

# Wise Collection 2012-19

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## Summary

**Title:** Wise Collection

**Accession Number:** 2012-29

**Creator:** Ida Louise (Vahl) Wise (1915-2005)

**Extent:** 2 boxes, consisting of 110 file folders (3411 pages)

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** The Wise collection is a compilation of personal family history research compiled by Louise Wise. It is well organized by surname. Most files contain family group sheets, research notes, and related correspondence. A few files contain family memorabilia and photos. The most common surnames are Frazee, Howe, Sharp, Sylvester, Thomas, Vahl, and Wise. Many of the ancestors emigrated from England, Sweden, and Germany and settled in New York, Ohio, and Iowa. Later generations moved to Oregon and California. In addition to this manuscript collection, the GFO library holds a copy of a family history book compiled by Louise and her husband Loren: *Wise-Howe from New York to Oregon, 200 Years of Family History*.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** The genealogical collection of Louise Wise was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012.

**Processing History:** Processing and description of the Wise Collection was completed in 2022.

**Retention and Access:** Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting [manuscripts@gfo.org](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

**Copyright Status:** The status of copyright of the unpublished writings and research papers of Louise Wise is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Biographical Note

Ida Louise Vahl was born on 15 June 1915 in Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon. Her parents were Harold S. and Helen (Sharp) Vahl. Their families both settled in Nyssa by 1910 and Harold and Helen married there in 1911. After their divorce, Louise moved to Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, with her mother and brother. Louise married Loren A. Wise on 31 October 1935 in Portland. Together they raised three children. Louise was a homemaker and amateur family historian. She died on 15 February 2005 in Portland.

## Finding Aid

Box	File	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	1	Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence	Armstrong	Virginia	28
1	2	Family group sheets	Barstow, Hubbard	England, Massachusetts	6
1	3	Family group sheets, research notes	Bartlett	Massachusetts	16
1	4	Family group sheets, research notes, probate records, biographical sketch	Cobb, Gardiner	Massachusetts	6
1	5	Family group sheets, research notes	Cobb, Lathrop, Hurst	Massachusetts	31
1	6	Research notes	Downing	Massachusetts	24
1	7	Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence	Frazee, McCray, Henson	Ohio, Louisiana	33
1	8	Research notes, land records	Frazee, Frazer	Ohio	31
1	9	Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence, pedigree chart, photos	Frazee, DeVaughn	Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia	51
1	10	Family group sheets, pedigree charts, copied Bible records, biographical sketches, research notes, correspondence, photos	Frazee, Sylvester, Nichols, Lawrence	Ohio, Iowa, Colorado, Michigan, Nebraska	66
1	11	Family group sheets, correspondence, descendant report, cemetery notes	Frazee, Meeker	Pennsylvania, Ohio	16
1	12	Land records	Frazee	Ohio	9
1	13	Correspondence, descendant charts, research notes, deed abstracts, photos of grave markers	Frazee, Friend, Carder, Parson	Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Maryland	122
1	14	Family group sheets, notes, correspondence	Frazee, Long, Grimes, Sylvester, McMurrin	Ohio, Kansas, California	27
1	15	Correspondence, family group sheets, research notes, descendant reports	Frazee, Friend, Johnston, Shelton, Deal	Ohio, Pennsylvania	76
1	16	Family group sheets, research notes	Frazee	Virginia, Iowa, Ohio	14
1	17	Correspondence	Frazee		76

