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**Sponberg, Raymond Hilding. Collection of Ray Sponberg, 1931-
2004.**

GACA Collection 208

Sponberg, Raymond Hilding. Collection of Ray Sponberg, 1931-2004. GACA Collection 208. 1 Hollinger box and 1 flat box.

ABSTRACT:

The Raymond Hilding Sponberg collection contains scrapbooks and photo albums, most likely from his time as a student at Gustavus Adolphus College. Subjects in the photographs include other students, Gustavus faculty, scenes of campus, and some images of family. Also included are cassette tapes of interview between Sponberg and Chet Johnson from the late 1990s and one spiral-bound manuscript titled "Raymond's Stories." These are the memoirs of Sponberg, put together by his daughter Miriam Sponberg Kagol after his death in 2004. The memoirs hold accounts of Sponberg attending Gustavus, working as football coach under George Myrum, and events surrounding the fatal bus crash that took the lives of Myrum and two others.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Raymond Sponberg graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1937. He worked as Gustavus Director of Admissions during his senior year and after graduation served as Director of Publicity and as the assistant football coach under George Myrum. In 1938 he served as acting athletic director for one year. Sponberg left Gustavus in 1940. He was also a member of the Executive Board of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod.

Sponberg and his wife Florence were awarded the Greater Gustavus Award in 1981 for service to and support of the college. The Sponbergs gave the first gift toward the establishment of the MAYDAY Peace Conference, earmarked funds for the new Lund Center, contributed to the Gustavus Library Associates, the College endowment, the Linnaeus Arboretum, the Peace Studies program, the chapel endowment, the Nobel Hall renovation, the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregation scholarship, several scholarship funds, and they endowed the Sponberg Chair in Ethics.

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COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

Florence Sponberg donated part of this collection during October 2004.

Miriam Sponberg Kagol donated part of this collection during June 2016.

PROCESSED BY:

Adrianna Darden processed this collection and developed the finding aid during February 2010.

Adrianna Darden processed additional materials and updated the finding aid during June 2016.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Sponberg, Raymond Hilding, 12 May 1914-17 July 2000.

Gustavus Adolphus College.

Memoirs -- Minnesota.

GACA Collection 208	Box	Folder
Oral History Interview with Chet Johnson, Home and Student Years at Gustavus, 14 August 1996 [audio cassette]	1	1
Oral History Interview with Chet Johnson, Reminiscences largely regarding George and Florence Myrum, 20 August 1996 [audio cassette]	1	1
Oral History Interview with Chet Johnson, Employment at Gustavus, Admissions, Coaching, 3 November 1997 [audio cassette]	1	1
Oral History Interview with Chet Johnson, Gustavus, Origin of Admissions Program, 6 July 1999 [audio cassette]	1	1
Oral History Interview with Chet Johnson, War Years, 27 September 1999 [audio cassette]	1	1
Oral History Interview with Chet Johnson, Ray, Anna C., Sjostrand, Benson, 1938-40, 22 October 1999 [audio cassette]	1	1
Photo Album, 1930s-40s	1	2
Photo Album, 1934-39	1	3
Photographs, undated	1	4
"Raymond's Stories," 2004	1	5
Scrapbook, 1930s (green cover with G sticker)	2	--
Scrapbook, 1930s (red cover)	2	--
Scrapbook, 1930s (brown cover)	2	--
Scrapbook, c. 1936 (green cover)	2	--
Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings, 1931-36	1	6