

Johann Oscar Rolander papers, 1982

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Acquisition: The collection was donated to SSIRC in 1982

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Provenance

The English translation of a Swedish travel diary by Johann Oscar (Samuelson) Rolander was given to SSIRC in March 1982, typewritten copy received in April 1982 by Clarence F. Wittenstrom Jr., of Gromer Wittenstrom and Strom, Attorneys at Law, Elgin, Illinois. Mr. Wittenstrom is the great-grandson of Johann Oscar Rolander. The original diary is in the possession of Ivone Carlson, Kingsburg, California. Steven R. Farmer processed the collection on January 31, 1983.

Biographical Sketch

Johann Oscar (Samuelson) Rolander was born in Västra Ryd, Östergötland on June 15, 1847. He arrived in the U.S. with his parents on June 1, 1868. He resided in Swedona, Illinois, then in Ellis, Kansas, where he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. On February 9, 1872 he took a homestead in New Gottland, Kansas. He lived there until his retirement in 1910, when he moved to McPherson, Kansas. He married Mathilda Charlotta Peterson on April 18, 1874 in Salina, Kansas. In 1911, he made a trip back to Sweden. He died on August 27, 1932 in Kingsburg, California.

Folder Inventory

1. Biographical data in letters from Donor dated February 26, 1982, March 26, 1982 and April 8, 1982.
2. Travel Diary from Sweden. English typescript translation.