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Rock Island (III.)
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Biographical Sketch

Founded in 1889, the Augustana Book Concern served as the official publishing house for the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod. ABC's main publication focus was to supply the Augustana Synod congregations with religious texts such as bibles, hymnals, choir music, and Sunday school literature for children. In addition, ABC published an array of Swedish-American literature, poetry, historical works, and reprints of Swedish national literature.

In 1962, the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod merged with the Lutheran Church of America and the Board of Publications in Philadelphia (part of the Lutheran Church of America) absorbed the ABC. In 1967, Augustana College purchased the building which had housed the ABC and renamed it North Hall; in 1975 it was renamed to honor retiring president C.W. Sorenson.

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