David Johansson (1907-1997) letters, (1922-1935)

Size: 1 Box

Access: The collection is open for research

Control Num.: MSS P:328

Provenance
Donated to the Swenson Center after being discarded from the Swedish American Museum in Swedesburg, Iowa.

Biographical Sketch

He served in the Swedish Army Infantry before emigrating to the United States on September 18, 1929. He sailed from Göteborg on a steam ship that took 7 days, stopped in Canada and then arrived in New York. He took a train from New York to Chicago and then out to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

He farmed in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, near Swedesburg, worked at I.A.A.P., Middletown and was a self-employed carpenter and painter in the Swedesburg area. He and Viola were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church where he served on the church board and cemetery committee. He and Viola had two adopted children, Marvin D. Johnson (b. 1940, Davenport, IA) and Doris Burns (b. 1945 Davenport, IA).

Content Note
The collection consists of 52 handwritten letters to David Johanson from various friends and family members from Sweden and the United States. Many of the letters also have their corresponding envelopes, though many stamps were removed prior to coming to the Swenson Center.

All letters are in Swedish.
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Folder 1
Letters 1-9; 1922 - 1924

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Letters 41-52; 1931-1935