1	18	Pedigree charts, correspondence, family group sheets, cemetery notes, research notes	Nichols, Huston, Craig, Frazee, Jensen, Pounds, Marshall	Michigan, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio	81
1	19	Family group sheets, correspondence, research summaries	Frazee, Friend, Sylvester, Grimes	Ohio, Connecticut	60
1	20	Family group sheets	Silvester, Torrey	England, Massachusetts	10
1	21	Family group sheets, correspondence	Frazee, Earp	Ohio, Missouri	21
1	22	Family group sheets, pedigree charts, research notes, correspondence, biographical sketches	Friend, Skidmore, Keener, Frazee, Wetzel	Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland	84
1	23	Family group sheets	Gardner, Bourne		13
1	24	Family group sheets, correspondence	Grimes, Zinn, Frazee	Ohio, Virginia	9
1	25	Family group sheets	Hurst	Massachusetts	2
1	26	Research notes, deed abstracts	Lee	Illinois	13
1	27	Family group sheets, research notes, biographical sketches	Lee, Smith	Illinois, Iowa	29
1	28	Deed abstracts, notes, correspondence	Lee	Illinois	5
1	29	Family group sheets	Lothrop, Cole	Massachusetts	5
1	30	Photos of grave markers, family group sheets, correspondence, notes	McCray, Armstrong	Ohio	18
1	31	Family group sheets	Pope, Fallowell	England, Massachusetts	5
1	32	Family group sheets, research notes	Prickett	Georgia, Illinois	12
1	33	Family group sheets, research notes, biographical sketches	Prickett, Lee	Georgia, Illinois, Iowa	14
1	34	Research notes, deed abstracts	Prickett	Illinois	8
1	35	Family group sheets, research notes	Prickett	Illinois, Georgia	14
1	36	Family group sheets, research notes	Prickett	Virginia, West Virginia	41
1	37	Research notes, family group sheets, biographical sketches	Rider, Tilden	Massachusetts	26
1	38	Family group sheets, biographical sketches, research notes, descendant chart	Rawlins, Rollins	Massachusetts, New Hampshire	56

1	39	Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence	Sharp, Johnson, Reeves	Virginia, Indiana	28
1	40	Family group sheets, research notes	Sharp, Smith	Tennessee, Iowa	18
1	41	Research notes, family group sheets, correspondence, death certificate, descendant charts, photos	Thomas, Parker, Drown	New York, Minnesota	46
1	42	Pedigree chart, family group sheets, correspondence	Thomas, Denison, Marshall, Gerhardt, Sprague, Tofflemeier	New York, Minnesota, Oregon	20
1	43	Family group sheets, notes, correspondence	Wise, Vahl, Wyatt	Oregon	19
1	44	Family group sheets, news items, correspondence, notes	Thomas, Parker, Eaton	New York, Minnesota	44
1	45	Family group sheets, correspondence, notes	Thomas, Norton	New Hampshire, Vermont, New York	13
1	46	Family group sheets, research notes	Wise, Weis, Fox	Oregon, Pennsylvania	28
1	47	Correspondence, notes, news items, family group sheets	Wise, Merryman, Frazee, Vahl	Iowa, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Minnesota	29
1	48	Notes, family group sheets	Wise	Pennsylvania	7
1	49	Franklin High School Commencement Program from 1931, personal correspondence, family group sheets, pedigree charts	Wise, Vahl, Frazee, Grimes, Sylvester	Oregon, Iowa, Ohio	37
1	50	Pedigree chart	Drake	New Jersey	16
1	51	Family group sheets, copies of Bible record, correspondence, copy of photos, biographical sketches	Wise, Merryman, Baird	Pennsylvania, Iowa	50
1	52	Family group sheets	Barstow, Hubbard, Bartlett, Cobb, Lothrop, Pope, Rider, Rollins, Sylvester, Tilden		81
1	53	Family group sheets	Frazee		111
1	54	Family group sheets	Frazee		44

1	55	Family group sheets, research notes	Vahl, Jansdotter, Ericson, Jansson, Andersson	Sweden, North Dakota	63
1	56	Family group sheets	Frazee, Grimes, Friend, Skidmore, Lee, Prickett, Sharp		48
1	57	Family group sheets, family narrative	Sylvester, Torrey, Rider, Pope	England, Massachusetts	62
1	58	Research of Louise A Welch and William R Beall about medieval times			45
1	59	Family group sheets, notes	langdahl, Simonsdotter, Errson, Nilsson	Sweden	64
1	60	Family group sheets, notes	Nilsson, Nilsdotter, Olsson	Sweden	88
1	61	Family group sheets, research notes, newspaper items, biographical sketches, correspondence, copies of photos	Sharp, Frazee	Iowa, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon	71
1	62	Research notes	Sharp	Indiana, Pennsylvania	6
1	63	Family group sheets, correspondence, notes	Sharp, Prickett	Iowa	9
1	64	Family group sheets, notes	Sylvester, Rollins	Maine, Ohio	12
1	65	Descendant report with biographical sketches, notes	Sylvester	Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio	36
1	66	Family group sheets, biographical sketches, research notes including military service records	Sylvester, Grimes	Maine, Ohio, Iowa	45
1	67	Family group sheets, research notes	Sylvester, Barstow	Massachusetts	9
1	68	Family group sheets, research notes	Sylvester, Bartlett	Massachusetts	12
1	69	Family group sheets, research notes	Sylvester, Cobb	Massachusetts, Iowa	9
1	70	Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence, biographical sketch	Sylvester	Massachusetts, Ohio	32
1	71	Family group sheets, research notes	Sylvester, Rider	Massachusetts	19

