

Axel Lundeberg papers, 1810-1970

Size: 2 linear ft.

Acquisition: Originally collected by Axel Lundeberg. Donated to the Swenson Center in 1986 by Dr. Don H. Tolzmann. Additions made in 2012.

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Biographical Note

Swedish-American minister, Swedenborgian minister, theologian, writer, poet, journalist, botanist, gymnast, book collector, and political activist. Axel Lundeberg was born August 13, 1852 in Börje, Uppland, Sweden. He studied at the Universities in Leipzig and Uppsala between 1874-84, traveled widely in Europe thereafter. During his travels he contributed regularly with articles and reports to several Swedish newspapers, particularly on social and educational issues. Lundeberg immigrated to America in 1888 and eventually settled in Minneapolis. He founded the First Swedish Unitarian Church in America in Minneapolis 1889 and served as its minister until 1895. In 1896, he converted to Catholicism, a faith he held for the next four years. In 1910, Lundeberg was ordained into the Swedenborgian Church and shortly thereafter he founded a Swedenborgian Congregation in Minneapolis where he served as minister until 1919.

Lundeberg published pamphlets dealing with social, religious and reform issues, and his poems were published in the Swedish-American Press, particularly *Svenska Amerikanaren*. He served as editor for two short lived Swedish periodicals: *Gnistan* and *Nytt Liv*.

Axel Lundeberg married Mathilda Kamisrud in 1897. He died in 1940.

Content note

The collection includes extensive autobiographical writings, biographical material, unpublished literary manuscripts, personal diaries, correspondence, photographs, and printed matters relating to Lundeberg's interests in theology, literature, botany, politics, gymnastics, and journalism. See folder inventory below for further details.

Reference Note

A collection of Lundeberg's poems and scrapbooks containing articles on various subjects are available at the library of University of Uppsala in Sweden. His sermons were not all preserved, but a collection of them spanning over several years exists at the library of Swedenborg School of Religion in Newton, Massachusetts. A preliminary bibliography of the works of Axel Lundeberg was also published in Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly, vol. 24, 1973.

Folder Inventory

Boxes 1-3

1. Biographical accounts
2. Personal Memorabilia
3. Scrapbook, birthday 1937
4. Scrapbook, birthday 1940
5. Family Papers (bouppteckningar)
6. Correspondence from Sweden
7. Correspondence, general
8. Bibliography
9. Autobiography "Första delen i Europa"
10. Autobiography "En nutidsviking, infärder i Europa och Amerika"
11. Autobiographical Part I "In Europe"
12. Autobiographical Part II "In America"
13. Autobiographical Part II "In America"
14. Autobiographical Part II "In America." Typewritten.
15. Autobiographical writings, misc.
16. Autobiographical "Ten Years of My Life"
17. Writings: An appeal to Christendom on behalf of Paul of Tarsus. The founder of Christian Civilization and Culture.
18. Writings: Why does not Paul in his epistles refer to the life of Christ as told in the Gospels.
- 19 Writings: Swan J. Turnblad: From printers Devil and Typograph to Publisher, Newspaper King, Millionaire, and Philanthropist
20. Writings: The Perfection of analysis. A masterpiece of thinking. Compiled from E. Swedenborg's De Devino Amore et De Divina Sapientia.
21. Writings: A bit of Comparative Psychology
22. Writings: Misc. Essays
23. Writings: Report to the General Convention of the New Jerusalem
24. Poems
25. Misc. Publications
26. Translation: Descripto Insularum Aquilonis
27. Translation: Leaver from Aunt Ulla's Diary, By Lea.
28. Published Poems and other writings 1929, 1931, 1932 & 1934
29. Writings: Scrapbook 1936
30. Writings: Scrapbook 1938
- 31 Turnblad, Swan Johan
- 32 Swedenborgian Church misc. item
- 33 Photos misc.
- 34 Lundeberg's Library Collection

Box 4

Diaries 1893-1933

Box 5

Misc. Imprints

Box 6

(Addition in 2012)

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- 1: John Johnson Hemkomst från Amerika af Axel Lundeberg. Zenith Press, Chicago, IL 1907
- 2: Photographs of Axel Lundeberg
- 3: Photographs of Mathilda Komisrud Lundeberg and family
- 4: Photographs of Major Axel Lundeberg and of Axel Lundeberg's siblings
- 5: *Svenska Amerikanska Posten* newspaper. 26 Januari 1938. Article on Pastor Axel Lundeberg
- 6: Misc. family documents