

Mary T. Swanson papers, 1970-2000

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Biographical Sketch

Mary Towley Swanson (1939-2004) earned her B.A., M.F.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. During her career she held numerous teaching positions at universities and colleges, including her tenure at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota (1984-2002). Swanson was recognized for her contributions to the undergraduate and graduate program in Art History at St. Thomas. Her scholarship focused on Swedish-American art and artists and she delivered conference papers and published numerous articles on this subject throughout her career. Swanson also curated and produced catalogs for exhibits in both Sweden and the United States.

Content note

The collections contain Swanson's professional papers and include biographical information on Swedish-American artists she collected while conducting research at various institutions in the United States and Sweden. The Swedish-American artist, John F. Carlson, is particularly well represented. There is also general information about Swedish-American art and drafts of Swanson's articles she submitted to professional journals. Included is also some professional correspondence relating to grants and other professional activities.

Series I - Biographical notes on Swedish-American artists

Boxes 1-3 contain biographical information and notes on Swedish American artists collected by Mary T. Swanson. The information is organized by the artist's last name. Please note that information collected on each artist ranges from few handwritten notes to lengthy articles.

Folder Inventory

Box 1, folders 1-

1. Ahlm, Gerda, 1869-1946
2. Ahlman, Gotthilf, 1888-
3. Albinson, Dewey, 1898-1971
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5. Aldrin, Anders, 1889-1970
6. Almini, Peter, 1825-1890
7. Anderson, Oscar, 1873-?
8. Berger, Frank Wilhelm, 1831-1916
9. Bergström, Charles, 1880-
10. Bernström, Adolf Viktor, 1845-1907
11. Bjäreby, Gunnar
12. Blanch, Lucille
13. Blombergson, Fredrik, 1826-1900
14. Blomberson, Lars Axel, 1841-1879
15. Borg, Carl Oscar
16. Carlson, Carl Emile, 1861-
17. Carlson, Charles Joseph, 1860-
18. Carlson, Frank, 1873-
19. Carlson, John Emmanuel, 1896-
20. Carlson, J.F., 1875-
21. Cesare, Oscar, 1883-1948
22. Dahlgren, Charles
23. Dalstrom, Gustaf, 1893-
24. Bengtz, Ture, 1907-
25. Duvström, Erik
26. Ericson, David B.
27. Edström, David, 1873-
28. Forsberg, E.A.
29. Franzen, August R., 1863-1938
30. Fredrikson, V.L.E., 1877-
31. Friis, Frederick, 1865-1909
32. Fromen, Agnes, 1868-
33. Gelhaar, Emil

Box 2

1. Fuhrman, Fredrick (just a note with his name, no dates or other information provided)
2. Grafström, Olaf Jonas, 1855-1933
3. Haag, Charles, 1867- (for further biographical information see his papers: MSS P:175)
4. Hall, Thomas, 1883-

5. Hallbeck, Carl Svante, 1826-1897
6. Hallberg, Charles, 1855-1940
7. Hallberg, Ben (photocopy of image only, no dates or other information)
8. Hammargren, Fritz
9. Hasselgren, Albinas (photocopy of image only, no dates or other information)
10. Heldner, Knute 1877-1952
11. Hessler, Gustavus, 1682-1755
12. Hesselius, John, 1772-1778
13. Higgins, Gus, 1863-1909
14. Palmblad, Signe
15. Hillbom, Henrik F., 1863-1948
16. Hofsten, Hugo von, 1865-1947
17. Jacobson, Oscar B., 1882-
18. Jansson, Alfred, 1863-1931
19. Johnston, Alfred W.
20. Johnson, Frans, 1829- (only place of birth is provided on this artist)
21. Johnson, Raymond, 1891-1982
22. Kaeselau, Charles, 1882-
23. Krans, Olof, 1838-1916
24. Lagergrantz, Ava (Hedvig Gustava)
25. Larson, Signe E., 1908-
26. Lindin, Carl, 1869-1942
27. Lindquist, Arthur, 1889-1975
28. Linus, Axel, 1885-
29. Lovtave, Carl, 1872-1924
30. Lundgren, Martin, 1871-
31. Lundahl, Frank, 1858-
32. Lundmark, Leon, 1875-
33. Lungren, Frank, 1859-1932
34. Malm, G.N., 1869-1928
35. Nelson, Carl, 1898-1988
36. Nilsson, Carl J, 1867-
37. Nordmark, Ollo, 1890-
38. Ongman, Lawrence
39. Nyholm, Arvid, 1866-1927
40. Olson, J. Olof, 1894-
41. Peterson, Erik Christopher (Henry), 1841-1918
42. Peterson, Mary C.
43. Pohl, Lydia D., 1881-1946
44. Remdahl, Fred
45. Reuterdahl, Henry, 1871-1925

