

# Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center

Philip Stoneberg papers, 1843-1916

MSS P:8

1 linear foot (2 boxes and 1 item in shared oversized box)

<b>Creator:</b>	Stoneberg, Philip, 1875-1919
<b>Language:</b>	English (bulk), Swedish
<b>Access:</b>	The collection is open for research. A limited amount of photocopies may be requested via mail.
<b>Subject headings:</b>	Bishop Hill (Ill.)--Buildings, structures, etc Bishop Hill (Ill.)--History Gävle (Sweden)--Emigrants Jansson, Erik, 1808-1850.
<b>Processed by:</b>	Library staff Finding aid updated by Lisa Huntsha, 2013
<b>Repository:</b>	Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center Augustana College 639 38 <sup>th</sup> Street Rock Island, IL 61201 309-794-7204 sag@augustana.edu

---

## Custodial History

The Stoneburg papers were transferred to the Swenson Center from the Special Collection at Augustana College Library in 1981. It is unknown how the papers came to Augustana College. Knox College and the archives in Bishop Hill have additional papers. Portion of the material held by SSIRC has been microfilmed and is also available at SSIRC (I/O Micro:1).

---

## Biographical Sketch

Philip John Stoneburg was born in Bishop Hill in 1875. He attended Knox Academy at Galesburg 1893-1895 and graduate with a A.B. degree from Knox in 1895. He was the principal for the Bishop Hill public school 1889-1904 and 1911-1912. He earned a M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1905 and one from Harvard in 1910. He also began a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago, but never finished.

Stoneburg received an honorary Masters Degree from Knox College in Galesburg in 1895. He was also engaged in historical research at the Wisconsin Historical Society for a period of time. Stoneburg became ill with appendicitis at age 44 and died in 1919. For biographical information please see (see Swedish Element in Illinois. 1917, p. 687)

---

## **Content**

The papers include letters, personal papers, literary manuscripts, and documentary material relating to the settlement and the colonists of Bishop Hill (Janssonists). This collection is also available on microfilm as a part of the 13-reel collection of Bishop Hill Colony and Post-colony Papers.

---

## **Arrangement**

The collection is organized into the following series:

- I. Brief biography
  - II. Correspondence, 1869-1910
  - III. Diary, Writings, Interviews, 1895-1916
  - IV. Railroad Case Records
  - V. Personal Memorabilia
  - VI. Newspaper clippings, time-table for Baltimore and Ohio Railway
  - VII. Songs
  - VIII. Manuscripts/Writings on Bishop Hill
  - IX. Xeroxes of letters
  - X. Copy of written defense by Jonas and Olof Olsson of the Janssonist beliefs before the Domkapitlet in Uppsala, dated December 11, 1844.
- 

## **Inventory list**

### **Box 1**

#### **Series I**

1. Brief biography and container list

#### **Series II**

2. Personal letters, 1869-1910
3. Letters, 1869-1909 (partially microfilmed)

#### **Series III**

4. Diary, 1895
5. Writings--short stories, historical writings, poetry, possibly from college days
6. Biographies of Olof Krans and Swan Swanson
7. Notes taken from personal interviews with: Olof Andersson; A. Barlow; Mrs. H. Lindwall; Hals Christine; Mrs. Katie Nelson; Mrs. Anna Nordstrom; Andrew O. Nordine; Mrs. A.O. Nordine; Mrs. Osblom; O. Pilstrand; and Mrs. O. Pilstrand, 1907-1916. [re: brewery, Bishop Hill buildings, trip to Bishop Hill, the timber mill, working women, etc.]
8. Notes on a dozen interviews with early residents of Bishop Hill, 1900-1908 [re: food, industry, cholera]

#### **Series IV**

9. American Central Railway Court Case and Bill of Complaint 1860 (Bishop Hill Colony Court Case)

#### **Series V**

10. Knox College graduate record for P.J. Stoneberg
11. Personal memorabilia, receipts etc.

#### **Series VI**

12. Newspaper clippings, time-table for Baltimore and Ohio Railway, 1877-1915

#### **Series VII**

13. Songs (single cover sheets from H.J. Wehman, Song Publisher, 50 Chatham St., N.Y.)

#### **Series VIII**

14. John Hallsen's writings, 1843-1895 (testimonies on the difficulties the Erik Jansson followers had in Sweden)
15. "The Bishop Hill Colony: A chapter in the history of Illinois" by Philip Stoneberg (in English)
16. Handwritten history in Swedish on Erik Jansson and Bishop Hill (no title) by Philip Stoneberg, 36 p., n.d.

#### **Box 2**

17. Handwritten manuscript in Swedish entitled: "Några drag i ur Bishop Hill Koloniens Industriella Lif." by Philip Stoneberg
18. "Infantry Drill Regulations – Manual of Arms – Adapted to the Springfield rifle – Caliber. 45" 1897
19. Book Cover

#### **Series IX**

This series contains copies of letters written and received by Stoneberg and his diary. It is not known where the originals are kept.

20. Photocopies of the following letters: Johan Enander to Stoneberg Aug. 25, 1905; Philip Stoneberg to his mother 1905-1906; Philip Stoneberg to Peter Wislander 1909-1917; Philip Stoneberg to Thomas McClelland Sept. 1914; John Bendix to Philip Stoneberg March 31, 1915; Knox College to Philip Stoneberg June 22, 1919. Articles Stoneberg wrote for the Galva News, the Geneseo Republic, and the Cambridge Chronicle. The originals are kept at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois.

21. Photocopies of correspondence with the Library of Congress and the Enberg-Holmberg Publishing Company

22. Photocopies of letters

23. Photocopy of a diary

24. Photocopies of writings

25. Photocopies of writings

26. Photocopies of notes

27. Photocopies of newspaper clippings by or about P.J. Stoneberg

28. Photocopies of writings by or about P.J. Stoneberg

## **Shared Oversized Box**

### **Series X**

Copy of written defense by Jonas and Olof Olsson of the Janssonist beliefs before the Domkapitlet in Uppsala, dated December 11, 1844

---

### **Publication Note**

When citing this collection, use the following credit line: Philip Stoneberg papers, 1843-1916 (MSS P:8), Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois