

# David Johansson (1907-1997) letters, (1922-1935)

**Size:** 1 Box

**Access:** The collection is open for research

**Control Num.:** MSS P:328

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## Provenance

Donated to the Swenson Center after being discarded from the Swedish American Museum in Swedesburg, Iowa.

## Biographical Sketch

Algot Johan David Johanson, son of Johan and Klara Gustavson, was born January 14, 1907 in Småland, Sweden and died April 8, 1997 in Swedesburg, Iowa. On March 14, 1935 he married Viola M. Lindeen (1903-1996) of Swedesburg.

He served in the Swedish Army Infantry before emigrating to the United States on September 18, 1929. He sailed from Göteborg on a steam ship that took 7 days, stopped in Canada and then arrived in New York. He took a train from New York to Chicago and then out to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

He farmed in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, near Swedesburg, worked at I.A.A.P., Middletown and was a self-employed carpenter and painter in the Swedesburg area. He and Viola were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church where he served on the church board and cemetery committee. He and Viola had two adopted children, Marvin D. Johnson (b. 1940, Davenport, IA) and Doris Burns (b. 1945 Davenport, IA).

## Content Note

The collection consists of 52 handwritten letters to David Johanson from various friends and family members from Sweden and the United States. Many of the letters also have their corresponding envelopes, though many stamps were removed prior to coming to the Swenson Center.

All letters are in Swedish.

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## **Folder Inventory**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1**

Letters 1-9; 1922 - 1924

#### **Folder 2**

Letters 10-21; 1925 - March 1927

#### **Folder 3**

Letters 22-30; April 1927 – Dec. 1927

#### **Folder 4**

Letters 31-40; 1928-1930

#### **Folder 5**

Letters 41-52; 1931-1935