Box 3

1. Ringius, Carl, 1879-1936
2. Roos, Peter, 1880-1919

3. Roos, Oscar (1877-1952) and family
 4. Rosenberg, Ralph
 5. Ryden, Henning, 1869-1938
 6. Sallander, Sigrid
 7. Sallman, Warner, 1892-
 8. Sandzen, Birger, 1871-1954
 9. Sandzen, Birger, 1871-1954 (part 2)
 10. Sederberg, Alfred, 1830-1877
 11. Sellstedt, Lars Gustaf, 1819-1911
 12. Södersten, Herman, 1862-
 13. Södervall, J.F.C., 1869-
 14. Staf, Axel Herman, 1869-
 15. Stopendaal, Wilhelm Johan Henrik, 1846-1906
 16. Shomberg, Carl E., 1871-
 17. Storm, Anna Alfrida, 1896-
 18. Svedin, Per Ersson, 1830-1911
 19. Sundin, Herr, 1852-
 20. Thulstorp, Thure, 1848-1913
 21. Torgerson, Axel W., 1833-1890
 22. Schneidau, Christian von, 1893-
 23. Saltza, Carl Fredrik von, 1858-
 24. Wikstrom, Bror Anders, 1854-1909
 25. Viker, Agda Strömbloom, 1883-
 26. Wallin, Carl E., 1879-
 27. Wedin, Elof, 1901-
 28. Westmuller, Adolph Ulrich, 1751-1811
 29. Westerlind, Axel (photocopy of image only, no dates or other information)
 30. Widfors, Gunnar, 1879-1934
 31. Zanton, Harry Vitalis, 1901-
 32. Zoir, Carl Emil, 1861-1936
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Series II - John F. Carlson research

This series contain information Swanson collected for her research on the Swedish American artist John F. Carlson.

Box 4

1. Project resources and correspondence
2. Correspondence relating to the research project
3. Biographical sketch of John F. Carlson
4. Essay on John F. Carlson copyrighted 2000, and several drafts from the 1990s.
5. John F. Carlson manuscripts and letters to various editors regarding possible publication of the mss (mid 1980s)

6. John F. Carlson manuscript draft and research notes (pages missing)
7. John F. Carlson manuscript draft and research notes

Box 5

John F. Carlson - biographical notes and family history material.

1. Articles about John F. Carlson
 2. Exhibitions relating to John F. Carlson.
 3. Reviews from shows - handwritten notes by Mary Swanson
 4. Listing of John F. Carlson's paintings
 5. Slides of John F. Carlson's paintings
 6. B&W photographs of John F. Carlson's paintings
 7. B&W photographs of John F. Carlson's paintings, part 2
 8. Photocopies of John F. Carlson's paintings from various museums in the US
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Series III - Swanson's manuscripts

Drafts of manuscripts written by Swanson throughout her career and as a student (some untitled), but organized by individuals last name or subject/s.

