

# Oscar Vitalis Anderson papers, 1939-1946

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## Biographical note

Oscar Vitalis Anderson was born on February 3, 1903 in Brooklyn, New York to Gustaf and Augusta Anderson. Oscar received his B.A. from Upsala College in 1929, and B.D. from Augustana Seminary in 1932. He was ordained in Chicago June 18, 1933 and served the following Swedish Lutheran congregations: Barstow, Illinois 1933-1935; Calvary, Chicago 1935-1939; and La Grange, Illinois 1939-1954, and Bay Shore, Milwaukee 1954-63. Anderson was the president of the Central Conference 1954-63, served on the Executive Council of Churches of the Augustana Synod, the Committee of World Council of Churches, and the Augustana Hospital. Anderson married Lilly Flodden on Jun 20, 1933. They had two children. Oscar Anderson died on September 29, 1972.

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## Content note

The collection contains an unfinished monograph on Erland Carlson. The material are in forms of chapters and contains notes relating to the research, typescript copies of Eric Norelius and Erland Carlson correspondence, and typescript copies of letters to the American Home Missionary Society from Norwegian Lutheran pastors Paul Anderson and Ole Andrewson and Swedish Lutheran pastors Lars Paul Esbjörn and T.N. Hasselquist.

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## Subject/s

Anderson, Oscar Vitalis (1903-1972)  
Carlsson, Erland (1822-1893)  
Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church - History  
American Home Missionary Society

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# Folder Inventory

## Box 1

1. Chapter 1 - Erland Carlsson - Early Life in Sweden
2. Chapter 1 - Erland Carlsson - Notes
3. Chapter 2 - Friend and helper of Immigrants & Some Advice and Information for Immigrants to United States of America, by Erland Carlsson, trs. O,V. Anderson.
4. Chapter 2 - Erland Carlsson ms. copy
5. Anderson's notes from various sources on Swedish Immigration to the United States--Marcus Lee Hansen, George M. Stephenson, History of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod.
6. Transcribed and typed letters addressed to Erik Norelius from Erland Carlsson and J. Engberg (a few letters only) 1854-1862
7. Transcribed and typed copies of letters addressed to Erik Norelius, T.N. Hasselquist, Andreas Andren, 1856-1862.
8. Thesis Correspondence, 1939-1946
9. Articles and notes on Andover Church History, Andover Orphanage, Augustana Synod History, and Augustana Hospital.
10. History of Swedish Religious Organizations - notes, various sources
11. Periodical Clipping file - misc.
12. Notes based on Norwegian *American Lutheranism up to 1872*, by J. Magnus Reline Th. D.
13. Notes and history: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago; Carlsson as Missionary; Swedes in Chicago - general

## Box 2

14. Notes -- Erland Carlsson research
15. Research on Passavant W.A. 1821-1894, prophet, philanthropist, and pioneer.
16. Glimpses. Lutheran Home for Women, New York City. Newsletter written by Managerial Director Emmy Evald.
17. Bibliography.
18. Images of Swedish History. (Cut-outs from a History book?)
19. The American Home Missionary Society and Scandinavians Lutherans.
20. Transcribed and typed letters from Paul Anderson, 1884-1885, to the American Home Missionary Society.
21. Transcribed and typed letters from Paul Anderson, 1849-1859, to the American Home Missionary Society.
22. Transcribed and typed letters from Paul Anderson, 1859, to the American Home Missionary Society.
23. Transcribed and typed letters from Ole Andrewson, 1852-1860, to the American Home Missionary Society.
24. Transcribed and typed letters from Ole Andrewson, 1852-1860 to the Home Missionary Society.
25. Transcribed and typed letters from Lars Paul Esbjörn, 1850-1856, to the American Home Missionary Society.
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27. Transcribed and typed letters from Lars Paul Esbjörn, 1852-1856, to the American Home Missionary Society.
28. Transcribed and typed letters from T.N. Hasselquist, 1852-1855, to the American Home Missionary Society.