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**H95-1257.** Boersma, Lois (1922- ).  
Papers, 1864-1999.  2.50 linear ft.

**Abstract**

Hope College Class of 1944. Collection contains personal mementos, De Jong and Hinkamp family items, photographs, books saved from the 1920s through 1999, and a few papers dating back to 1864. Also Hope College commencement and chapel dedication programs, Preparatory Department pins, Hope College lapel and hat pins, letter opener, Fifty Year Circle pins, Fraternal Society pendants, letters of recommendation and reel tape from Nettie R. De Jong, and correspondence between her father, Rev. Jacob P. De Jong and Rev. Jacob West (1887) and Rev. Albert H. Strabbing (1881).

Accession No:    H95-1257  
Provenance:      Lois Boersma  
Donor:           Lois Boersma  
Photographs:     89 images (Boxes 1, 2, 3)  
Processed by:    Michelle Smith, March 2001

**Biography**

Lois Boersma (nee Hinkamp) was born in Holland on July 14, 1922. She graduated from Hope College in 1944, where she was a member of Alcor (later called Mortar Board), an honors society for senior women. She was involved in YWCA, holding the positions of president, vice president, and secretary at various times during her college years. After graduation, she was a homemaker and raised her three children with her husband, Dr. Vernon Boersma. She was a member of the Women's Literary Club since the 1970s, and active in multiple guilds and committees at Hope Church, which she attended since childhood. She was also in the Holland Hospital Guild and was a board member of Resthaven.

**Scope and Content**

The Lois Boersma collection contains books, clippings, photographs, programs, and bulletins. Several files of Hope College mementos are included, as are De Jong and Hinkamp family photographs and items. The collection is arranged alphabetically by description in three boxes.

**Container List**

Box 1

Commencement Programs, New Brunswick Seminary, Holland High School, 1926, 1934
De Jong, Nettie, Recommendation Letters, 1906
De Jong, Rev. Jacob P.
   Correspondence with Rev. Jacob West, 1887
   Correspondence with Rev. Albert H. Strabbing, 1881
Dutch Tulip Time Psalms, 1930
First Reformed Church Mementos, 1905, 1939, n.d.
Grand Valley Padnos Science Hall Dedication, 1996
Hinkamp Jewelled Table Clippings and Photographs, 1966-1969 (4 images)
Holland City Tour, n.d.

Box 2

Hope College
   Alumni Reunions, 1960-1976
   Booklets and Brochure, n.d.
   Chapel Dedication, 1929
   Commencement, 1880, 1881, 1930, 1932
   Daily Planner, 1963
Netherlands News Letter, 1947
Notebook, Journal and Club Lists, 1930
Photographs, 1904-1967 (2 folders) (83 images)
Programs, 1864, 1955, n.d.
Reel Tape from Nettie De Jong, n.d.
Reformed Churches Classis Induction Anniversary, 1925
Reformed Church Historical Drama, 1928
Resthaven, Brochures, Clippings, Dedication, Photographs, 1970-1996 (2 images)
Scudder, Ida, Vellore Christian Medical College, 1970
Sixth Reformed Church, The Eastern Light, 1922
Songbooks, n.d.
Van Wylen, Gordon, Campaign Newsletter, 1989

Box 3

Oversized Photographs (26 images)
Objects
   Hat pin, n.d.
   Hat pin from her parents (Hinkamp), n.d.
   Paul Hinkamp’s 50 Year Circle lapel pin, 1957
   Martha De Jong Hinkamp’s 50 Year Circle lapel pin, 1957,
   Nettie De Jong’s Class of 1906 pin
   Small diamond shaped Hope pin, n.d.
Jacob De Jong’s Class of 1880 pin
Nettie De Jong’s Class of 1906 pin
Martha De Jong Hinkamp’s or Paul E. Hinkamp’s Class of 1907 pin
Pin inscribed with “HC ’04 “P.D.” [Preparatory Department], 1904
Hope College stainless steel letter opener, n.d.
Fraternal Society pendants, fall 1938

Box 4

Oversized
Two scrapbooks belonging to Esther Hinkamp, 1934-1935, 1937
Invitation to Voorhees Hall, n.d.