Ruth Thompson "Minnesota Memories" Collection
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**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 chronological order in one box and partially indexed. The second box contains a scrapbook of the column.

**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library

**Related Materials**

Related Materials
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

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**Controlled Access Headings**

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**Geographic Name(s)**

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

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**Index to Minnesota Memories Column**

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**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  

**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, June17, 1947
• Balloon Ascents April 16, 1945
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• Bicycling  February 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
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• 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
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• 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  February 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  February 24, 1947
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• Impressions of ‘49ers January 3, 1949
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• Kindergarten School June 16, 1947
• King's Highway November 18, 1946
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• Ladies Seminary July 11, 1949
• Lectures February 5, 1945
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• 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
• 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
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- Skating rink - first  January 8, 1945
- Skyscraper - first in Minneapolis  September 30, 1946
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- Stagecoaches  February 3, 1947
- State Apple Growers  September 5, 1949
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- Steamboats  November 4, 1946, December 16, 1946
- Steam Wagon  May 28, 1945
- Streetcars  March 19, 1945
- Street - laying out  September 16, 1946
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- Sunday School, first in Minnesota  June 11, 1945, March 24, 1946
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- Telegraph companies  June 9, 1947
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- Thanksgiving Day - 1850's  November 19, 1945
- 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
• 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