

**[Collection Name] Rasmussen**

Theme: Family Memorabilia

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Size: .5 linear feet

Condition: Good

Donation date: November 19, 2021

Donor: Lynn Barton Rasmussen

Date Collection Committee Approved: December 8, 2021

Processing Level: Folder level

Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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**HISTORY**

Items collected by the Leonard Lange/Doris Barton family, donated to the Beloit Historical Society by daughter Lynn Barton Rasmussen. The bulk of the archival materials consist of World War II ration books issued in the U.S. under conditions of food and fuel shortages from 1942-1946. Administered by the U.S. Office of Price Administration, the rationing program sought to fairly distribute items in short supply across the U.S. population. Over 8,000 local boards were charged with issuing the books to individuals, including infants. Rationed items could not be purchased without the correct ration stamp, and once an individual ran out of stamps for the month, no further purchases could be made until a new ration book was issued for the following month. Rationed items included sugar, coffee, meat, cooking oil, canned goods, and gasoline. Numbers and images on the stamps helped to identify which items the stamps could be used to purchase. Posters and other means were used to educate the population on both legal and wise use of the stamps, and ration book holders were also urged to limit consumption where possible. What was rationed and the appearance of ration books and stamps changed over time. Non-food products, among them as cars and tires, were also rationed, while the food rationing led to the creation of ersatz (substitute) items such as oleo (margarine) for butter.

**Scope of Collection**

Single Cub Scout card, 7 World War II ration cards issued to Lange/Barton family members, and a single issue of Hill Folks, the magazine of the Fairbanks Morse & Co. Beloit Division.

The Rasmussen donation also contains

2021.57.2	Crusader Booster Button
2021.57.3-5	Beloit Municipal Flag Buttons
2021-57.6-10	Slides of Beloit Buildings and Swimming Pool

**Container List**

BOX 1 of 1

Folder 1      Cubs Silver Arrow Certificate BSA card issued to Jimmie Barton, Bear Cub Pack No. 109, Beloit, WI. Signed February 25, 1947 by Cubmaster Jerome McQuade

### ***Container List (Continued)***

- Folder 2      World War II ration book issued by Local Board 6853.2 of the US Office of Price Administration, Beloit, WI to members of the Lange/Barton family resident at 1960 Park Avenue, Beloit:
- Mileage Ration book issued to Leonard Lange by with a 9.19.45 Earliest Renewal Date. Contains unused stamps.
  - Ration Book Two issued to Doris Emily Barton, age 28, by Local Board. Undated. No stamps remaining.
  - War Ration Book No. 3 issued to Leonard D. Lange, age 28. Undated. Contains unused stamps.
  - War Ration Book No. 4 issued to Leonard D. Lange, age 28. Undated. Contains unused stamps. Instructions on back cover to salvage ration left over TIN CANS and WASTE FATS so they can be used to make munitions.
  - War Ration Book One issued to Doris Emily Barton, age 28, for canning and preserving sugar. Dated 6.24.1942. Three stamps remaining.
  - War Ration Book Two issued to Lynn Annette Lange, age 2 ½ mos. Undated. No remaining stamps.
  - War Ration Book No. 3 issued to Lynn A. Lange, age 19 mos. Undated. No remaining stamps. Contains unused stamps.
  - War Ration Book No. 3 issued to James V. Barton, age 8 years. Undated. Contains unused stamps.
  - U.S. War Ration Books Holder (paper envelope), with advertising for the Big Hose Store at 410 E. Grand Avenue, Beloit WI. Undated
- Folder 3      Fall 1961 Issue of Hill Folks, the magazine of Fairbanks, Morse & Co. Beloit  
Division