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**Peterson, Florence Mathilda Turner. Collection of Florence Turner
Peterson, 1865-1988.**

CAMC Collection 89

Peterson, Florence Mathilda Turner. Collection of Florence Turner Peterson, 1865-1988. CAMC Collection 89. 3 Record Center Cartons, 1 Hollinger box, 1 audio cassette box, and 1 flat box.

ABSTRACT:

The Florence Turner Peterson collection contains a variety of materials relating to her personal life and her family. Materials in this collection include correspondence, photo albums, financial records, audio cassettes, and memorabilia, many of which relate to daily life at Gustavus Adolphus College or in St. Peter, Minnesota. Florence Peterson was born 28 April 1900, and died 27 November 1988. Peterson was a member of the community of Gustavus Adolphus College for many years; she graduated in 1922, was a professor of English and History, and the College Archivist from 1956-1982. In addition, she was involved with international students, and provided housing for student boarders, many of whom corresponded with her following graduation.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is split into several series: Correspondence, Books and Diaries, Photo Albums, and Miscellaneous. Some materials in these collections are in foreign languages, as noted.

Correspondence consists of primarily personal correspondence from family, friends, and Gustavus students, dating from 1901-1988. Note that some letters may be written in foreign languages, including Swedish, German, Japanese, and Taiwanese. A minority of this series consists of business correspondence, outgoing correspondence, or correspondence between Peterson's family members. Materials are grouped by sender and further arranged chronologically.

Books and Diaries includes guest books, notebooks, scrapbooks, Bibles, and other bound materials. Some materials are in Swedish. Materials are arranged chronologically.

Photo Albums includes photo albums compiled by Peterson and her family members, and date from the late 1800's to 1983. Materials are arranged chronologically.

Miscellaneous contains a variety of other materials, including financial records, family records, wedding memorabilia and audio cassettes. Some materials are in Swedish. Materials are grouped by type and arranged chronologically.

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.

Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of the College Archives, the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, and Gustavus Adolphus College.

COLLECTION CITATION:

Peterson, Florence Mathilda Turner. Collection of Florence Turner Peterson, 1865-1988. CAMC Collection 88. Gustavus Adolphus College Archives, St. Peter, Minnesota.

ACQUISITION:

Joanne Mortensen Peterson donated part of this collection during 1995.

PROCESSED BY:

Amy Gratz, archives volunteer, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during November-December 2010.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:

Turner, John Peter. Correspondence and Certificates of John Peter Turner, 1855-1910. CAMC Collection 65.

Turner, Mathilda Lundeen. Mathilda Lundeen Turner Correspondence, 1869-1927. CAMC Collection 72.

Turner, August Elmer. Personal Papers of August Turner, 1892-1969. CAMC Collection 70.

Peterson, Lorinda Fidelia Turner. Diaries and Scrapbooks of Lorinda Turner Peterson, 1886-1973. CAMC Collection 88.

Turner, Winfield H. Outgoing Correspondence and Miscellaneous Memorial Clippings of Winfield H. Turner, 1901-1977. CAMC Collection 63.

Turner, Amelia Hildegard. Correspondence, Diaries, and Papers of Amelia Hildegard Turner, 1908-1936. CAMC Collection 68.

Peterson, Conrad A. Records of Conrad Peterson, 1853-1956. GACA Collection 226.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Peterson, Florence Mathilda Turner, 1900-1988.

Gustavus Adolphus College -- student correspondence.

Correspondence.

Photo albums.

Diaries.

Financial records.

Guest books.

