



# Historical Society of Pennsylvania

## Amandus Johnson papers

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### Summary Information

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**Abstract:**

Amandus Johnson was born in Langsjo, Smaland, Sweden and immigrated to the U.S. circa 1880. He was a leading historian of Swedish-American colonial settlement in the Delaware Valley, and a motive force in the promotion of Swedish-American historical consciousness. He helped to found a number of Swedish-American cultural organizations, including the American Swedish Historical Foundation and Museum, where he served as first curator. The collection includes correspondence, speeches, and other records from Johnson's involvement in a large number of Swedish-American organizations, along with very extensive research files regarding Sweden's relations with North America from 1621 through the mid-1850s.

**Restrictions:** None. The collection is open for research.

**Provenance:** Deposited by the Swedish Home for the Aged, 1975; converted to a gift, 1988.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Amandus Johnson was a prominent figure in the Swedish-American community for many decades. He was recognized for his historical research and publications, for his vigorous promotion of national Swedish-American celebrations, and for founding and serving as first curator of the American Swedish Historical Museum. He became well known in the Swedish-American community while still a doctoral student. He was well into his seventies before he concluded that the strain of cross-country fund raising travel had finally outweighed the merits of publishing additional volumes of his History of the Swedes in America. This decision marked Johnson's retirement from organizational activity.

Amandus Johnson's family was part of the influx of Swedish immigrants to the United States which began after 1840. He had been born in Langasjo, Province of Smaland, on October 27, 1877. He was three years old at the time his family came to farm in Rice Lake, Minnesota.

After attending local schools, Johnson attended Gustavus Adolphus College, affiliated with the Augustana Lutheran Synod, for seven years. He graduated in 1904 with a baccalaureate degree in English literature and a preaching certificate. As an undergraduate, Johnson heard the eloquent Swedish-American editor Johan Enander speak; he credited this event with awakening his interest in Swedish-American history.

During 1904-1905, Johnson continued to study English literature at the University of Colorado where he took a master's degree and also taught modern languages. Johnson's thesis on the English

dramatist John Lyly won him a scholarship to Yale University. His strong interest in the Swedish colonial period apparently led him to stop in Philadelphia on his way to Yale. He began to preach for a Lutheran church in South Philadelphia, and won fellowships in Germanics at the University of Pennsylvania. He took his PhD there in 1908, then held travelling fellowships for research abroad during most of 1908-1911.

Johnson's dissertation research was published as the two-volume history, Swedish Settlements on the Delaware, 1638-1664, in 1911. Johnson served as instructor and later assistant professor of Scandinavian Languages in the University of Pennsylvania Germanics Department from 1910 to 1921. He continued to write about the Swedish colonial period, publishing an abridgement of Swedish Settlements as The Swedes on the Delaware, volume one of a projected four-volume series called The Swedes in America, 1638-1900, in 1914. (It also was published as Den Första Svenska Kolonien i Amerika, by Hugo Gebers Förlag, Stockholm, in 1923.) Johnson's library and much research material were destroyed in two fires, the first in 1918 and the second in 1920. The loss included manuscripts for two volumes of The Swedes in America, a translation of Lindeström's Geographia Americae and a book ready for press, Longfellow and His Scandinavian Studies and Friends. Although Johnson often alluded to the lost manuscripts, he did not continue the series as originally planned. In fact, his activities in the early 1920s followed completely different interests.

After serving as President of the Historical Section of the American Division of the Gothenberg Exhibition in Sweden, 1921,

Johnson accepted the post of Director of the African Educational Expedition to Angola, then Portuguese East Africa, during 1922-1924. There he carried out ethnographic research, collecting artifacts and photographing native Angolans, and collected philological information.

In the years after the expedition, Johnson published part one of a ten-part Mbundu-English-Portuguese dictionary (1930) and I Marimbans Land (1929), a narrative about his travels. (Records of the expedition are available at the University Museum Archives, University of Pennsylvania.) He also embarked on a lecture tour, drawing on his contacts in the Swedish-American Lutheran community to work out an itinerary. He spoke on the African expedition. He also privately began to build support for a national Swedish-American observance of the 300th anniversary of the charter of the first Swedish colonial trading company. Officers of the New Sweden Memorial Commission, originally organized by the Augustana Synod in 1912, joined Johnson in founding the Swedish American Sesquicentennial Association and its parent organization, the American Sons and Daughters of Sweden. The Sesquicentennial Association conducted a nationwide campaign among Swedish-Americans to erect a permanent museum building on the grounds of the 1926 United States Sesquicentennial Exposition. Crown Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden officiated at the ceremonies at which the building cornerstone was laid. Named after John Morton, the Swedish-American signer of the Declaration of Independence, the building is located in South Philadelphia, in an area associated with the Swedish

colonial settlements.

