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Swedish-American Archives of Greater Chicago
Manuscript Collection #28
Eric Gustav Johnson Papers, 1910-1974

Boxes: 6

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS:

The papers of Eric Gustav Johnson occupy six boxes and span the years 1926-1969. They are divided into five categories: Personal History, Correspondence, Research & Translations, Writings, and Clippings.

Papers within the Personal History category occupy six folders. Obituaries with biographical information are housed in folder 1. A mostly unused diary from about 1926 occupies folder 2 and contains travel accounts and addresses. A genealogy of the Johnson-Olive family compiled by Robert Henry Johnson, 1942, is in folder 3. Folder 4 contains a 1949 Covenant Appointment Book, which is slightly used. The Rosy Club Records in folder 5 are apparently a running log of bridge games played between a group of friends, 1934-1939. E. Gustav Johnson was president. Financial receipts, both personal and organizational, 1955-1959, occupy folder 6.

Correspondence occupies the remainder of box 1, box 2, and two folders of box 3. There are thirteen folders of general correspondence arranged chronologically, 1932-1967. Two folders of research related correspondence for Karlskogaemigranter and Petter Johnsson's Resa till Amerika are followed by a folder of Salvation Army form letters, 1962, and two folders of invitations, both personal and organizational.

The Research and Translations category include originals, translations, drafts, and some correspondence between Johnson and clients. There are five folders for this category beginning with folder 3 of box 3. Correspondence and a short story excerpt from K. Axel Karlson, whom Johnson had proofread for, occupies this folder. Correspondence and written excerpts of an article, Vi Sakle Vara Hemman occupy the next folder. The same type of material occupies folder 5, regarding Varmland Preachers, 1960. General research and translation materials occupy folder 6 and 7; Those in folder 6 concerning the Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly, and those in folder 7, various subjects.

Three folders comprise the Writings category. Folder 8 of box 3 houses articles and essays published by Johnson, folder 9 houses his 1938 masters thesis from Duke University, American Place Names of Swedish Origin, and folder 9 houses various unpublished essays.

The Clippings category is subdivided into three subcategories: Journal & Booklet Articles, Brochures and Programs, and Newspaper clippings. The Journal & Booklet Articles sub-category occupies box 4 and one folder of box 5. The first folder contains note cards and

bibliographical references for Johnson's thesis American Place Names of Swedish Origin. The second folder contains various booklets or place names in the U. S. A report from the Committee for the Reform of Family Names out of Augustana College (c.1935) occupies folder 3. Breaking the Sound Barrier, a paper by Johan Torsk which concerns lingquistic studies occupies folder 4.

General articles of both scholarly and non-scholarly natures occupy the remaining six folders of this sub-category. They are arranged chronologically and separated by language.

There are two folders within the Brochures and Programs sub-category. Both contain general items, 1927-1969.

The final sub-category of the final category is the Newspaper clippings sub-category. Three folders and three scrapbooks house the clippings. There are two folders and one scrapbook for general clippings, and two scrapbooks and one folder recording the events surrounding the Swedish Pioneer Centennial.

PROVENANCE: The papers of Eric Gustav Johnson were deposited upon his death in 1974 to three different locations: North Park College, Covenant Archives, and the Swedish American Archives of Greater Chicago. The papers remain dispersed. Papers from Johnson's tenure as executive secretary and editor of the Swedish Pioneer Historical Society are found in this collection.

RESTRICTIONS: None

PROCESSOR: Eric Lundberg, October 1985

SEPARATION RECORD: One photograph of E. Gustav Johnson (c.1960) was removed to the Photograph Collection.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX	FOLDER	FOLDER TITLE	SPAN DATES
PERSONAL HISTORY			
1	1	Obituaries	1974
1	2	Diary/Address Book	c1926
1	3	Family Genealogy	1942
1	4	Covenant Appointment Book	1949
1	5	Records: Rosy Club	1934-1939
1	6	Financial Receipts	1955-1959
CORRESPONDENCE (SWEDISH AND ENGLISH)			
1	7	General	1932-1943
1	8	General	1944-1947
1	9	General	1948
1	10	General	1949
1	11	General	1950-1951

2	1	General	1952-1953
2	2	General	1954-1955
2	3	General	1956
2	4	General	1957
2	5	General	1958
2	6	General	1959-1960
2	7	General	1961-1967
2	8	General	n.d.
2	9	Karlskogaemigranter	1960-1966
2	10	Petter Johnsson's Resa till Amerika	1948
2	11	Salvation Army	1962
3	1	Personal Invitations and Greeting Cards	1935-1960
3	2	Organizational Invitations	1943-1964
RESEARCH AND TRANSLATIONS (SWEDISH AND ENGLISH)			
3	3	K. Axel Karlson	1955-1957
3	4	Vi Sakle Vara Hemman	1960-1963
3	5	Varmland Preachers	1960
3	6	Pioneer Quarterly: General	c1960
3	7	General	1960-1965
WRITINGS			
3	8	Published	1935-1955
3	9	Masters Thesis: American Place Names of Swedish Origin	1938
3	10	Unpublished Essays	1930-1970
CLIPPINGS: JOURNAL AND BOOKLET ARTICLES			
4	1	Note cards of Swedish Places and Bibliography	n.d.
4	2	Place Names	1930-1950
4	3	Report: Committee for the Reform of Family Names	c1935
4	4	Breaking the Sound Barrier	1968
4	5	General Scholarly	1922-1939
4	6	General Scholarly	1942-1952
4	7	General Scholarly	1953-1963
4	8	General Scholarly; Swedish-French	1910-1957, n.d.
4	9	General Non-scholarly	1937-1965
5	1	General Non-scholarly (Swedish)	c.1910, 1946-1966
CLIPPINGS: BROCHURES AND PROGRAMS			
5	2	General	1927-1969
5	3	General	1927-1969
CLIPPINGS: NEWSPAPER			
5	4	General	1937-1965
5	5	General	1937-1965

5	6	Swedish Pioneer Centennial	1946-1948
5	7	Scrapbook: Swedish Pioneer Centennial	1946-1948
6	1	Scrapbook: Swedish Pioneer Centennial	1946-1948
6	2	Scrapbook: General	1933-1965