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Henry Granat (President, American Union of Swedish Singers) records, 1907–2002

I/O: 65

1.5 linear feet (4 boxes)

- Creator(s):** Henry Granat (1918–2012)
C. A. Appelgren
American Union of Swedish Singers
United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast
Colombia Male Chorus
Swedish Male Chorus
Portland Swedish Male Chorus
American Union of Swedish Singers Central Division
American Union of Swedish Singers Western Division
Swedish Male Chorus Ladies Auxiliary
- Language:** English (bulk) and Swedish; Music (bulk) in Swedish
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Custodial History/Provenance

Donated by Jody Jones, daughter of Henry Granat, via Don Ahlm in 2014.

Biographical Sketch

Henry Granat served as President of the American Union of Swedish Singers (A.U.S.S) from 1970-1974. He was born on February 2, 1918 in Portland, Oregon to John Rickard and Ellen Elizabeth (Lindblad), of

Lyrestad, Västergötland. Granat received a degree in Forestry from Oregon State University in 1944. In 1949, he married Louise Staats. Together they had 5 children.

Granat joined the Portland Swedish Male Chorus in 1945 and subsequently served as the group's treasurer, secretary and president. He served as president of the A.U.S.S. Western Division from 1965-1969.

Content/Description

This collection contains organizational notes, correspondence, convention programs, convention song books, scores of music, and photographs from various choruses who were members of the American Union of Swedish Singers.

Arrangement

Series I: Minutes, Reports and Organizational Records. Arranged chronologically by start date and divided by chorus. Contains bound volumes and loose papers documenting meeting minutes of various choruses from 1917– 1990.

Series II: Conventions, Tours, Singing festivals, and Concerts. Arranged chronologically. Contains bound programs and song albums as well as loose notes and miscellaneous paperwork on conventions.

Series III: Financial Records. Arranged first by chorus then chronologically. Contains bound ledgers and loose paper document financial records.

Series IV: Correspondence (Henry Granat, C.A. Appelgren, and Ladies Auxiliary). Arranged by recipient and then by creator. Contains loose documents including letters, envelopes, and paper correspondence.

Series V: Photographs. Unsorted. Contains one large [broken into five pieces] photograph of the United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, Singing Festival in San Francisco and Oakland, June 16–24, 1915 and unsorted photographs that were unlabeled and undated.

Series VI: Scores of Music. Unsorted. Contains sheet music and lyric sheets, both in Swedish (bulk) and in English.

Inventory list

Series I. Minutes, Reports and Organizational Records

Box 1

1. Meeting Minutes of the United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, 1919–1935, Special notes from 1917–1943; English
2. Registration Book for Various Choruses, 1930
3. Meeting Minutes of the Colombia Male Chorus, July 4, 1914–Feb. 9, 1925; Swedish and English
4. Meeting Minutes of the Colombia Male Chorus, May 6, 1925–May 4, 1931; Swedish
5. Meeting Minutes of the Swedish Male Chorus, 1935–1938; English
6. Meeting Minutes of the Swedish Male Chorus, Sep. 13, 1948–July 7, 1952; English
7. Meeting Minutes of the American Union of Swedish Singers Delegate Meeting, 1990; English

Series II. Conventions, Tours, Singing Festivals, and Concerts

Box 2

1. Scandinavian Airlines System Concert Program; English
2. The United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, Song Album, 1909, Convention in Seattle; Swedish
3. The United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, Song Album, Portland, 1920; Swedish
4. The United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, Song Album, Convention in Seattle, Washington, 1922; Swedish
5. American Union of Swedish Singers Festschrift (Program), 1924, Convention in Chicago, Illinois; Swedish
6. American Union of Swedish Singers, Song Album, 1946, Singing Festival in St. Paul, Minnesota; Swedish
7. Portland Swedish Male Chorus, Meeting Minutes and Programs, 1953, Portland, Oregon; English
8. American Union of Swedish Singers, Program for 1958 National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah; English
9. American Union of Swedish Singers Central Division, Festival Music (Song Album), 1960, Convention in Des Moines, Iowa; Swedish
10. American Union of Swedish Singers Western Division, letters, notes, ads, expenses, and Program for Biennial Convention 1963 in Portland, Oregon; English
11. American Union of Swedish Singers Western Division, Song Album, 1965, Convention in Seattle, Washington; Swedish
12. American Union of Swedish Singers Western Division, Program for Biennial Convention, 1965, in Seattle, Washington; English
13. American Union of Swedish Singers, advertisements, press releases, and newspaper clippings, 1963; English
14. American Union of Swedish Singers, Song Album, 1970, and invitation, Convention in San Francisco; Swedish
15. Svensk-Amerikanska Emigrant Körens Concert Tour Program, 1973; Swedish
16. Par Bricole Male Chorus Concert Tour Program, 1988; English
17. American Union of Swedish Singers, budgets, meeting minutes, and notes, 1990 Convention; English
18. American Union of Swedish Singers Western Division, Programs for 2002 Convention in Seattle, Washington; English

Series III. Financial Records

Box 3

1. Swedish Singing Club, Columbia Ledger, 1903–1906
2. Swedish Singing Club, Columbia Ledger, 1907–1911
3. Swedish Singers Club, Columbia Ledger, 1911–1932
4. Swedish Male Chorus Columbia, bills, receipts, and communications, 1917–1918, (C.A. Appelgren)
5. Swedish Male Chorus of Portland, Ledger, 1934–1947
6. Swedish Male Chorus of Portland, Ledger, 1948–1967
7. Swedish Male Chorus of Portland, bank statements and misc. billing information, 1963–1964

Series IV. Correspondence (Henry Granat, C.A. Appelgren, and Ladies Auxiliary)

Box 3

1. Letters to C.A. Appelgren 1907
2. Misc. Letters, 1908, 1929, 1964, 1967, 1989
3. Secretary's Book for the Swedish Male Chorus Ladies Auxiliary, 1966–1968; English
4. Ladies Auxiliary of the Swedish Male Chorus of Portland, Oregon, Letters and envelopes, 1964–1970; English
5. Letters to Mr. Henry Granat, 1971–1990

Series V. Photographs

Box 4

1. Photograph of the United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, Singing Festival in San Francisco and Oakland, June 16–24, 1915
2. Miscellaneous photographs

Series VI. Scores of Music

Box 4

1. Sheet Music and Lyric Sheets; Swedish and English

Publication Note

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