After 1926, the American Sons and Daughters of Sweden began a dual campaign to celebrate the tercentenary of Swedish American settlement in North America, in 1938, and to endow the museum in the John Morton Building. Amandus Johnson was Corresponding Secretary of its Swedish American Tercentenary Association endowment campaign. Because of the economic depression, these were difficult years; Johnson lived in the Morton Building for several years in order to keep the museum solvent.

In 1938, Prince Bertil of Sweden dedicated the American Swedish Historical Museum in the John Morton Building. The tercentenary celebration also included the dedication of Fort Christina Park in Wilmington, Delaware.

Johnson, as museum director and curator from 1928 on, then continued his fundraising and publicity efforts through the American Swedish Historical Foundation. He continued to successfully interest donors in his plan to create exhibits honoring Swedish American contributions throughout United States history. Policy differences resulted in Johnson's appointment from Curator to Emeritus Curator in 1943, but he remained active in the museum throughout his life.

In 1908, Johnson had been one of the co-founders of the Swedish Colonial Society, whose members traced their ancestry to the pre-Revolutionary War Swedish colonists. Based in Philadelphia, it sponsored monuments, publications, and events to mark Swedish contributions to American history. Its activities emphasized the colonial history of the Delaware Valley. During the 1940s and 1950s, Johnson's research and translation interests

focused in two publications to be issued over the Swedish Colonial Society's imprint. The first, two volumes of Swedish colonial documents, published in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, was a joint project with Dr. Johan Liljencrants. Much of the work was done, but no publication seems to have materialized. The second, a history of Swedish participation in the American revolution, is the two-volume Swedish Contributions to American Freedom, 1776-1783, published in 1953 and 1957. Raising funds to publish these two works required great effort from Johnson, no longer young or in good health. He decided not to publish the other projected volumes of the History of the Swedes in America, 1638-1943, although he published several shorter pamphlets and translations. He continued to travel, to write, and to take an active interest in the activities of the American Swedish Historical Museum and the Swedish Colonial Society. He organized a vigorous publicity and fundraising campaign in the American-Swedish community for the Åbo Akademi in Finland after the Second World War. He also collected biographical information from his successful Swedish-American contemporaries, at first for a 1951 film project, and later with the Swedish Museum's collections in mind.

Johnson, like many of the men he admired and won as benefactors to his projects, enjoyed mechanical devices and tinkering. He owned and operated an auto shop in West Philadelphia during his University of Pennsylvania years. He designed and sought patents on a number of mechanical devices. Among them were equipment for microfilming archival documents and designs for manufacturing



dartboards. He also owned and managed several properties, including an apartment building in North Philadelphia where he lived until 1965.

Johnson's 1910 marriage to Helen Mildred Chadwick ended in divorce in 1927. He did not marry again, and had no children. In 1965 Johnson moved from North Philadelphia into an apartment in northwest Philadelphia near the home of Esther Chilstrom Meixner, a family friend who oversaw his business affairs during his last years. In 1970, Johnson moved to the Swedish Home for the Aged on Staten Island, where he died June 30, 1974. He is buried in the cemetery of Gloria Dei [Old Swedes'] Church, Philadelphia.

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### CORRECTED PROVENANCE STATEMENT

The Amandus Johnson Papers were a gift from the Swedish Home for the Aged. Esther Meixner acted as its agent in its dealings with the Balch Institute and inappropriately assumed ownership rights to the materials. This was not in her power to do, as all rights to the collection were always with the Home. In later years, the Swedish Home transferred these rights, in their totality, to the Balch Institute, which now owns the collection free and clear.

(Sandy VanDoren, Archivist for the Balch Institute, per Mary Ann Coyle, Director of the Department of Information and Research Services, the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, February 16, 2000).

