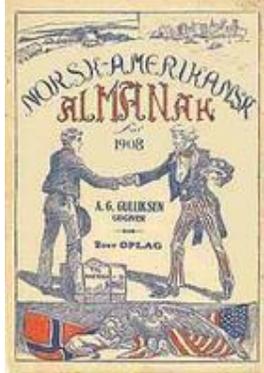


## THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN COLLECTION



### **The Norwegian-American Collection at the National Library of Norway**

is the national collection of printed documents on emigration from Norway to the USA and Canada. The collection was established in 1958 when documents were donated by institutions and private individuals in America.

Documents in the collection cover the history and the causes of emigration, the trip, genealogy of Norwegian-Americans, local history of Norwegian settlements and congregations in America, publications of the bygdelags, travel guides for emigrants, phrase books, documents on the religious life of the Norwegian-Americans, printed diaries and letters, biographies, emigrant songs, maps and books in all subject areas used by the Norwegian-American community as well as fiction and studies of Norwegian-American literature. The library also has a large collection of Norwegian-American newspapers and periodicals.

All documents can be used free of charge in the reading room of the library. There is a reading room for researchers with a reference library that contains important books from the collection, as well as all the material published by the Norwegian-American Historical Association in Northfield, Minnesota. Ask at the Reference Desk if it is of interest to see the reference library of The Norwegian-American Collection.

Documents in duplicate in the collection as well as microfilms of newspapers may be borrowed in Oslo or through inter-library loan. A copy service is available for a fee. The collection has been cataloged in the national on-line catalogue [BIBSYS](#). If the name of the author or the title of a book is not known, it is possible to search by subject headings, but only in Norwegian. If for instance you are looking for material within local history, you can search for norsk-amerikanere lokalhistorie Minnesota or other states. The same goes for church history – kirkehistorie in Norwegian.

Recently it has become possible to search within the Norwegian-American Collection as a separate bibliography. <http://ask.bibsys.no/ask/action/stdsearch?kilde=biblio:NBO> Here you will see “Avgrens på bibliografi”. Click on the arrow and you will find Norsk-amerikansk samling. You can also tick in front of Master- og Hovedfagsoppgaver in order to see all the master theses in the Norwegian-American Collection.

The library has also made available the [Thor M. Andersen bibliography \(TMA\)](#) which gives references around 50000 documents, periodical and newspaper articles by or about Norwegian-Americans, together with biographical information on the authors.

[The Promise of America / Det løfterike landet](#) is a bilingual, multimedia website with Norwegian-American materials. The website makes accessible articles and excerpts from books in full-text versions, bibliographies, photos, sound and video clippings covering various aspects of Norwegian emigration to North America and the Norwegian-American immigrant experience between 1825 and 2000. Links to other websites within the field have also been included.

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