GUIDE TO THE
PETER HARSTAD (1935- ) PAPERS, 1847-1972

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The Peter Harstad papers are comprised primarily of research documents, notes, newspaper clippings and correspondence relating to the development of Dr. Harstad’s book, *Reminiscences of Oscar Sonnenkalb, Surveyor and Pioneer.*

ARRANGEMENT
The research materials retain their original order; correspondence was arranged chronologically and inserted in the front of each folder. The correspondence generally relates to the research material in each folder.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE
Peter Tjernagel Harstad was born on November 13, 1935 in Madison, Wisconsin, a son of A. M. Harstad and Martha Tjernagel Harstad.

Peter Harstad married Carolyn Audrey Schneider in Mankato, Minnesota in 1953. He then attended Bethany Lutheran College from 1953 to 1955, and in 1957 received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin. Harstad went on to receive a Master of Science degree in 1959 and a Ph. D. in 1963 from the same university.

Dr. Harstad taught History and English in Flint, Michigan from 1957 to 1958. From 1959 to 1963, he was a teaching assistant, research assistant, or assistant archivist at the University of Wisconsin. He was appointed Assistant Professor of History at Idaho State University in 1963, promoted to Associate Professor in 1966, and Full Professor in 1970. Dr. Harstad served on several committees during his years at Idaho State University and was editor of the Rendezvous from 1965 to 1970.

In 1969, Dr. Harstad was appointed by the Governor of Idaho to the State Historical Sites Review Board. He was a member of various historical associations and societies and wrote for many journals on a wide range of subjects.

In 1972, Dr. Harstad resigned his posts at Idaho State University and relocated to Iowa where he was appointed Director of the Iowa Historical Society.
CHRONOLOGY

1935  Born, Madison, Wisconsin to A. M. and Martha Harstad, November 13
1953  Graduated from Bethany Lutheran High School
1953-1955  Attended Bethany Lutheran College
1957  Bachelor of Science degree, University of Wisconsin at Madison
1957-1958  Taught in Flint, Michigan
1957  Married Carolyn Audrey Schneider, August 10
1959-1963  Appointed teaching assistant, research assistant, and assistant archivist at the
            University of Wisconsin at Madison
1959  Master of Science degree, University of Wisconsin at Madison
1963  Ph. D., University of Wisconsin at Madison
            Appointed Assistant Professor of History, Idaho State University
1965-1970  Editor, Rendezvous, ISU publication
1966  Appointed Associate Professor of History, Idaho State University
1969  Appointed to the Idaho State Historical Sites Review Board
1970  Appointed Full Professor of History, Idaho State University
1972  Resigned from Idaho State University
            Appointed Director, Iowa Historical Society
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