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| Correspondence Series | | |
| Miscellaneous correspondence, 1901, 1908, 1910, 1914, 1918, 1927, 1970, 1976, 1979, 1983 and undated. | 1 | 1 |
| Correspondence from Turner, John P., Esther, Elmer, Paula, and Winfield, and John and Frieda, 1905, 1929, 1941, 1956, 1959, 1962, 1975, 1984 and undated. | 1 | 2 |
| Lakeside Bible Class and Prayer Partners correspondence, lessons, and program, 1910, 1927, 1930, 1950 and undated. | 4 | 1 |
| Outgoing Correspondence, 1911, 1922, 1930-31, 1939, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1972, 1977-78. | 4 | 2 |
| Correspondence from Emily Lundeen Skoog and August E. Turner, 1923, 1930, 1936, 1947, 1959, 1962-63, 1965 and 1970. | 4 | 3 |
| Correspondence from Harriet Wood, Edwin Vickner, and Juanita Sanchez, 1924, 1956, 1968-70. | 1 | 3 |
| Correspondence from Conrad Peterson, 1939, 1942-43, 1945. | 1 | 4 |
| Correspondence from Gustavus Adolphus College Students, 1939, 1950, 1957-58, 1960-61, 1964, 1966, 1969, 1974 and undated. | 1 | 5 |
| Incoming Correspondence from friends, 1941-42, 1950, 1953-64, 1966, 1968-69, 1973, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1983 and undated. | 1 | 6 |
| Correspondence regarding property in Itasca, 1946. | 1 | 7 |
| Correspondence from foreign students, 1948, 1951, 1969, 1972, 1974-75, 1987 and undated. | 1 | 8 |
| Correspondence from Sweden, 1948, 1960, 1975-7, 983-84, 1988 and undated. | 4 | 4 |
| Correspondence from friends, 1955, 1957, 1960, 1962-64, 1970, 1973, 1976, 1978, 1984 and undated. | 4 | 5 |
| Correspondence from student boarders, 1956, 1960-65, 1967-69, 1984 and undated. | 4 | 6 |
| Correspondence from Albert and Martha Swanson, 1957, 1970-71 and undated. | 1 | 9 |
| Correspondence from Alfhild and Carl Maedle, 1957-1980. | 1 | 10 |
| Correspondence from student boarders, 1957-58, 1960, 1962-69, 1978, 1981 and undated. | 1 | 11 |
| Correspondence from Don Ellert Olson, 1957-58, 1960-62, 1965 and undated. | 1 | 12 |
| Correspondence from Dave Ehline, 1958-64, 1967, 1969-70 and undated. | 1 | 13 |
| Correspondence from Luther Granquist, Al Henderson, and Dick Hultberg, 1959-68, 1970 and undated. | 1 | 14 |
| Correspondence from Carl and Mim Manfred, Alfhild and Carl Maedl, Peter Manfred, and Harold and Joanne Peterson, 1959, 1968, 1973, 1976-77, 1979 and undated. | 4 | 7 |
| Correspondence from Charlotte Lindeman, 1960-65, 1968-70, 1974, 1979-80, 1983-84 and undated. | 1 | 15 |

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| Correspondence from foreign students: Ruth Shekalage Lema, Moline Wingwila Masangya, and Berta Macha, 1961-65, 1967-68, 1970-72 and undated. | 4 | 8 |
| Correspondence from Cosmopolitan Club and India for Christ, 1962-63, 1965. | 1 | 16 |
| Correspondence from Carl and Mim Manfred, 1962-1985 and undated. | 1 | 17 |
| Correspondence from Harold and Joanne Peterson, Drew Peterson, Rick Peterson, and Mimi Peterson Lewell, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1975, 1977-84 and undated. | 1 | 18 |
| Correspondence from Pam Maedl, 1969-1982 and undated. | 1 | 19 |
| Correspondence from Valborg Worrell and Rose Marie Worrell Gurley, 1972, 1974-76, 1978, 1980-81, 1983-84 and undated. | 1 | 20 |
| Correspondence from William Mortensen and Mary Lackey, 1973, 1975-76, 1983. | 1 | 21 |
| Correspondence from Carol Manfred Sack, 1973-84 and undated. | 1 | 22 |
| Correspondence from Peter, Mark, and David Manfred, 1977-84 and undated. | 1 | 23 |
| Correspondence from Alfhild and Carl Maedl, 1981-84 and undated. | 1 | 24 |
| Miscellaneous Series | | |
| Turner Family Deeds, 1874 and 1882-84. | 6 | 1 |
| “The News,” War Ration Book, American Red Cross pin and certification, college memorabilia, “Florence Peterson, Volunteer Archivist,” and history of Women’s Literary Club of St. Peter, 1895, 1942-43, 1959, 1966 and undated. | 1 | 28 |
| Portrait of Florence Turner, c. 1900. | 6 | 2 |
| Turner Family Deeds, 1904, 1909-11, 1913, 1915, 1921, 1923, 1932 and 1936. | 1 | 44 |
| Corn growing contest forms, article about 4-H clubs, 1913 and undated. | 4 | 9 |
| Bills and Receipts, 1915, 1932-34, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1975 and undated. | 1 | 46 |
| Turner Farm – Payment for State Rural Highway 54, name of farm, deed of sale, 1917-17, 1939. | 1 | 45 |
| Savings Books, Check Registers, and Rent Receipts, 1918-20, 1922, 1924-63, 1966-74, 1980-81. | 1 | 25 |
| Teaching Licenses and contracts, 1922-24 and undated. | 1 | 47 |
| Memorial Service Programs, 1924, 1933, 1960-61, 1965. | 1 | 29 |
| Tax Bills, 1929-30, 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1974-75. | 1 | 26 |
| “Lower Oshawa: A Brief History” – book, author proof, and author signing guestbook, 1930 and 1982. | 4 | 10 |
| Wedding cards, gift tags, notes, poem, and correspondence, 1939 and undated. | 4 | 11 |
| Civil Service Employment Contracts, 1943-45. | 1 | 30 |

