

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG0944.AM: Demaray, Elmer N., 1887-1969

Papers: 1862-1961

Size: 1 folder

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists primarily of a photocopy of a handwritten booklet entitled, "In Days of Old," by Ella M. (Treater) Smithson, December 1938. She relates the James Treaster family history and pioneer life in Nebraska, particularly in Fillmore and Saline Counties through the 1870s-1880s. The basis for much of the booklet are the letters written by her mother, Elizabeth Treaster, with elaboration made by Ella - much of which she experienced as a child.

Topics include homesteading, farming practices, schools/classroom activities, toys, social activities, and health concerns. Of particular note is the grasshopper infestation of 1874. Toward the end of the booklet she writes of the family life of William Smithson, Sr. The account ends with letters written by Ella in the 1930s, one of which is a memorial to her sister, Verna Norris.

Also included in the collection are a military pass for Elmer N. Demaray (1918); an issue of "The Hatchet," January 18, 1919, published on the U.S. Ship George Washington; and a listing of veterans buried in Brewster, Nebraska, Cemetery up to the Korean War.

Subject headings:

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| Brewster (Neb.) | Garvin, Ida Kate (Treater), 1874-1925 |
| Cemeteries -- Nebraska -- Brewster | Homesteading |
| Crete (Neb.) | Norris, Verna Mary (Treater), 1872-1912 |
| Davis family | Saline County (Neb.) |
| Demaray, Elmer N., 1887-1969 | Shickley (Neb.) |
| Domestic life | Smithson family |
| Exeter (Neb.) | Smithson, Ella Margaret (Treater), 1867-1946 |
| Fillmore County (Neb.) | Treater family |
| Frontier and pioneer life -- Nebraska -- Fillmore County | Treater, Elizabeth Jane (Poorman), 1842-1877 |
| Frontier and pioneer life -- Nebraska -- Saline County | Treater, James, 1841-1925 |