# PROVENANCE

The Amandus Johnson Papers were deposited at the Balch Institute in 1975 and deeded by the Swedish Home for Aged, Inc. in 1988.

The collection was processed by Balch archivist Judith Felsten, September 1982. Translation assistance was provided by Ann Kristin Bohlin. The arrangement and description of the Johnson papers was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Photographs found in the collection were separated to Photo Group 126. Printed materials have been transferred to the library and artifacts to the museum.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Amandus Johnson Papers consist of correspondence, manuscripts, organizational records, and research materials documenting Johnson's lifelong work to promote an awareness of Swedish contributions to American life. The papers, thirty-seven linear feet altogether, span the years 1897, when Johnson entered Gustavus Adolphus College, through 1974, when he died at age 96. They include family, financial, and business papers, as well as autobiographical writings giving information about Johnson's background and personality. A large part of the collection consists of correspondence, speeches, and other records describing the activities and dynamics of the many Swedish American organizations in which Amandus Johnson was an active force.

In addition, Johnson's long career of research and writing about the Swedish role in United States history is strongly represented through essays from Johnson's college years, articles, manuscripts, notebooks, and translations. The transcriptions and translations of original archival documents of Swedish relations with North America are comprehensive from the earliest trade efforts in 1621, through 1821. A roughly parallel series of photostatic and photographic copies of these documents include Swedish consular reports through 1858.

## RECORD SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

The Johnson Papers are organized in seven series: Biographical Records; Professional Associations; Correspondence; Writings; Research Notes; Transcriptions and Translations; and Photostats. The record types are diverse. Unless otherwise described below, they are organized chronologically. Correspondence within each folder falls within the dates given in the folder heading, but the folder's contents are not in strict chronological order.

SERIES I: BIOGRAPHICAL RECORDS, 1897-1974, 3 l.f.

These records cover a number of activities and are divided into 12 subseries: In addition to Curriculum Vitae written at different points in his career, Johnson wrote many pages of Autobiographical Narrative. Typed pages of the narrative are filed with the vitae; handwritten fragments can be found in the notebooks (see WRITINGS, Notebooks below). The essays and sermons among the Gustavus Adolphus College papers indicate Johnson's early intellectual interests. Correspondence and Helen Mildred Chadwick Johnson's diary in the Family Affairs folders, and his own Daily Pocket Diaries indicate Johnson's daily concerns and personal relationships. The many congratulatory letters and telegrams for Johnson's seventieth, eightieth, and ninetieth birthdays give a wide perspective on Johnson's place in the national Swedish-American community. These and confirmations of honorary academic degrees make up the Honors files.

The Financial Records include information about earned income and pensions. The Property Records and Inventions and Patents files include correspondence, deeds, patent applications, drawings,

and ledgers. They describe property management and business activities, including the development of a store complex in Ocean City, New Jersey; the ownership and management of an apartment building in North Philadelphia; and the development of Viking Manufacturing Company, a partnership based on a jointly-owned patent for a dartboard-target design. Most significant among the patents are the microfilm equipment modifications Johnson designed for copying archival documents. The National Microfilm Association formally recognized Johnson's contributions to the field at its 1959 annual meeting.

SERIES II: PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, 1908-1968, 5 1.f.

Amandus Johnson was a founder or leading force in several Swedish-American organizations. The organizations with which he had long associations are the Swedish Colonial Society, and the series of organizations that originated for the Swedish-American celebration at the 1926 Sesquicentennial exposition and culminated in the American Swedish Historical Foundation, established in 1936. The records of these organizations in the collection often give insight into their programs and accomplishments. There are records from twelve different organizations. The records of each are in chronological order based on founding date, with one exception. The activities of the New Sweden Historical Association are so closely related to the Swedish Colonial Society that its records were placed directly after the society's records.

Correspondence from the Society of Arts and Letters, 1920-1925, is the only indication in the collection that Johnson was

active in a non-Swedish-American organization.

The Swedish Colonial Society materials include early membership records, some financial records, and correspondence. The activities files, 1909-1968, describe the society's commemorative projects, annual dinners, and genealogical interests. The publications correspondence, foundation records, and foundation correspondence follow the work of the society's publication committees. They include discussion of editorial decisions and fund raising efforts for Amandus Johnson's historical writings and translations, most of which were published over the Swedish Colonial Society imprint.