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| Games, Valentines, calling cards, identification cards, memorial donations list, inventory of belongings destroyed in fire, 1943, 1947, 1975, 1983 and undated. | 1 | 31 |
| Trust of Conrad Peterson, 1961. | 1 | 27 |
| Tape: Side 1: Marriage Ceremony – Pamela & Vincent Gutowski, 21 July 1971 Side 2: Drew & Susy’s Wedding, 1 August 1971 | 5 | 1 |
| Tape: Side 1: 1 st tape from Carol Manfred to Manfreds, 1972 Side 2: Short message from Mark | 5 | 2 |
| Tape: From Carol Manfred, December 1972 | 5 | 3 |
| Tape: Carol Hinderlie – Revelation, September 1974 | 5 | 4 |
| Birthday Cards, 1981-82 and undated. | 1 | 32 |
| Faculty Women’s Club notes and games, undated. | 1 | 33 |
| Tape: Hinderlie – 4 Loves, undated | 5 | 5 |
| Tape: Side 1: Birthday Party, undated Side 2: Music, undated | 5 | 6 |
| Books and Diaries Series | | |
| Diaries, 1929, 1938, 1956, 1977. | 1 | 37 |
| Diary, 1974. | 1 | 38 |
| Guest Book, 1953-64. | 1 | 39 |
| Guest Book, 1960-63. | 1 | 40 |
| Guest Book, 1963-72. | 1 | 41 |
| Guest Book, 1965-75. | 1 | 42 |
| Guest Book, 1967-72. | 1 | 43 |
| Guest Book, 1973-80. | 2 | 1 |
| Guest Book, 1976-88. | 2 | 2 |
| High School Yearbook, 1918. | 2 | 5 |
| Notebooks and Anniversary book, 1912 and undated. | 1 | 34 |
| Notebooks, undated. | 1 | 35 |
| Notebooks, undated. | 1 | 36 |
| Scrapbook, “The Lakeside Community Pageant,” 1930. | 2 | 6 |
| Swedish Family Bible, 1865. | 2 | 3 |
| Personal Bible, with notes, 1916. | 2 | 4 |
| Photo Album Series | | |
| Photo Album, c. 1914-23. | 2 | 7 |
| Photo Album, c. 1914-26. | 2 | 8 |
| Photo Album, “Trip West, 1915.” | 2 | 9 |
| Photo Album of Amelia Turner, 1916-1920. | 2 | 10 |
| Photo Albums, c. 1918 and undated. | 2 | 11 |
| Photo Album, “Northern Pictures,” c. 1920. | 4 | 12 |
| Photo Album, “Family of Mrs. J.P. Turner (Florence Turner Peterson)’s Parents & Siblings,” c. 1921-26. | 4 | 13 |
| Photo Album, “Our Trip East,” 1930-31. | 2 | 12 |
| Photo Album, c. 1947 | 2 | 13 |
| Photo Album Pages c. 1956. | 3 | 1 |

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| Photo Album, 1958-64. | 6 | -- |
| “Our Trip” Photo Album, Lorinda and Ed Peterson (?) photo album, and Family Photo Album, 1960 and undated. | 3 | 2 |
| Gustavus Photo Album, c. 1962-64. | 6 | -- |
| Photo Album, “Our Trip to Sweden and Denmark in 1970.” | 6 | -- |
| Photo Album, c. 1972-78. | 6 | -- |
| Photo Album from Jim, Carol, & Jonathan Sack, 1983. | 6 | -- |
| Photo Album – Lakeside Bibles, undated. | 3 | 3 |
| Photo Album – “Scenes Near and Around Floodwood,” undated | 3 | 4 |
| Photo Album, undated. | 3 | 5 |
| Photo Album, undated. | 3 | 6 |
| Photo Album, undated. | 3 | 7 |