Finding aid for the Asbjorn P. Ousdal Vinland Saga scrapbook 6209

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Contributing Institution: USC Libraries Special Collections
Title: Asbjorn P. Ousdal Vinland Saga scrapbook
creator: Ousdal, Asbjorn P.
Identifier/Call Number: 6209
Physical Description: 1.04 Linear Feet
Date: 1938
Abstract: A scrapbook containing materials relating to Asbjorn P. Ousdal's historical drama, Vinland Saga, first performed at the Lobero Theatre in Santa Barbara, California in 1937. The scrapbook includes an official program for the 1937 production issued by the Norroena Society of America and pages from the script alongside watercolor illustrations with relevant imagery. Pasted to the back cover of the book is an envelope containing photographs, news clippings, and magazines with articles featuring Ousdal (rehoused in an archival folder). The scrapbook also includes a handwritten inscription by Ousdal to USC. The title page of the script reads: "Vinland Saga: Being the Story of the Discovery of America by Leif Erikson / 1000 A. D. / With Illustrations (54) / by Asbjorn P. Ousdal."
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Asbjorn P. Ousdal, October 9, 1942.
Processing Information
This material was previously described in the USC Libraries catalog as a rare book under the call number: 810 O94 TV.
General
Excerpts from Ousdal's handwritten inscription: "Copy No. 6. To the University of Southern California. Six copies were made of Vinland Saga, illustrated, but not found, in the form of this copy. They were given to:[...]. Vinland Saga was played at Lobero Theatre October 8 and 9 -- 1937 with [illegible] on stage for Seventeen scenes. The pageant form of the play was given in the Court House Garden of Santa Barbara every year thereafter to commemorate the Discovery of America by Leif Erikson.[...] American History legendary or otherwise begins with Leif Erikson and should be given its rightful place in American Folklore. Sincerely, Asbjorn P. Ousdal. October 9, 1942."
Subjects and Indexing Terms
America -- Discovery and exploration -- Norse
Folk drama -- Archival resources
Historical drama -- Archival resources
Theater -- California -- Santa Barbara -- 20th century -- Archival resources
Plays (performing arts compositions)
Illustrated works (documents)
Scrapbooks