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ABSTRACT:

The Raymond Hilding Sponberg (12 May 1914 - 17 July 2000) contains one spiral-bound manuscript titled "Raymond's Stories." These are the memoirs of Raymond Sponberg, put together by his daughter Miriam Sponberg Kagol after his death in 2004. The memoirs hold accounts of Sponberg attending Gustavus, working as football coach under George Myrum, and events surrounding the fatal bus crash that took the lives of Myrum and two others. The volume was printed by the Gustavus Printing Services.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Raymond Sponberg graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1937. He then worked at Gustavus as Director of Admissions and as the assistant football coach under George Myrum. He was also a member of the Executive Board of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod.

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ACQUISITION:

Florence Sponberg donated this collection during October 2004.

PROCESSED BY:

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