The Swedes in America film correspondence contains biographical material collected from Swedish-American business and industrial leaders, whose success stories Johnson wished to tell on a lecture tour in Sweden sponsored by the Swedish Colonial Society. The delegation to Sweden correspondence describes a 1954 project to select a group of prominent Swedish-Americans to present the second volume of Swedish Contributions to American Freedom to Gustav VI Adolf, the king of Sweden.

The New Sweden Historical Association materials describe the activities of a group that separated from the Swedish Colonial Society in 1942 to publish The History of the Swedes in America, 1638-1943, projected as a ten-volume series co-edited by Johnson and Johan Liljencrants. These records include by-laws, minutes, fundraising records, and correspondence. They follow the development of the association's projects, as well as the 1944 decision to merge back into the Swedish Colonial Society which led to the creation of the Swedish Colonial Foundation. The translations

in the TRANSCRIPTIONS AND TRANSLATIONS series seem to have been made for the New Sweden Historical Association project.

Records from the organizations responsible for the great Swedish American tercentenary celebrations are varied. They include speeches, articles, press releases, correspondence, and fundraising records. Although the quantity of records for each organization is small, together they show the direction of Swedish-American national activity between 1924 and 1938. Included here are the New Sweden Memorial Commission, the American Sons and Daughters of Sweden, the Swedish American Sesquicentennial Association, the Swedish American 300th Anniversary Committee, and the Swedish American Tercentenary Association.

The correspondence files on the John Morton Museum and the American Swedish Historical Foundation and Museum are more comprehensive than the formal records on these institutions. General correspondence, 1938-1967, is roughly chronological. Correspondence with influential trustees and friends of the museum is separately foldered by individual name. The subseries also include by-laws, board and committee minutes, articles, newsletters, and reports.

Last among the museum records is a sequence of biographical files, similar to the Swedes in America film files, but intended for the museum's research collections. These files are arranged alphabetically.

The Åbo Academi files describe the organization and activities of the American Friends of Åbo, a Finnish university. Johnson founded the Friends organization to raise money to rebuild the university after the Second World War. Most of the material is correspondence; again the letters of selected individuals are



separately foldered.

Finally, there is a folder of programs and other items from the John Ericsson Society, which met annually on the anniversary of the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac to honor the Swedish-American inventor.

SERIES III: CORRESPONDENCE, 1906-1969, 7 l.f.

Most early correspondence, 1906-1928, is arranged chronologically by year. An alphabetical file that Johnson maintained from 1924 to 1925 has been kept as is. Correspondence beginning in the late 1920s is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Incoming and outgoing letters are filed separately, but all letters to and from one person can be found in the same box. Correspondence with several museum trustees, researchers, and other close associates had been separated from the general correspondence; it is grouped with other record series. To reduce the confusion that this arrangement may cause, a list of these correspondence files and their locations in the collection has been incorporated into the correspondence series box list.

SERIES IV: WRITINGS, 1909-1967, 6 l.f.

Amandus Johnson wrote for many purposes. The work here is organized in six subseries, according to type of writing. The Subject Files, which are arranged alphabetically, include articles by Johnson and others, clippings, and some miscellaneous material. Most are about Swedish-American personalities and institutions from colonial times through the 1950s.

Political Subjects consists of letters and short articles representing Johnson's opinions on post-war international relations. The Lecture Tours and Speeches folder includes brochures, lists,

and correspondence. Johnson lectured on his African travels as well as Swedish-American history. The Travel Articles, apparently written for publication, describe sights in Europe and the United States.

Johnson's Notebooks contain draft texts of articles and longer works. The autobiographical material traces Johnson's life into the 1920s. Four notebooks tell stories of the Masongo and the Mbondo [Mbundu] tribes of Angola in Swedish with English interlinear translation. The other notebooks generally cover several subjects. A paper slip in each volume briefly lists the subjects to be found inside.

The Monographs include manuscripts of Johnson's longer works and some unpublished projects. The subseries seems to be most complete for work of the 1930s and 1940s. There is an outline for Swedish Settlements on the Delaware, 1664-1750; an extensive revision of the pamphlet "Swedish Contributions to American National Life" in 1926; annotated excerpts from the Northwest Territories legislative journals, and writing about Swedish involvement in the American Civil War. Several manuscripts cover the history of the Swedes in the Delaware Valley through 1841. The series also includes manuscript appendices and footnotes from Swedish Contributions to American Freedom; and complete manuscripts for the Federal Writers Project publication The Records of the Swedish Lutheran Churches at Raccoon and Penn's Neck, 1713-1786, and for The Journal and Biography of Nils Collin, and Naval Campaigns of Count de Grasse.

