

# Oscar W. Anderson papers, 1893-1900

**Size:** .5 linear feet, 1 box

**Acquisition:** Donated by his niece Margaret Anderson, Lighthouse Point, Mayville, NY14757.

**Access:** The collection is open for research and a limited amount of copies can be requested via mail.

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## Biographical note

Oscar W. Anderson was born in Mörlunda parish, Kalmar län October 7, 1863. He immigrated to Jamestown, New York in November of 1881. In 1882, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota and began working as a typesetter for the newspapers *Skaffaren* and *Minnesota Stats Tidning*. During the summers of 1883 and 1884, he was the representative for the Minnesota Conference at the Emigrant Home in St. Paul. His duty was to give newly arrived Swedish emigrants help and advice. After a few years of health problems, he left the typesetter industry and moved east. After his health improved, Anderson moved to Jamestown, New York to assume a position as business manager for *Vårt Land* in 1892. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed editor for the same newspaper, but due to his strenuous duties his health declined again. On July 1, 1894, he resigned from his position as editor. He married Anna Wicken in 1888. Anna was born in 1863 in the parish of Sunne in Jämtlands län. She died in 1894 at the age of 31. Oscar W. Anderson died on January 8, 1900.

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## Content note

The material includes handwritten diaries, 1894-1899. The notations in the diaries reflect the daily life and work of Oscar Anderson and his family while they lived in Jamestown, New York. Included are also two handwritten volumes entitled "En Kärlekssaga. Blad ur min lefnad." These volumes are transcriptions of correspondence between Oscar and Anna before they married. There are also yearly reflections of their life together at the end of volume 2. Oscar transcribed the letters after his wife's death in 1894. The collection also includes clippings of his letters published in *Vårt Land* in 1898 and 1899.

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## Subject/s:

Swedes in New York (Jamestown)  
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Swedish Americans - Correspondence  
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## **Folder Inventory**

1. Biographical information.
2. Diary December 25, 1893- November 1894 (in Swedish)
3. Diary December 1894-October 1896.
4. Diary October 1896-May 1899.
5. Diary May 1898-August 1899.
6. En Kärlekssaga. Blad ur min lefnad no. 1. Oscar W. Anderson transcribed the correspondence exchanged between himself and his wife to be Anna Wicken 14 November, 1884 - 27 December 1886.
7. En Kärlekssaga. Blad ur min lefnad no. 2. Transcribed correspondence between Oscar W. Anderson and Anna Wicken 30 December 1886 - 16 July, 1888.
8. Clippings from Oscar W. Anderson's travel diary, published in *Vårt Land*, May 5 1898- December 21, 1899. Included are also obituaries of Oscar W. Anderson from the Swedish-American press and Anna Anderson (Wicken).
9. Acid free copies of content in above folder.