

# Axel Erickson papers, 1962-1981

**Size:** .25 linear feet, 1 box

**Acquisition:** Donated to SSIRC 1981 from the estate of Axel F. Erickson

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

**Processed by:** Kristin Ryan in 1983

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## Provenance

The papers in this collection were found among the books from Erickson's estate, donated to the Swenson Center in 1981 by his daughter Mrs. C.W. Jackson of Los Angeles, CA.

## Biographical Sketch

Axel F. Erickson was born on March 23, 1886, in Närkes Täby (Täby, Närke Province) Sweden. He immigrated to the United States in 1903 at the age of sixteen and arrived in New York City without money or resources. In March of the same year he went to Chicago and met his first wife, Julia. His first job in Chicago was with the Pennsylvania Railroad Shop, where he was paid 15.4 cents an hour. Two years later he obtained work with Craig Imperial Cabinet Company, where he was paid 14 cents an hour as an apprentice. Four years later he moved to Aurora, Illinois, where he worked for Lyon Metal Products as an apprentice tool and die maker. He worked his way up to machinist and supervisor with the company before forming his own company, All Steel Equipment Company, with two partners. Erickson remained at All Steel until 1946, when he retired at the age of 60. Erickson then went into the real estate business, founding Erickson Realtors, which he ran for 15 years. Erickson was the last surviving charter member of the Board of Directors of the Wayside Cross-Rescue Mission. Erickson died in January 1981. He died at 94.

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## Folder Inventory

1. Memorabilia, 1978; 1981; n.d. Black and white photograph; business card; newspaper article on memories of Depression; photocopy of printed statistics on Swedish immigration to U.S., 1851-1923, with poem by Carl Snoilsky.
2. Correspondence, 1962-1965. Letters to Swedish publishing companies concerning Swedish-English dictionaries; letters to and from Harry Hammarberg, Stockholm, concerning Swedish history.

3. Writings 1962; n.d. Notes, handwritten and typewritten on the political divisions of Sweden; a psalm, "Under Hans Winge."
4. Printed matter, 1951; 1963; n.d. Devotional inserts to Swedish-language Bible, newspaper article by Amandus Johnson on New Sweden in the Delaware Valley.
5. Printed family history, 2 copies.