SERIES V: RESEARCH NOTES, ?-1955, 4 l.f.

The series includes correspondence, notes, notecards, and notebooks. Correspondence here concerns specific research interests. It is roughly chronological, foldered by topic. Georg Hafström's letters, the Naval Officers files, the Officers in American Service files, the notebooks and notecards all contain information about Swedish naval officers that Johnson used for his two-volume work, Swedish Contributions to American Freedom.

The Officers in American Service files have been badly damaged by water and mold. The files were photocopied in an effort to salvage the information, but some information was lost in the process. Photostatic Service records were removed to the Photostat series.

SERIES VI: TRANSCRIPTIONS AND TRANSLATIONS OF RESEARCH DOCUMENTS, 1621-1821, 5 l.f.

Nearly all the translations in this series seem to be the work of Johan Liljencrants for the New Sweden Historical Association. Any translations in Johnson's handwriting have been retained, regardless of duplication. Liljencrants' handwritten translations of the longer colonial documents have been discarded when careful checking showed that the handwritten and typewritten texts were identical. (The handwritten translations were fragile and photocopied poorly.)

The documents are filed in three groups: Swedish Colonial Documents, Swedish Pastors on the Delaware, and Swedish Relations with the United States. The first folders in each group contain many short documents. Their translations are chronologically arranged. The transcriptions themselves are filed in overlapping,

chronological groups, according to their sources or Liljencrants' work lists, which help to identify them.

Separately foldered in the Swedish Colonial Documents group are longer documents such as Blommaert's letters; Rising's journal, relations, and memorials; the journal of the New Sweden Company; and Lindeström's Geographia Americae.

The records of the Swedish Pastors on the Delaware, who served Swedish Lutheran congregations here before 1831, include journals and long descriptive letters home. The Nils Collin material include newspaper articles on political issues after the Revolutionary War, and on the yellow fever epidemics in Philadelphia. There is also a letter in his hand, dated October 19, 1803. The text of Jehu Clay's Annals of the Swedes on the Delaware features a set of footnotes that Johnson helped prepare.

The documents pertaining to Swedish Relations with the United States discuss military and commercial relations during the late 1700s and early 1800s. There is an extensive set of letters from the Swedish ambassador to France, Gustav Creutz, who was instrumental in establishing diplomatic relations between Sweden and the United States. The files also include reports to the Swedish government by commercial emissaries and consuls in the United States, such as Samuel Gustav Hermelin, Henry Gahn, and Axel Klinkowström.

Both the box list and the folder heading indicate whether the folder contents are transcriptions or translations.

SERIES VII: PHOTOSTATS, 1621-1858, 7 l.f.

The photostats and photographs of documents from European

archives are the Swedish, German, French, and English originals from which many of the transcriptions and the translations were made. They are boxed in rough chronological order. Some images are negative and others positive. The quality of image resolution varies, often within the same set of documents. This series is less complete than the TRANSCRIPTION AND TRANSLATION series, but the consular reports span a longer period of time.

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Translation Assistance: Ann Kristin Bohlin

July 1982

## BIOGRAPHICAL RECORDS

## Series I

Box Folder  
No. No.

1	1	Curriculum vitae and autobiographical narratives	
		Gustavus Adolphus College	
	2	Correspondence and poems	1903-1904
	3	Essays	1901-1903
	4	Preaching certificates and sermon notes	1901-1902
	3 vols.	Lecture and debating notes	1897
	1 vol.	Sermon notes	n.d.
	2 vols.	Expense ledgers	1897-1902
	5	Letters from classmates	1907-1971
	6	College Years: studies of English drama	n.d.
	7	University of Pennsylvania: miscellaneous papers	1908
		Family Affairs	
		Helen Mildred C. Johnson	
2	1 vol.	Diary	1908-1909
	1	Personal and financial papers	1922-1943
	2	Family letters	
		Honors	
	3	Awards and honorary degrees	
	4-5	Seventieth birthday	1947-1948
	6-8	Eightieth birthday	1957
	9	Ninetieth birthday	1967
	10	Memorial tributes	1974
		Financial Records	
	1	Applications for professional employment	1907, 1941-1943

## BIOGRAPHICAL RECORDS

## Series I

Box Folder  
No. No.

