

## **Milton T. Anderson family letters, 1875-1926**

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

**Acquisition:** The collection was donated to SSIRC in August of 2003

**Access:** no restrictions

**Processed by:** Christina Johansson, August 2003

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### **Provenance**

The letters were given to Milton T. Anderson while visiting Sweden in the 1970s. They had been found on the front porch of an abandoned ancestral farm in Grönahögs parish in Älvsborgs län by Swedish relatives. The material was donated to the Swenson Center by Milton T. Anderson's widow, Agnes Anderson of Bettendorf, Iowa in August of 2003.

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### **Biographical note**

Milton T. Anderson, the grandson of Johan and Johanna Anderson emigrated from Sweden to Bennet Station in Lancaster County in Nebraska in 1873. The Anderson's were farmers in Lancaster County and in the early 1880s they moved to Swedesburg, Nebraska where they homesteaded. The family was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Swedesburg, Nebraska.

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### **Content note**

The letters earliest letters are written by Johan Anderson, grandfather of Milton T. Anderson, to parents and family in Sweden. The later letters from the 1900s are written by his children Andrew, Oscar and Emma. The letters are mostly about family matters, but also give vivid descriptions of the farm life in Nebraska and compares it to farming in Sweden. The letters are written in Swedish.