

# **Finding Aid for the Joan Van Malsen photos and memorabilia collection Collection 153**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title</b>	Joan Van Malsen photos and memorabilia collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1890-1975
<b>Extent</b>	1.25 Linear feet Two boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Van Malsen family emigrated from the Netherlands to Grand Rapids, Michigan around 1900. This collection includes photographs, diplomas, religious articles and photograph albums collected by Joan Van Malsen. The photographs are mainly of the Van Malsen, Bradford, Luttel and VanderWall families.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The Van Malsen family emigrated from the Netherlands to Grand Rapids around the turn of the century. Marts (also known as Martin) and his sister Sara were born in the Netherlands, perhaps near The Hague, and grew up in Grand Rapids. Marts married Jeannette Vander Wall, while Sara married Len Bradford.

Marts and Jeannette Van Malsen lived at 611 Leonard Street for most of their married lives. Their daughter, Joan Van Malsen graduated from Creston High School in 1944 and later became a Medical Research Librarian.

Sara and Len Bradford had a daughter Nell who married Ray Luttel. They had two daughters, Virginia and Louise. Virginia married John VanderWall and had three children: Sharon, Linda, and Stephan. They moved to California and Virginia died on August 15, 1973 at the age of 40.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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Contains photographs, diplomas and religious articles. The photographs feature the Van Malsen, Luttel, VanderWall and Bradford families. The diplomas are Joan Van Malsen's from Creston High School and from her Medical Record Librarian programs. The religious articles are also Joan's. More pictures of the Van Malsen family and friends are included in the photo albums. There are also pictures of the 1939 eighth grade girls of Creston High School.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Family Name(s)

- Bradford
- Luttel
- Van Malsen
- Vander Wall

### Genre(s)

- family papers

### Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

### Subject(s)

- Immigrants -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History

## Series I. Photographs, 1890-1973, n.d.

## Collection Inventory

Series I. Photographs, 1890-1973, n.d.		
Bradford Family		
	Box	Folder
Wedding - Willard and Audrey, 1937. (6)	1	1
Family members, 1940-1946, n.d. (7)	1	2
Luttel Family		
Nelle, 1935, n.d. (15)	1	3
Virginia, 1946-1952, n.d. (9)	1	4
Family - Ray, Nelle, Virginia, and Louise 1935-70, n.d. (26)	1	5
Van Malsen Family		
Jeannette, 1890-1955, n.d. (6)	1	6
Joan, 1932-1974, n.d. (9)	1	7

## VanderWall Family

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Martin, 1923, n.d. (3)	1	8
Neal, 1955. (1)	1	9
Family members, 1890-1975, n.d. (23)	1	10
Family members, 1890-1975 cont. (15)	1	11
<b>VanderWall Family</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Family members, 1900-1973 (including: Virginia, Sharon, Linda, and Stephan). (24)	1	12
People. Groups, n.d. (2)	1	13
People. Unidentified. 1939-1968. (15)	1	14
People. Unidentified, n.d. (14)	1	15
<b>Miscellaneous Photos</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Church interior, n.d. Color	1	16
C&O car ferry Fredrico, n.d. [color photocard]	1	16

**Series II. Albums, 1925-1939, n.d.**

A.M. Prentiss photo of unidentified mountain and lake, n.d.	1	16
House at 118 Madison (changed to 350 Spencer NE?) (2)	1	16

**Series II. Albums, 1925-1939, n.d.**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>
Martin Van Malsen - vacations, 1925. (30)	2	1
Joan Van Malsen - family, classmates, vacations, 1939, n.d. (103)	2	2

**Series III. Miscellaneous, 1931-1952.**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Joan Van Malsen's Diplomas: Creston High School, 1944; Medical Record Librarian programs, 1947, 1952	1	17
Joan Van Malsen's Sunday school certificates, 1931-1932.	1	18