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Niel Johnson family scrapbook

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.5 linear feet (1 oversized box)

Creator: Johnson, Niel M.

Language: English

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Subject Headings: Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.)--Alumni and alumnae
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Family histories
Västergötland (Sweden)

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Acquisition information

The collection was donated to the Swenson Center in 2012.

Biographical note

Niel M. Johnson graduated with a BA from Augustana College in 1953. He later received his MA in history from the University of Iowa in 1965, and a PhD in history from the University of Iowa in 1971.

Johnson has taught 8th grade; served as historian at the Rock Island Arsenal; taught history at Augustana College from 1967-1969; taught at Dana College in Nebraska from 1969-1974; and was a visiting assistant professor at University of Nebraska in Omaha from 1975-1977. In 1977, Niel became the archivist and oral historian at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. Since his retirement, Johnson has continued to be a Harry Truman re-enactor.

Niel is married to Verna Gail Applegate Johnson, who also attended Augustana College. They have two

children.

Content note

This collection consists of an original scrapbook of text and images of the Johnson and Nelson family. The scrapbook documents Niel and Verna Johnson's trips to Sweden to trace the Johnson lineage. It also includes an introduction by Niel Johnson and a family tree.

Box list

Box 1

One family scrapbook titled "Chapters I-III: 1997 Supplement to Johnsons and Nelsons: A Family History" compiled by Niel Johnson.

- Chapter I: Searching for Ancestors and Relatives in the Småland Province of Sweden, 1989-1996
 - Chapter II: The Johnsons in Västergötland: an Update
Appendix to Chapter II: Families of Karl Johansson and Alfred Johnson
 - Chapter III: The Johnson-Hanson connection (this chapter was rewritten and moved to 2001 supplement as Chapter VI)
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Related collections

Niel M. and Verna Gail Applegate Johnson Papers, Augustana College Special Collections, MSS 82