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Swedish-American Archives of Greater Chicago
Manuscript Collection #15
Swedish Engineers' Society Records, 1908-1994

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ABSTRACT: The records of the Swedish Engineers' Society of Chicago, Illinois include administrative records, correspondence, publications, photos, and newspaper clippings documenting the activities of the Society. The bulk of the administrative records date from1910 through 1969 and include reports, constitutions and bylaws, membership lists, yearbooks and general correspondence. Also included in the Swedish Engineer's Society Records are programs of events dating from 1915 through 1970, Ladies' Auxiliary programs, and speeches presented to the Society and their annual publication *Trasdockan (The Rag Doll).*

HISTORY: The Swedish Engineers' Society of Chicago, Illinois (Svenska Ingenjörsföreningen i Chicago, Illinois), was founded on 10 October 1908, and incorporated in 1912. The object of the Society was to promote knowledge, advancement and cooperation among the technical men of Swedish descent or citizenship engaged in engineering and industrial operations in Chicago and vicinity. Between 1913 and 1932, and again in 1946, the Society published the annual *Trasdockan (The Rag Doll)*, generally issued in January. In addition, the Society published "Notes" or "Bulletins." In 1921 the Society purchased the Dewes Mansion at 503 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, which remained their clubhouse until 1974. The Society dissolved in 1994.

PROVENANCE: Material donated by Carl Hjälmar Lundquist at an unknown date. Additional material was donated in 1998 from Mr. John Jacobson, and in 1999 from Mr. Reno Ahlgard.

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SEPARATION RECORD (c. 1985): "A History of the Swedish Engineers' Society of Chicago" moved to Book Collection.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX	FOLDER	FOLDER TITLES	SPAN DATES
1	1	Address by A.G. Hillberg, "Mississippi River Power Company's Hydro-electric power development at Keokuk, Iowa, and Hamilton, Illinois"	1912
1	2	American Society of Swedish Engineers, Membership Lists (1910-1913) and Periodicals (1936 and 1948-1949)	1910-1913, 1936, 1948-1949
1	3	Bulletins and Notices	1908-1912
1	4	Bulletins	1916-1945
1	5	Clippings	1933-1960
1	6	Constitution and Bylaws	1910, 1949, 1968
1	7	Correspondence	1932-1962, 1977
1	8	Correspondence and Reports	1967-1968
1	9	Correspondence and Reports	1974-1994
1	10	Court Document	1958
1	11	Election Ballots	1966-1967
1	12	*Festskrift*, Anniversary Booklets	1928-1933
1	13	Insurance Policies	1967-1968
1	14	Ladies Auxiliary, Swedish Engineers' Society, Activities	1946-1961
1	15	Lease	1935
1	16	Memberships and Yearbooks	1911
2	1	Memberships and Yearbooks	1912
2	2	Memberships and Yearbooks	1913-1920
2	3	Memberships and Yearbooks	1922-1936
2	4	Memberships and Yearbooks	1968-1969
2	5	Minnesbok af Svenska Ingeniörskongressen I forenta Staterna, 1915, (The Swedish Engineering Convention in the U.S., 1915, Chicago, Il)	1915
2	6	*The Pattern* (Newsletter), January ed.	1969
2	7	Photos, Officers in Clubhouse Lounge	n.d.
2	8	Programs	1915-1970
2	9	Reports, Committees	1936-1958
2	10	Sketches	n.d.
2	11	Songbook	1921
2	12	Speeches by Carl Hjalmar Lundquist (Swedish Engineers')	1943-1964
2	13	Swedish Engineers' Society of Detroit, Newsletter	1949-1950
2	14	*Trasdockan (The Rag Doll)*	1913-1920
3	1	*Trasdockan (The Rag Doll)*	1921-1926

3	2	*Trasdockan (The Rag Doll)*	1927-1929
3	3	*Trasdockan (The Rag Doll)*	1930-1932, 1946
3	4	Visiting Engineers and Students	1946-1960