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St. Peter, Minnesota**

Tornado of 1998 Collection, 1998-Ongoing.

CAMC Collection 24

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ABSTRACT:

The Tornado of 1998 collection contains newspaper clippings and photographs pertaining to the tornado that struck St. Peter, Minnesota and Gustavus Adolphus College on 29 March 1998. Included is recorded footage from local news stations, artifacts from the clean-up, reports, videos and artifacts from the “Rebuilding a Greater Gustavus” campaign. There is also a small box of rocks, “tornado poop,” that were picked up and scattered by the tornado.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

Around 5:30 pm on 29 March 1998 an F3 tornado hit St. Peter, Minnesota and Gustavus Adolphus College. It destroyed 80 percent of the windows on campus and uprooted more than 2,000 mature trees. Total damages were estimated at \$50-52 million. The tornado struck during the first weekend of Spring Break, so the majority of students were gone. The campus remained closed for only three weeks before bringing students back to campus to finish the school year and make sure the seniors graduated on time. Johnson Hall had to be destroyed due to damage from the tornado; however, two new dormitories were built, Prairie View Hall and the Carlson International Center, which holds the Swedish House. The tornado also caused the destruction of six houses owned by the College: Brick, Holly, Pine, Sjostrom, Swedish, and Terrace Houses. 1998 also saw the beginning of construction on the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center, which was completed in 2000.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is grouped by like items, for example, photographs, video cassettes, and newspapers are grouped together respectively.

RESTRICTIONS:

There are no restrictions on use of this collection for research purposes. The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

COLLECTION CITATION:

Tornado of 1998 Collection, 1998-Ongoing. CAMC Collection 24. Gustavus Adolphus College Archives, St. Peter, Minnesota.

ACQUISITION:

Steve Griffin donated part of this collection during September 1998.
Chris Stromberg donated part of this collection.

PROCESSED BY:

Jeff A. Jenson processed part of this collection during January 2009.
Adrianna Darden processed part of this collection and developed the finding aid during October 2010.

DIGITAL CONTENT:

Portions of this collection have been digitized and are available online through our [digital collections](#).

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Tornadoes--Minnesota--St. Peter.

Natural disasters--Minnesota--St. Peter.

CAMC Collection 24	Box	Folder
Digital Images, 1998	Google	Drive
Photographs, by Glenn Kranking, 29-30 March 1998	1	1
Photographs, by Edi Thorstensson, 30 March 1998	1	2
Photographs, Aerial Views of Community, 30 March 1998	1	3
Photographs, March-September 1998	1	4
Photographs, by Melissa Johnson, Spring 1998	1	5
Photographs, by Kari Lipke, Spring 1998	1	6
Photographs, from Marian and Chester Johnson, 1998	1	7
Photographs by Dean Johnson, TKDA, 30 March-8 April 1998 (1 of 2)	1	28
Photographs by Dean Johnson, TKDA, 30 March-8 April 1998 (2 of 2) (includes negatives)	1	29
Tornado Damage, Street Level and Aerial Footage, 3 duplicate tapes, 1998 (VHS and DVD)	1	8
Tornado Damage, filmed by the family of Chris Stromberg '98, 30 March 1998 (VHS)	1	9
Press Conference and Chapel Service by Axel Steuer and Craig Johnson, 30 March 1998 (Audio Cassette)	1	10
Artifacts, Clean-Up Crew Badge, "Gusties Will Shine!" button, and Three Crown pin on black and gold ribbon, 1998	1	11
Campus Updates and Letters to the Community, 1998	1	25
Student Orientation and Information Packet, April 1998	1	26
Tornado Edition of <i>Faculty Notes</i> , Number 3, 1998/99	1	12
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Tornado Relief Benefit Concert, 25 September 1998 (VHS and DVD)	1	13
"Spring Twister" by the 4 Casters of WCCO-TV, 1998 (VHS)	1	14
Tornado Gift and Photographs from Swedish Friends, September 1998	1	15
Rebuilding and Remembrance Programs, 1998-99	1	16
"Twist of Fate: One Year Later - Stories not Ready for the First Book - Stories of Recovery and Reflection," Compiled by St. Peter Kiwanis, unpublished and spiral bound, March 1999	1	17
Newspaper Clippings, 30-31 March 1998	1	18
Newspaper Clippings, 1-6 April 1998	1	19
Newspaper Clippings, 7-12 April 1998	1	20
Newspaper Clippings, 13 April-December 1998	1	21
Newspaper Clippings, March 1999, March 2003, March 2008, March 2018	1	22
" <i>Rebuilding A Greater Gustavus: Updated Version</i> ," 1998 (DVD and VHS)	1	23
"Rebuilding a Greater Gustavus: Opportunities and Enhancements Due to the March 29, 1998 Tornado," by Edward Todd Woolfard and Mike Haeuser, Spring 1999 (Patricia Lindell Research Scholarship)	1	24

“The View From My Window” poem by Michael Jorgenson, undated	1	27
Miscellaneous Newspapers, April-May 1998, March 2008 <i>Le Seuer News-Herald</i> , 8 April 1998 <i>Nordstjernan</i> , 9 April 1998 <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , 22 April 1998 <i>American Libraries</i> , May 1998 <i>The Lutheran Messenger</i> , May 1998 <i>Metro Lutheran</i> , May 1998 <i>The Gustavian Weekly</i> , 14 March 2008	2	1
<i>Mankato Free Press</i> , March-May & October 1998, March 1999, May 2001 and March 2003	2	2
<i>Minneapolis Star Tribune</i> , March-April 1998	2	3
<i>St. Paul Pioneer Press</i> , March-April 1998	2	4
<i>St. Peter Herald</i> , March-April 1998 and March 1999	2	5
Artifacts, “Rebuilding A Greater Gustavus” banner, undated	2	--
Artifacts, “Rebuilding A Greater Gustavus” T-Shirt and Ribbon Pin, undated	2	--
Artifacts, Tornado Poop, undated	3	--