills April 5, 1948
- Minneapolis Public Library May 7, 1945, September 15, 1947, October 6, 1947
- Minneapolis Streets October 25, 1948
- Minnesota August 27, 1951
- Minnesota College Hospital February 24, 1947
- Minnesota Scenes, 1848 January 31, 1949
- Minnesota Territory March 3, 1947
- Missionaries August 11, 1947, June 4, 1945, March 11, 1946, July 9, 1945
- Mississippi September 13, 1948
- Music and Musicians January 27, 1946, March 4, 1946, May 26, 1947, March 5, 1945, February 4, 1946, December 10, 1945, June 3, 1946
- Newspapers May 21, 1945, February 19, 1945, November 10, 1947
- New Year's Eve and New Years Day December 31, 1945, January 1, 1945
- New Year's Greetings December 29, 1947
- Nicollet Island Suspension Bridge June 19, 1950
- Nininger October 29, 1945
- Northern Pacific Railroad January 30, 1950
- Northwest Angle April 1, 1947
- Nursery November 3, 1947
- Parks and Parkways April 29, 1946, March 10, 1947, December 1, 1947

- People's Church April 8, 1946
- Pioneer Christmases December 26, 1949
- Pioneer Minstrels December 12, 1949
- Preachers, early October 1, 1945, April 8, 1946, July 14, 1947, August 18, 1947, October 13, 1947, October 20, 1947
- President Lincoln February 13, 1950
- Radisson and Groseilliers August 11, 1947
- Railroads August 19, 1946, March 17, 1947, September 15, 1947, March 31, 1947
- Railroads - excursion of 1854 March 31, 1947
- Rainy Lake Legends April 3, 1950
- range organizations September 30, 1946
- Red River Carts May 19, 1947
- Schools - beginning of public schools system January 28, 1946
- Schools - early January 21, 1946, December 10, 1945, June 16, 1947
- Sheltering Arms May 5, 1947
- Shingle Creek Settlement August 7, 1950
- Sioux Outbreak February 12, 1945, February 11, 1946
- Sioux Treaties October 3, 1949
- Sioux Uprising, 1862 November 14, 1949
- Skating January 8, 1945
- Skating rink - first January 8, 1945
- Skyscraper - first in Minneapolis September 30, 1946
- Social Life of the Early 60's March 12, 1945
- Spanish-American War (13th Minnesota Regiment) September 29, 1947
- St. Anthony, 1849 May 15, 1950
- Stagecoaches February 3, 1947
- State Apple Growers September 5, 1949
- State Fairs, earliest September 3, 1945, September 10, 1945
- Steamboats November 4, 1946, December 16, 1946
- Steam Wagon May 28, 1945
- Streetcars March 19, 1945
- Street - laying out September 16, 1946
- Sunday Morning Call May 29, 1950
- Sunday School, first in Minnesota June 11, 1945, March 24, 1946
- Syttende Mai May 13, 1946
- Telegraph companies June 9, 1947
- Telephone, first March 25, 1946
- Territorial Lawmakers May 2, 1949
- Territory's First School July 25, 1949
- Thanksgiving Day - 1850's November 19, 1945
- Theatres - early June 3, 1946, February 25, 1946, March 4, 1946
- The Old May Homestead April 24, 1950
- Tours, trips, excursions, etc. October, 14, 1946, March 31, 1947, June 18, 1945, February 3, 1947, November 4, 1946, December 16, 1946

- Transportation - early ways December 16, 1946, November 4, 1946, May 28, 1945, June 25, 1945, May 19, 1947, February 3, 1947, March 19, 1945
- Traverse des Sioux - village nd treaty December 3, 1945
- Treaty of Traverse des Sioux November 9, 1949
- Trip to Washington - 1851 August 6, 1945
- University of Minnesota, Football December 6, 1948
- Vasa September 17, 1945
- Verendrye, Sieur de la April 1, 1946
- Walker Art Gallery, founding of January 22, 1945
- Wealthy Apple July 30, 1945
- Wedding, first in Minneapolis June 4, 1945
- West Hotel Fire July 15, 1946
- William Crooks, first railroad in Minnesota March 17, 1947
- Winchell, Newton H. July 10, 1950
- Winslow House February 24, 1947
- Woman's Council of Minneapolis June 26, 1950
- Worlds Fair, 1853 - Minnesota Exhibit August 13, 1945
- Zeppelin, Count Ferdinand von - first ballon ascent April 16, 1945

Title(s)

- Duluth April 9, 1945
- Minnesota Hail to Thee April 24, 1948