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Guide to the Line Kallesoe Correspondence

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Line Kallesoe Correspondence
Date:	1866
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0042
Creator:	Anderson, Poul Kallesoe, Line
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Domestic Life
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 folder; 2 letters; 27.5 cm. x 22 cm.)
Language:	Danish .
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Poul Anderson, 1977, July.

Provenance

Collection transferred from the Division of Domestic Life (now Division of Cultural and Community Life) on, 4/13/83.

Other Finding Aids

Inventory available; contact the Archives Center for more information.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

According to Poul Anderson, the donor and translater of the letters, apparently Peter Kallesoe, a sailor, left Denmark to seek his fortune in the United States, his wife and children to join him later. Family tradition says that he became involved in contraband running, was caught, and died in prison. Not knowing of his death, his wife Line and children arrived in the United States, and encountered the poverty which she describes in the letters. On the voyage to the United States, the ship's mate, named Anderson, fell in love with Line's daughter Techla, and eventually married her, becoming the donor's ancestor.

Scope and Contents

Two letters from Line Kallesoe, a Danish immigrant in Philadelphia, to her sister Emma in Denmark, discuss Line and her children's poverty after the death of her husband.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Domestic relations -- 19th century -- U.S.
Emigration and immigration -- 19th century
Poverty -- 19th century -- U.S.

Types of Materials:

Family papers -- 1860-1870
Letters (correspondence) -- 1860-1870

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Domestic Life

Places:

Denmark -- emigration -- 19th century