

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

**Johnson, Ruth Nelson. Ruth Johnson Scrapbook Collection, 1940-
1976.**

CAMC Collection 152

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ABSTRACT:

The Ruth Nelson Johnson Scrapbook collection contains nine scrapbooks spanning from 1940 to 1976. Scrapbooks one through eight contain a wide variety of newspaper clippings regarding numerous subjects. Common themes include news regarding Gustavus Adolphus College, Lutheran church activities throughout the country, but mostly in Minnesota, the obituaries of different people, and local news for the St. Peter and Mankato area. Scrapbook nine contains personal birthday, holiday, greeting cards, and photographs.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Ruth Nelson was born 26 November 1900 in Escanaba, Michigan. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1920. Nelson went on to teach Latin, Math, Bible Study, and Church History and served as director of women's athletics at Gustavus. She married Hobart Johnson on 2 September 1926 at the Clear Lake Lutheran Church in Gibbon, Minnesota. The couple were missionaries in Tanganyika in February 1928. After her husband's 1957 death, she moved to St. Peter where she lived until her death during 1992. Beginning in 1961 she became a long-time volunteer archivist at the Gustavus Adolphus College and Lutheran Church Archives.

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PROCESSED BY:

Sarah Cooper, student volunteer, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during January 2015.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:

Johnson, Ruth Nelson and Hobart Johnson. Correspondence, Hymn Books, and Miscellaneous Materials of Ruth and Hobart Johnson, 1931-1984. LCA Collection 15.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Johnson, Ruth Nelson, 1900-1992.
Gustavus Adolphus College-Alumni.
Gustavus Adolphus College-Faculty-Administration.
Gustavus Adolphus College-Organizations.
Church Activities and Organizations.

| CAMC Collection 152 | Box | Folder |
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| Scrapbook No. 1: 1952-54 Themes: Gustavus Adolphus College Obituaries Church Activities Local News | 1 | -- |
| Scrapbook No. 2: 1949-50 Themes: Gustavus Adolphus College Gustavus Queens Music and Theater Gustavus Sports | 2 | -- |
| Scrapbook No. 3: 1942-50 Themes: Gustavus Faculty World Events Graduation Programs Music Programs Ladies Glee Club | 2 | -- |
| Scrapbook No. 4: 1948 Themes: Church Activities Augustana Synod | 2 | -- |
| Scrapbook No. 5: 1949-54 Themes: Mankato News Insert: Prominent People in Mankato Anderson, J.E. Crawford, C.L. Deters, Florence Guttman, Mrs. Hermann Imm, Val Slettem, Cora Taylor, Brett, Jr. and father | 1 | -- |
| Scrapbook No. 6: 1947-50 Themes: Mankato News Obituaries Local News | 2 | -- |
| Scrapbook No. 7: 1947-54 Themes: Obituaries Missionaries in Africa Gustavus Adolphus College Churches | 1 | -- |

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| Scrapbook No. 8: 1954-58 Themes: World News Obituaries Pastors Weddings Music at Gustavus | 1 | -- |
| Scrapbook No. 9: 1972-76 Themes: Personal Cards Photos | 1 | 1 |