Box 6

1. Albinson, Dewey, 1898-1971
2. Carlson, John F., 1875-
3. Carlson, John F. mss entitled: *The Elusive Images of Home and John F. Carlson. The American Landscapes with a Swedish Accent.*
4. Carlson, John F. mss entitled: *John F. Carlson, Swedish American Painter* (Swedish American Historical Quarterly)
5. Colling, Fritiof, 1863-1944
6. Colling, Fritiof, 1863-1944 with many handwritten notes
7. Ethnicity in Finnish Textile Arts and Finnish Fiber & Ethnicity
8. *Femme Fatale: Sources for the Image of the Femme Fatale in the work of Edward Munch.*
9. Mattson, Henry
10. Nordfeldt, B.J.O: *The Immigrant Molds the Image: The Life of B.J.O Nordfeldt*
11. Nordfeldt, B.J.O (two untitled manuscripts)

Box 7

1. Sprinchorn, Carl
2. Tenggren, Gustaf
3. Quirt, Walter
4. Scandinavian American Art

5. Old articles-misc.
 6. Ideas for new projects/manuscripts
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Series IV - Swedish-American and Scandinavian art-General

This series contain general information on Scandinavian and Swedish-American art as well as artists. The information and research was compiled from trips to various archives in United States and Sweden.

Box 8

1. Swedish American artists-general
2. Swedish American art-resources, institutions, etc.
3. Swedish American art-reviews
4. Swedish American painting within the context of American cultural history, 1880-1920
5. Swedish American bibliography (art-handwritten notes)
6. Swedish American art illustrations from various Swedish American denominations
7. Copies of the Salmagundi Clubs (New York City) annual exhibition catalogs 1922, 1932, 1933, 1937, 1939, 1940
8. Copies of articles covering the Macbeth Gallery (New York City) and handwritten notes
9. Art exhibitions at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia.
10. Worcester Art Museum
11. Scandinavian American artists - exhibits, general
12. Scandinavian American artists - articles and research
13. Swedish American art patrons - articles
14. Swedish American art patrons - clippings, etc.

Box 9

1. Catalogue entitled: An Exhibition of Works by Swedish-American Artists, April 27 - May 11, 1913.
2. Swedish immigrant artists - biographies and outlines 19th century.
3. Swedish American Art in *Ungdomsvännan, Prärieblomman, Valkyrian* (name index)
4. American Painters of Swedish descent - Exhibits 1920-1930s
5. Swedish American Artists - Examples of sales
6. Richard Hillström's Swedish American art collection
7. Landscape painting in Northern Europe and North America, 1890-1940
8. Swedish Clubs, Illinois - hand written notes
9. Swedish American art - Chicago
10. Swedish American art - Chicago, part 2
11. Swedish American artists in Chicago
12. Swedish American artists in Chicago, part 2
13. Swedish American artists and collections in the Twin Cities
14. Painters at the American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota

15. Biographical notes on Swedish American artists in Minnesota
16. Catalog records of Swedish American art in Minnesota
17. Pictures from a New Home: Minnesota's Swedish-American artists
18. Swedish American art - Minnesota, draft of mss.

Box 10

1. Swedish American artists - listings of names compiled in 1988
 2. Altar paintings - research and correspondence
 3. Notes from research at the Swenson Center, Augustana College
 4. Research at *Riksföreningen Sverigekontakt*, 1996-1997
 5. Swedish American art - Smålands museum
 6. Swedish American artists - proposed project
 7. Various articles
 8. Various articles on American landscape paintings and painters
 9. Art bibliography
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Series VII - Professional papers

The information in this series pertains to grants and scholarships, trips and other professional activities Swanson participated in.

Box 1

1. Correspondence (1995-97) concerning the exhibit "Måleriet och fäderneslandet - om konst av svenska immigranter i USA."
 2. Professional correspondence, misc.
 3. Trips, tours etc.
 4. Nordfelt fellowship 1986
 5. Summer research assistance grant 1999
 6. Grant application (2000) entitled: "The impact of ethnicity on accultural and career success of Swedish immigrant artists"
 7. Minnesota Historical Society - Guest Curator 1995-1996
 8. Personal papers - resume
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Series VII - Photographs of art in Swanson's publications, etc.

This series contains copies of photographs and slides Swanson used in her publications.

Box 12

Assorted slides and photo duplications of Swedish-American art.

Box 13

Assorted slides and photographic duplications of Swedish-American art.