

Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Swenson Center?

The Swenson Center, on the campus of Augustana College, is a national archives and research institute providing resources for the study of Swedish immigration to North America, the communities the immigrants established, and the role the immigrants and their descendants have played in American life. This is achieved by promoting and initiating academic research in the field and by collecting and cataloging Swedish-American archival and library materials. Another major role for the Center is to assist people researching their Swedish-American family history.

Why would I use the Swenson Center?

Are you a student with a history project? Scandinavian Studies? Anthropology? Sociology? Business? Religion? Music? Geography? Any sort of research project where you would like a unique topic relevant to Augustana and local history? If so, you could benefit from using the Swenson Center.

The Swenson Center has extensive primary sources for academic research. We have books, periodicals, newspapers, manuscript collections, microfilms, and photographs.

We also have extensive resources for family history research including church records on microfilm, passenger indexes, and census materials, to name a few.

What does the Swenson Center collect?

The Swenson Center is particularly strong in these subjects:

- Background perspectives on Swedish and Scandinavian emigration;
- Histories of Swedish settlements in the U.S. and Canada;
- Histories and publications of Swedish-American organizations and institutions (such as Swedish Olive Lodge, American Union of Swedish Singers, Upsala College of East Orange, New Jersey);
- Swedish-American literature;
- Swedish travelers and visitors to the North American continent;
- Swedish-American biography and family history;
- Swedish-American religious life, including various church records and denominational histories;
- Swedish-American newspapers and press history (including the Augustana Book Concern);
- Swedish-American fine arts and music;
- Correspondence between Swedes and Swedish-Americans, or among Swedish-Americans;
- Scandinavian and Swedish-American culture;
- Viking presence in North America.

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Located in
Denkmann Hall at
Augustana College

What if I don't speak Swedish?

While many of our resources are in Swedish, we hold collections by many Swedish-Americans who also spoke and wrote in English. Additionally, some of our resources, like photographs and musical scores, could be valuable regardless of your language skills. Many of our books, especially more recent acquisitions, are in English.

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GUIDE TO RESEARCH

To Search for Books:

Start by searching ALiCat on the Augustana's library's page to see if we have any books or periodicals that would be useful for your research.

www.augustana.edu/library

As you locate and view individual records in the library catalog, you will find that our holdings are tagged with the name Swenson Center in the Location Field above the call number.

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Swedish settlements in Iowa and Western Illinois / [O.M. Nelson]

Main Author: Nelson, O. M.
Published: Galesburg, Ill. : Knox County Genealogical Society, 1992.
Topics: Swedes - Iowa. | Swedish Americans - Iowa. | Swedes - Illinois. | Swedish Americans - Illinois.
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While our library materials cannot be checked out, you may come in to the Swenson Center to use them.

Please note that while we share an online catalog with the Augustana library, we are located in Denkmann Hall.

To Search for Images:

Start by searching our online database to see if any images you need have already been digitized and made available online.

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This is an [iWeb™](#) Online Catalog.

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Peruse the finding aids to see if some archival collections may hold images you're interested in.

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You can also contact us and we'd be happy to help you find what you need.

To Search for Archival Collections:

Start by searching our online database as you would for images.

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If your search returns results, it will be listed as an "Archive Record." Read the description and decide if you'd like to come in to look at that collection.

You can also peruse the finding aids under the "archives" tab on the Swenson Center website to find more detailed description of our collections.

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There is no charge
for students to research!

I found something! Now what?

If your search turns up books or materials that you'd like to look at, just let us know when you would like to come in.

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Call: 309-794-7204

You can let us know which materials you need before you come in so we can set out these items before you arrive (saving you time). If you do so, please be sure to include the name of the book collection (Such as *Immigration*) listed as part of the call number.

(Example: Call number: PS3563.A3257 I5 2004,
Location: Swenson Center - *Immigration Collection*.)