

Lars E. Lind Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Lars E. Lind Papers

Span Dates: 1913-2008

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1947-1979)

ID No.: MSS85940

Creator: Lind, Lars E., 1891-1982

Extent: 50 items

Extent: 3 containers

Extent: 1 linear foot

Language: Collection material in English and Swedish

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Member, photographer, and businessman in the American Colony in Jerusalem. Correspondence, memoirs and other writings, clippings, and printed matter largely relating to Lind's life as a member of the American Colony in Jerusalem.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Lind, Lars E., 1891-1982.

Spafford, Anna T., 1842-1923.

Organizations

American Colony (Jerusalem)

American Colony (Jerusalem). Photo Department.

Subjects

Christian communities--Jerusalem.

Christian communities--Palestine.

Jews--Palestine.

Mandates--Palestine.

Photography--Palestine.

Swedes--Palestine.

Zionism.

Places

Jerusalem--History.

Jerusalem--Social life and customs.

Palestine--History--1917-1948.

Palestine--History--638-1917.

Palestine--Politics and government.

Occupations

Businessmen.

Photographers.

Provenance

The papers of Lars E. Lind, member, photographer, and businessman in the American Colony in Jerusalem, were given to the Library of Congress by his granddaughter, Cecily Dewing, in 2014 and 2015.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Glass negatives and pen and ink drawings have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Audiotapes have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Lars E. Lind Papers.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the records of the American Colony in Jerusalem, the papers of Olof E. Lind, the papers of G. Olof Matsson, the John D. Whiting Papers, and the G. Eric and Edith Matson Papers.

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Lars E. Lind Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1891, Sept. 6	Born Lars Eriksson Möckelind in Hjulbäck, Nås, Sweden
1896	Settled with parents and siblings at American Colony in Jerusalem, Palestine
circa 1905-1917	Worked in American Colony Photo Department
1914	Worked at archaeological excavations at the Dog River (Hahr el-Kelb) cave near Beirut, Lebanon
post 1918	Worked at archaeological excavations at Ashkelon and Megiddo in Palestine
circa 1920-1921	Headed the American Colony school
circa 1921-1934	Manager of mechanical department, American Colony's Dodge Brothers automobile dealership
1927	Married American Colony member Effie Grace Yantiss (died 1976)
1931-1934	Served as liquidator during legal division of the American Colony; never returned to the colony after 1934
1934-1947	Owned Goodyear Tire and Rubber franchise, Jerusalem, Palestine
1936-1947	Leader in the Rotary Club, Jerusalem, Palestine
1947	Left Jerusalem escaping violence in Palestine; immigrated to Maine in the United States
circa 1953	Became a United States citizen
1959	Moved to Manteca, Calif.
1981	Published with Tord Wallström, <i>Jerusalemsfararna: Den siste överlevande berättar om utvandringen från Nås år 1896 och livet i Den heliga staden</i> . Stockholm, Sweden: Norstedt
1982, May 31	Died, Modesto, Calif.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Lars Eriksson Lind span the years 1913-2008, with the bulk of the material dating from 1947 to 1979. The material relates to the American Colony in Jerusalem and Lind's life as a member of that colony. The papers are mostly in English with some in Swedish and are organized alphabetically by type of material.

Lind's memoirs comprise the largest part of the collection and chronicle life in the American Colony in Jerusalem from 1881 to 1948 against the backdrop of the governance of Palestine under the Ottoman Empire, the British Mandate, and the rise of Zionism. He provides a view of the colony from the perspective of one of its Swedish members, but offers few personal experiences. Further material relating to life in the colony consists of a description of Anna T. Spafford, a founder of the colony, written by Lind and attached to a letter in the correspondence, his miscellaneous writings, clippings about Lind, and publications relating to the governing of Palestine.

Rounding out the collection are publications produced for the American Colony Stores by Fr. Vester & Co. and clippings of articles from the *National Geographic Magazine* using photographs from the American Colony Photo Department or from photographers who had once been part of the colony.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	Application for United States citizenship, 1927, 1951-1953
BOX 1	Clippings
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BOX 1	<i>National Geographic Magazine</i> , 1913-1920, 1926-1940, 1946 (4 folders)
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BOX X 2	Originals (4 folders)
BOX 3	Reading copy (2 folders)
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BOX 3	Pen and ink drawings of the Holy Land by Lind, photocopies, undated
BOX 3	Publications
BOX 3	Fr. Vester & Co./American Colony Stores, undated
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BOX 3	"Jerusalem and the Holy Land"
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