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Interview, 1977.

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ABSTRACT:

This collection consists of photographs belonging to Peter Champagne, of Mankato, Minnesota, and an oral history interview conducted with him in 1977. Champagne was an engineer, and worked on the Rapidan Dam in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. The official photographer for the dam construction, Bay Weller, took the photographs with an Ansco camera. Many individuals in the photos have been identified by Champagne. Also included in this collection is an interview conducted with Champagne. In this interview, he discusses the construction of the Rapidan dam, and the people who worked on it.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Peter Champagne was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1884. His mother, Kate, was of Irish decent, and his father, Pete, was French. He had eleven brothers and sisters. Champagne was a mechanical engineer, and came to Minnesota in 1910 to work on the Rapidan Dam on the Blue Earth River. In 1911 he married Florence Weir, in whose home he had boarded in Rapidan. Champagne traveled from one engineering job to another before settling in Wooster, Ohio for many years. The Champagnes came back to Mankato when he retired around 1952. Peter Champagne died in 1978.

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ACQUISITION:

Mr. Peter Champagne donated this collection in July 1977.

PROCESSED BY:

Karin Thiem processed this collection in January 1978.
Finding aid revised by Robert Russell November 2000.
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RELATED COLLECTIONS:

It has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about Peter Champagne available elsewhere.

LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Champagne, Peter, 1884 – 1978.

Weller, Bay.

Dam construction—Rapidan dam—Blue Earth County (Minn.).

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