

O.A. Linder clipping collection, 1880-1930

Size: 13.5 linear feet, 30 boxes

Acquisition: The collection was donated to Augustana College in 1936.

Access: It is open for research and also available on microfilm.

Processed by: Dr. Ira Nothstein with the help of clerical assistants working for the WPA during the period 1937-1940.

Control Num.: SSIRC MSS P:7 (also on microfilm)

Biographical Sketch

Oliver Anderson Linder was born on March 29, 1862 in Gylle parish in Malmöhus län, Sweden to the farmer Anders Nilsson and Elna Mårtenson. Linder started to write articles and smaller notices for the local newspaper *Trelleborgs Allehanda* at the age of 15. Linder emigrated in 1879 and for the first few years, he supported himself as a farmhand and lumberjack. He also contributed regularly to the Swedish-American newspaper *Svenska Amerikanaren* in Chicago. In 1892, he was offered a position as the editor for *Svenska Amerikanaren* and in 1908 he was appointed editor-in chief. In addition, Linder wrote and published articles and poetry in other Swedish-American newspapers. His book titles include: *Glada grin. Vers och prosa av Olle Bark* (vol. 1-3), *John Morton . En av revolutionsperiodens svensk-amerikaner* (Year-book of the Swedish-American Historical Society 1907), I Västernorrland. *Stycken på vers och prosa* (Rock Island, 1904), Linder also wrote 400 articles about Swedish-Americans and their institutions for the 2nd edition of the Swedish encyclopedia *Nordisk Familjebok*. Linder married Therese Fredrika Sennström in 1891. She was born in Grisslehamn, Veddö parish in 1866. Therese contributed frequently to the Swedish-American press as well.

Scope and Content

The collection includes approximately 17, 000 clippings reflecting Linder's interest in the daily lives of the Swedish immigrants, specifically the Swedish American press; religion, especially the Augustana Synod and its churches and pastors; Social welfare issues; Education; The influence of Swedish in English and Swedish-American literature; Industry and business; Art and Artists.

Subject/s

American-Scandinavian Foundation
Art
Artists
Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.)
Baptists, Swedish
Biography
Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America
Evangelical Covenant Church of America
Education
Industries
Methodists, Swedish
Music
Swedish American Line
Swedish-American newspapers
Swedish-American literature
Swedish-American art
Swedes in the United States

Inventory Listing

An alphabetical index to each individual clipping is available on 3 x 5 index cards at the Swenson Center.

Call Numbers - Topics (the collection is arranged in the Dewey decimal system)

Items 071 A-Z Swedish American Press and Newspapers
Items 172.4 American Scandinavian Foundation
Items 209-283 Religious Education, and Sunday School
Items 284.1 A-Z Lutheran Churches and Institutions; Augustana Synod churches and Parsonages; Augustana College and Theological Seminary
Items 284.7 - 284.9 Swedish Mission Covenant Church and Institutions
Items 285 Presbyterian Church
Items 286 - 286.5 Baptist Church (Swedish)
Items 287 Methodist Church (Swedish)
Items 289 - 294 Other Christian Churches
Items 312 Population Statistics
Items 325 - 325.73 Immigration
Items 328.1 Legislation
Items 331.832 Unemployment
Items 360 - 369.2 Welfare and Social Institutions and Societies Orphanage, Hospitals, Deaconess Homes
Items 372 - 378 Education: Swedish Schools in America
Items 381 - 387 Domestic and Foreign Trade; Swedish American Line
Items 400 Language; Influence of Swedish on English

Items 581 Botany; Swedish Flowers
Items 613 - 656 Industries; Business
Items 708 - 759.8 Art And Artists
Items 780 - 784 Music; Swedish Singing Societies
Items 789.1 Reproductions of Paintings
Items 804 - 839.786 Swedish Literature
Items 906 - 917 Historical Societies; Discovery and Travel
Items 920 A - Nu Biography (Biographical and Autobiographical sketches of Swedish Americans with occasional portraits)
Items 920 Oa - Z Biography (Biographical and Autobiographical Sketches of Swedish American with occasional portraits)
Items 920.01 - 921B Biography (921 A - B)
Items 921 C - Z Collective Biography (biographical sketches of two or more people)
Items 927 - 979 History of Swedish Pioneers and Settlements