## Financial Records (cont'd.)

3	2	Income tax returns	1919-1965
	3	Pension correspondence	1947-1967
	4	Pennsylvania Historical Commission employment	1937
	5-6	Miscellaneous papers	1919-1970

## Property Records

	7	Minnesota	
	8-9	New Jersey	
4	1	West Philadelphia	
	2-5	Master Street apartments	
	2 vols.	Rent collection ledgers	1958-1962

## Inventions and Patents

5	1	Microfilming and photography	1927-1937
	2	National Microfilm Association	1942-1961
		Viking Manufacturing Company	
	3-4	Correspondence	1933-1947
	1 vol.	Ledger	1941-1942
	5	Reinholds estate	1942-1947
	6	Correspondence about various patents	1919-1956
	7	Drawing	

## Miscellany

6	9 vols.	Passports and vaccination certificates	
	1 vol.	Jokebook	
	15 vols.	Daily pocket diaries	1906-1943
7	10 vols.	Daily pocket diaries	1946-1957

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

## Series II

Box Folder  
No. No.

8	1	Society of Arts and Letters: correspondence	
		Swedish Colonial Society	
	2	Constitution and bylaws	
	3	Minutes	1929-58
	4	Membership records	
	5-6	Membership acceptance letters	1909-1914
	7	Financial records	1924-1927
	8	Treasurer's reports	1925-1945
	9-10	Activities	1908-1921
9	1-8	Activities	1923-1964
10	1	Activities	1965-1968
	2	Publications correspondence	1910-1942
		Foundation (publication committee)	
	3	Records	after 1944
	4-6	Correspondence	1945-1966
	7	Publication brochures and reviews	
		"Swedes in America" film correspondence	1951
11	1	Correspondence	1951
	2-6	Correspondence, A-W	
	7	Delegation to Sweden correspondence	1954-1955
	8	Articles and pamphlets	
		New Sweden Historical Association	
12	1	Bylaws	
	2	Records	
	3	Fund raising records	



## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

## Series II

Box Folder  
No. No.

		New Sweden Historical Association (cont'd.)	
	4	Emil Hollander: correspondence	1942-1947
	5	John Friden: correspondence	1942-1945, 1962
13	1	New Sweden Memorial Commission: records	1924-1925
		American Sons and Daughters of Sweden	
	2	Proposed constitution	1924
	3	Reports	
		Swedish American Sesquicentennial Association	
	4-5	Fund raising records	
	6	Articles and speeches	
	7-8	Correspondence	1925-1926
	9	Telegrams	1924-1926
	10	Clippings	
	11	Swedish American Sesquicentennial Celebration: speeches	1926
		Swedish American 300th Anniversary	
	12-13	Correspondence	1926-1928
14	1	Press releases	1927
	2	Speeches	1927-1929
	3	Fund raising records	1927-1928
		Swedish American Tercentenary Association	
	4	Plans	1935-1938
	5	Correspondence	1937-1938
	6-7	Articles and speeches	1933-1938

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## Series II

Box Folder  
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14	8	Swedish American Tercentenary Celebration: speeches and printed memorabilia	1938
		John Morton Museum	
	9	Reports and articles	
	10	Correspondence	1929-1933
14A	1	Correspondence	1934-1937
	2	Applicants for secretarial positions	1931
	3	John Hanson Room papers	1931, 1940
		American Swedish Historical Foundation and Museum	
	4	Bylaws and revisions	
15	1	Annual meeting minutes	1942-1945 1954-1967
	2	Board of Governors minutes	1944-1946, 1954-1968
	3	Executive Committee minutes	1943-1944, 1956-1967
	4	Museum trustees minutes	1941-1943
	5	Financial records	1943-1947, 1966
	6	Fund raising pledge lists	n.d.
	7	Newsletters	
	8	Reports and program plans	
	9	Articles	1936-1962
	10-11	Correspondence	
16	1	Correspondence	1963-1967
	2-3	Colonial Room correspondence	1958-1961
	4	Westerlin family: correspondence	1937-1945
	5	Julius Lincoln: correspondnece	1924, 1938-1952
	6	Ormond Rambo, Jr.: correspondence	1940-1948

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

## Series II

Box	Folder
No.	No.