2	1	Family group sheets, research notes	Sylvester, Torrey	Massachusetts	11
2	2	Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence	Sylvester, Silvester, Torrey	England, Massachusetts	68
2	3	Research notes	Holmes, Bradford	England, Massachusetts	9
2	4	Family group sheets	Tilden, Huckstep, Bourne	England, Massachusetts	22
2	5	Family group sheets, biographical sketches	Torrey, Richards	England, Maine	19
2	6	Family group sheets, correspondence, notes	Vahl, Wahl, Johnson, Idaho	Sweden, North Dakota, Minnesota	49
2	7	Family group sheets	Vahl, Johnson	Sweden, Montana	3
2	8	Family group sheets, correspondence, notes, cemetery records; birth, marriage, military and death records, photos	Vahl, Sharp, Hansen, Varnes	Idaho, Oregon, California	90
2	9	Family group sheets, notes	Warren, Marsh	England, Massachusetts	20
2	10	Pedigree charts, family group sheets	Sylvester, Wise, Vahl, Sharp		29
2	11	Family group sheets, research notes including marriage, land, and probate records	Lee, Sharp, Prickett	Iowa, Illinois, Indiana	76
2	12	Funeral notices, lodge card	Welch, Wise, Vahl	Oregon	6
2	13	Teaching certificate, newspaper clippings, marriage announcement, birth certificate, funeral notice, birthday book transcript, family group sheet, correspondence, family narrative	Wise, Howe, Fox	Oregon	33
2	14	Family group sheet, research notes	Merryman, Hartline	Pennsylvania	5
2	15	Family group sheet, research notes	Wise, Baird	Pennsylvania, Iowa, Ohio	10
2	16	Research notes, funeral notice, correspondence	Wise, Thomas, Matthews, Strickland	Iowa, Washington	19
2	17	Family group sheets, research notes	Woodard, Woodward	New York	11

2	18	Correspondence, family group sheets, correspondence, obituaries, death certificate	Wise, Drake	Iowa, South Dakota	32
2	19	Research notes	Blanchard	England, Vermont	13
2	20	Family group sheets, notes	Bowen	New Jersey	12
2	21	Family group sheets, notes	Drake, Nixon	New Jersey, Iowa	22
2	22	Correspondence, research notes	Drake	Iowa	13
2	23	Family group sheets, research notes	Drake, Walker	New Jersey	44
2	24	Family group sheet, notes	Nixon		2
2	25	Family group sheets, notes, correspondence	Nebhut, Bowen	Germany	14
2	26	Family group sheets, notes	Morrison, Gaston	Pennsylvania	8
2	27	Research notes, funeral notice, cemetery notes	Minard, Krantz	Oregon	8
2	28	Family group sheets	Klein, Nolt	Oregon	9
2	29	Research notes, family group sheets, death certificate	Howe	Massachusetts, New York, Oregon	16
2	30	Research notes	Howe, Mead, Gideon	New York, Wisconsin	11
2	31	Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence	Howe, Woodard	New York, Minnesota	21
2	32	Family group sheets, commencement program for Appleton (Minnesota) High School 1906, marriage announcement	Howe, Reibeling, Smart, Minard	Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oregon	54
2	33	Correspondence, research notes, family group sheets	Howe, Woodard, Mead	Wisconsin, New York	29
2	34	Family group sheets, research notes, obituaries, correspondence	Harding, Nebhut, Reibling, Phelps	England, Minnesota	49
2	35	Family group sheets, research notes	Stout, Simpson, Drake	England, New Jersey	17
2	36	Research notes	Thomas, Smith	New Hampshire	19
2	37	Family group sheets, research notes	Reibeling, Nebhut, Atwood	Germany, Minnesota, Washington	73



2	38	Family group sheets, correspondence, research notes including marriage, death, and pension records	Campbell, Brown, Howe, Smart, Reibling, Harding, Pool	Oregon, California, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota	78
2	39	Family group sheets, correspondence, research notes	Thomas, Blanchard	New York	8
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