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**Larson, Carl A. Sermons, Speeches, and Papers of Rev. Carl A.
Larson, 1891-1925.**

LCA Collection 26

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ABSTRACT:

The Rev. Carl Larson collection contains typed copies of sermons and speeches which were given by Larson from 1896-1918. Also included are miscellaneous materials including biographical information, a book written by Larson, correspondence, records, and an article in Swedish. Larson, a Swedish immigrant, was an Augustana Evangelical Synod pastor who was ordained in 1903.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Carl Larson was born in Östergötland, Sweden on 29 April 1868, and came to America in 1891. That same year, he enrolled in Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. He became an ordained minister of the Augustana Evangelical Synod in 1903, and served as a pastor for twenty-three years in Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Canada. While working in Kansas Lake, Minnesota in 1918, Larson and his wife were arrested for their opinions of World War I. Larson often spoke in favor of peace during a period when Americans were expected to support the war effort. His wife was released immediately, and Larson was released after paying a \$100 fine. After the incident, Larson's family experienced discrimination from their community including their car painted yellow during a church service, and the Ku Klux Klan burning a cross in front of their home. To escape further persecution, Larson moved his family to Canada, where he began to develop his own farm. Larson moved back to the United States in 1925 to serve as a pastor in Underwood, North Dakota. Struggling with bouts of influenza and pneumonia, he died six months after their arrival in Underwood after an operation.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Sermons and Speeches series contains sermons and speeches written by Carl A. Larson from 1896-1918. The Miscellaneous section includes biographical information, a book, correspondence, records, and an article.

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Signe Larson Chell donated this collection during May 1986.

PROCESSED BY:

Lacie Micek, student worker, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during November 2011.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Larson, Carl August, 1868-1925.

Lutheran Church--Clergy.

Pacifists--United States--History.

Lutheran Church--Sermons.

Ku Klux Klan (1915-).

Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church--Clergy.

Intimidation--Minnesota (State)--Watonwan County.

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Sermons and Speeches, 1896-1918		
"Happenings in World History," 1896	1	1
"Life's Mystery," 1896	1	2
"Canada," 1896	1	3
"The Teutorian Family," 1900	1	4
Memorial Service of Dr. C.A. Swenson, 1904	1	5
Pastoral Conference Meeting, Lund, Texas, 1904	1	6
"Cooperation in the Church Work," 1907	1	7
"Talk to Catechumen's in Clarkfield," 1910	1	8
"A Trip to Northern Minnesota," 1910	1	9
Cornerstone Laying, Benton Church, South Dakota, 1914	1	10
"MN Stats-Tidning," 1917	1	11
Talk at Mission Meeting, Dunnell, Minnesota, 1918	1	12
Miscellaneous, 1892-1977		
Account of death of Gradfather Larson by Thedor Larson, 1892	1	13
Biographical Information, 1926-27, 1985	1	14
Correspondence to Rev. Larson, deed to farm, 1911	1	15
Correspondence from Carl August Larson to C.J. Bergtson, 1919	1	16
Emigrant Contract, 1891	1	17
<i>Greater Love: A Story of Pioneer Ministry</i> , 1977	1	18
Resolutions, wat debts and indemnities, 1925	1	19
Swedish Lutheran Lion's Assembly, Winnipeg, Mon, undated	1	20