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**Nelson Holmberg Family. Collection of John Nelson, Agnes  
Holmberg and Other Relatives, 1860-1958.**

**CAMC Collection 146**

**Nelson Holmberg Family. Collection of John Nelson, Agnes Holmberg and Other Relatives, 1860-1958. CAMC Collection 146. 11 folders and 2 oversize folders.**

**ABSTRACT:**

The Nelson, Holmberg, and other relatives collection consists of financial notebooks, receipts, contracts, calling cards, sewing guides and sample work, a current events scrapbook, and wedding invitations belonging to John Nelson, Victor E. Holmberg, Hannah Nelson, Irene Holmberg, and Agnes Holmberg. Nelson's daughter Hannah Nelson married Victor E. Holmberg, their child, Agnes Holmberg, graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1914. She then taught in several Minnesota high schools.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

John Nelson was born in Sweden under the name of Johan Nilsson. He immigrated to the United States in 1872 with his wife Johanna and their three children. They settled in Minnesota, and he changed his name to John Nelson. His daughter, Hannah Nelson, married Victor E. Holmberg. Agnes and Irene Holmberg were the children of Victor Holmberg and Hannah Nelson.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection is divided into two series: Nelson and Holmberg.

**Nelson Family, 1860-1911:** This series is comprised of John Nelson's notebooks and financial records and Hannah Nelson's calling cards. Also included are John Nelson's passenger contract and the travel schedule for the Inman-Linien passenger shipping company.

**Holmberg Family, 1889-1958:** This series includes Agnes Holmberg's sewing course materials and work samples, Victor Holmberg's general store work contract, Agnes and Irene's diplomas from Gustavus Adolphus College, Irene Holmberg's current events scrapbook, and wedding invitations for marriages of Victor Holmberg to Hannah Nelson and Theodor A. Holmberg to Anna Lorinda Johnson.

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

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**ACQUISITION:**

Doniver and Gene Lund donated part of this collection in January 1987 and June 1988.

Ellery Peterson donated part of this collection in February 1987.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Benjamin Przybilla, student worker, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during October 2014.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Holmberg, Agnes, 1890-1986.

Nelson, John.

Holmberg, Victor E., 1864-1955.

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Alumni and alumnae.

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Faculty.

| <b>CAMC Collection 146</b>  | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| <b>Nelson, 1860-1911</b>  |            |               |
| John Nelson, Financial Notebooks, 1860-1873, 1873-1890                  | 1          | 1             |
| John Nelson, Financial Notebooks, 1879-1888, 1882-1893, 1903            | 1          | 2             |
| John Nelson, Passenger Contract, 1872                                   | 1          | 3             |
| John Nelson, Purchase and Tax Receipts, 1907-1911                       | 1          | 4             |
| Hannah Nelson, Calling Cards, Undated                                   | 1          | 5             |
| Inman-Linien, Travel Schedule, 1872                                     | 1          | 6             |
| <b>Holmberg, 1889-1912</b>  |            |               |
| Holmberg-Nelson and Holmberg-Johnson Wedding Invitations, 1889 and 1894 | 1          | 7             |
| Victor E. Holmberg, Work Contract, 1891                                 | 1          | 8             |
| Irene Holmberg, Gustavus Adolphus College diploma, Liberal Arts, 1918   | Map case   | --            |
| Irene E. Holmberg, Current Events Scrapbook, 1924-1958                  | 1          | 9             |
| Agnes Holmberg, Sewing Course Guide No. 1, 1912                         | 1          | 10            |
| Agnes Holmberg, Sewing Course Guide No. 2, 1912                         | 1          | 11            |
| Agnes Holmberg, Sample Sewing Work, 1912                                | Map Case   | --            |
| Agnes Holmberg, Gustavus Adolphus College diploma, liberal Arts, 1914   | Map case   | --            |