

**Gustavus Adolphus College Archives
St. Peter, Minnesota**

**Johnson, Marian Swanson. Collection of Marian Swanson Johnson,
1926-2006.**

GACA Collection 189

Johnson, Marian Swanson. Collection of Marian Swanson Johnson, 1926-2006. GACA Collection 189. 1 Hollinger box and 2 flat boxes.

ABSTRACT:

The Collection of Marian Swanson Johnson contains four scrapbooks, correspondence, class agent materials, and a few photographs. Each scrapbook represents one of the four years she spent at Gustavus Adolphus College from 1937 to 1941. These contain information mostly about school happenings. She was the *Gustavian Weekly* editor during her years at Gustavus, and the scrapbooks hold many of her articles along with other articles from the school paper. Johnson served as Class Agent for the Class of 1941 from 1963-69 and again from 1972-2005. Class agents were volunteers who acted as a liaison between their class and the College. Agents wrote class letters and promoted fundraising, and helped organize class reunions and other Gustavus events.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is divided into three series: Student Years, Class Agent Years, and Personal.

Student Years, 1937-1941 consists of four scrapbooks representing the four years spent at Gustavus. Also included is the 1938-39 yearbook and Swanson's diploma. The scrapbooks have spiral bindings and pages are beginning to break loose.

Class Agent Years, 1940-2006 encompasses correspondence, fundraising materials, awards, reunion materials, and some photographs from Johnson's time as the Class of 1941 Class Agent.

Personal, 1926-2002 holds correspondence to and from Marian Johnson, and also some belonging to her husband, Chester "Chet" Johnson. Some material about Johnson's work with the Lutheran Church Library Association is also included.

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COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

Marian Swanson Johnson donated part of this collection during June 1991.

Martin Johnson, son of Marian and Chet, donated part of this collection during May 2010.

PROCESSED BY:

Adrianna Darden processed this collection and developed the finding aid during February 2010. Additional materials were added in November 2012.

RELATED COLLECTION IN THE ARCHIVES:

Office of Institutional Advancement, Alumni Relations. Class Reunions, 1945-Ongoing. GACA Collection 307.

Office of Institutional Advancement, Alumni Relations. Class Letters, 1934-Ongoing. GACA Collection 78.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Johnson, Marian Swanson, 1920-2010.

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Office of Institutional Advancement, Alumni Relations.

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Alumni and alumnae.

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Students.

Gustavus Adolphus -- Class Reunions.

College students -- Social life and customs.

GACA Collection 189	Box	Folder
Student Years, 1937-1941		
Diploma, 1941	1	1
<i>Gustavian</i> Yearbook, 1938-39	2	1
Scrapbook, Freshman Year, 1937-38	2	--
Scrapbook, Sophomore Year, 1938-39	2	--
Scrapbook, Junior Year, 1939-40	3	--
Scrapbook, Senior Year, 1940-41	3	--
Scrapbook Loose Pages, undated	2	2
Scrapbook Loose Papers and Matchbooks, undated	2	3
Class Agent Years, 1956-2006		
40 th Anniversary Reunion, Speech Notes, 1981	1	2
50 th Anniversary Reunion, 1991	1	3
50 Year Club, 1998, 2001, and 2003	1	4
Class Agent Fundraising Materials, 1974, 1991-2006, and undated	1	5
Class Agent of the Year Awards, 1966 and 1991	1	6
Class Agents' Day Materials, 13 September 2003	1	7
Correspondence, Incoming, 1960s-80s	1	8
Correspondence, Incoming, 1990s	1	9
Correspondence, Incoming, 2000s	1	10
Correspondence, Incoming, undated	1	11
Correspondence, Outgoing, 1990, 1999, 2003, and undated	1	12
Correspondence Regarding Retirement, 2005-06	1	13
"How it Feels to be in the 60s – In the 80s" Survey of the Class of 1941, 1986	1	14
Photographs, Slides, and Negatives, 1910, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1966, 1976, 1984-86, 2000, 2005, and undated	1	15
Roll Call – Fifteen Years Later, 1956	1	16
Personal, 1926-2002		
Correspondence between Chester and Marian Johnson, 1943, 1946 and undated	1	17
Correspondence to Chester Johnson from his family, 1944, 1946, and undated	1	18
Correspondence between Marian and her family, 1926, 1932, 1937, 1951, and undated	1	19
Correspondence to and from Marian, 1940, 1944, and 1949	1	20
Lutheran Church Library Association, 1961, 1999, 2002, and undated	1	21