## American Swedish Historical Foundation and Museum (cont'd.)

16	7	Samuel P. Wetherill: correspondence	1941-1961
	8-9	Walter G. Nord: correspondence	1950-1965
17	1	Axel Hallstrom: correspondence	1956-1967
	2	Karl W. Hallden: correspondence	1965-1967
	3	Roy F. Larsen: correspondence	1965-1968
		Biographical Collection Materials	
	4-6	A-W	
	7	Arleigh Burke	
	8	Mary Roebling	
		Åbo Akademi	
18	1	American activities	1948
	2	Drafts of descriptive pamphlet	
	3	American Friends of Åbo	
	3	Records	
	4-6	Activities	1949-1951
	7	Otto Anderson: correspondence	1950-1951, 1961
	8	Tor-Erik Lassenius: correspondence	1948-1966
	9	Carina Orasto Loederer: correspondence	1949-1950
	10	John Ericsson Society: miscellaneous records	

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Series III

Box Folder  
No. No.

## Professional correspondence

19	1-4	1906-1928	
	5-7	1924-1925, A-Z	
20	1-5	A-Bem	
	x-ref	Anderson, Otto See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 18, Folder 7	
21	1-9	Ben-Bu	
22	1-8	Ca-El	
	(6)	DuPont, Pierre S.	1942-1953
23	1-8	Em-G	
	x-ref	Friden, John See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 12, Folder 5	
24	1-7	H-I	
	x-ref	Hafström, Georg See: Series V, RESEARCH NOTES, Box 46, Folders 7-8	
	x-ref	Hallden, Karl W. See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 17, Folder 2	
	x-ref	Hallstrom, Axel See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 17, Folder 1	
	x-ref	Hollander, Emil See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 12, Folder 4	
25	1-9	Ja-La	
	x-ref	Larsen, Roy F. See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 17, Folder 3	

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Series III

Box No.	Folder No.
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25	x-ref	Lassenius, Tor-Erik See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 18, Folder 8	
26	1-8	Le-Ly	
	(5-6)	Liljencrants, Johan	1937-1953
	x-ref	Lincoln, Julius See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 16, Folder 4	
	x-ref	Loederer, Carina Orasto See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 18, Folder 9	
27	1-9	M-N	
	x-ref	Nord, Walter G. See: Series II, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, Box 16, Folders 7-8	
28	1-10	O-Q	
	(4)	Olauson, Åke	1949-1967
	(5)	Phillips, George L.	1941-1965
	(6)	Phillips, Helga Waline	1940-1963
29	1-7	R-Sc	
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38	27 vols.	Various subjects
39	16 vols.	Various subjects
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	1 vol.	Swedes in the American Civil War

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	3	Translation proposal	1925
	4	<u>Swedish Settlements on The Delaware, 1664-1750, outline</u>	
	5	"Swedish Contributions to American National Life, 1638-1926"	
	6	"History of Swedish American History"	
	7	"The Swedes in America"	
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6	Manuscript
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8	"The Huguenots in Sweden," outline

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2	Björkegrenska Släktens [Björkegren Family]  Frederic Calvert, "An Historical Sketch of the Vicinity of Morton and Rutledge, Delaware County", <u>Morton Chronicle</u>
3	First series, 1901-1902
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| 46 | 1 | Personal library holdings                |
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15 Count of Hanan, letters, 1669: transcription

57 1 Government Acts: transcriptions

## Journal of New Sweden Company, 1639-1643

2 Transcriptions

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5 Handelscomaniet, Sodercomaniet, 1637-1659:  
transcription and translation

6 Report of New Sweden accounts, 1637-1656:  
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7 Accounts: translation

58 1-3 Lindeström, Geographia Americae: transcription

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	5	Prostaboken, excerpts, 1770-1779: transcription
	6	Records of Swedish parishes in Pennsylvania: transcription
		Andreas Hesselius, journal, 1711-1724
	7	Transcription
	8-9	Translations
	10	Andreas and Samuel Hesselius, miscellaneous documents: transcriptions
	11	Jöransson, "Epitaph...for A. Hesselius," 1734: transcription and translation
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