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The Almen and Related Families Collection, 1894-1991.

CAMC Collection 105

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ABSTRACT:

The Almen and Related Families collection contains materials related to the Almen, Towley, Vickner, and Sandin families. The collection includes land deeds, newspaper clippings, writings, and other memorabilia. L.G. Almen worked for Gustavus Adolphus College as a solicitor during the First Endowment Fund Drive and personally contributed the first \$1,000. G.H. Towley donated the second \$1,000 and taught in the Commerce Department. The Vickners donated the funds for the Almen-Vickner Guest House, the Edwin J. Vickner Hall of Language Arts, and the Almen-Vickner Foundation.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

L.G. Almen was a pastor who also worked as a solicitor for the First Endowment Fund Drive at Gustavus Adolphus College. He personally gave the first \$1,000. His son-in-law G.H. Towley gave the second \$1,000. Towley was also head of the Commerce Department and Treasurer of the College from 1898-1911. Edwin Vickner taught German and Swedish at Gustavus Adolphus College from 1903-1912. He and his wife Bertha donated many gifts to the college, including the Almen-Vickner Guest House, the Edwin J. Vickner Hall of Language Arts, the Pioneer Room in the first Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library which housed a 5,000 book collection, and funds for the Almen-Vickner Foundation. Many members of this extended family graduated from Gustavus Adolphus Academy and Gustavus Adolphus College.

FAMILY TREE:

- Lars (Louis) Gustaf Almen (1846-1912) m. Elizabeth Christine Johnson (1854-1935)
 - Louise Victoria Almen (1879-1959) m. Gabriel Heiberg Towley (1868-1932)
 - Carl Winfred Kahrs Towley (1907-1959) m. Violet Mattson (1906-1989)
 - Catherine Elizabeth Almen Towley (1910-1986)
 - Caroline Louise Almen Towley (1915-1996) m. Howard Victor Sandin (1916-1975)
 - Gustaf Theodore Almen (1881-1946) m. Martha Margaret Curtis (1899-1975)
 - Martha Louise Almen (1918-)
 - Bertha Althea Almen (1883-1970) m. Edwin J. Vickner (1878-1958)
 - Ansgar Lorenzo Almen (1887-1963) m. Isabelle Marie Casey (1893-1964)
 - Mary Elaine Almen (1916-2009)
 - Wilhelmina "Minnie" Elizabeth Almen (1889-1954)
 - Edith Marie Sophia Almen (1893-1970)
 - Alphonse Peter Constantine Almen (1895-1976)

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is divided into five sections: The Almen Family, the Towley Family, the Vickner Family, the Sandin Family, and Miscellaneous.

RESTRICTIONS:

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COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

Louis and Ardis Almen donated this collection during July 2003.

PROCESSED BY:

Adrianna Darden processed this collection and developed the finding aid during March 2011.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Almen, Lars Gustaf, 1846-1912.
Almen, Elizabeth Christine Johnson, 1854-1935.
Almen, Gustaf Theodore, 1881-1946.
Almen, Martha Margaret Curtis, 1899-1975.
Almen, Ansgar Lorenzo, 1887-1970.
Almen, Isabelle Marie Casey, 1893-1964.
Almen, Wilhelmina Elizabeth, 1889-1954.
Almen, Edith Marie Sophia, 1893-1970.
Almen, Alphonse Peter Constantine, 1895-1976.
Barthelemy, Mary Elaine Almen, 1916-2009.
Chapman, Catherine Elizabeth Almen Towley, 1910-1986.
Peterson, Martha Louise Almen, 1918-.
Towley, Louis Victoria Almen, 1879-1959.
Towley, Gabriel Heiberg, 1868-1932.
Towley, Carl Winfred Kahrs, 1907-1959.
Towley, Violet Mattson, 1906-1989.
Sandin, Caroline Louise Almen Towley, 1915-1996.
Sandin, Howard Victor, 1916-1975.
Vickner, Bertha Althea Almen, 1883-1970.
Vickner, Edwin J., 1878-1958.
Gustavus Adolphus College--Students--Yearbooks.
Gustavus Adolphus College. Almen-Vickner Guest House.
Gustavus Adolphus College. Edwin J. Vickner Hall of Language Arts.

CAMC Collection 105	Box	Folder
Almen Family, 1894-1976		
L.G. and Elizabeth Almen, Land in Murray County, MN, Abstract of Title, 1889, 1903, 1913, 1918 and 1928; Deeds, 1894, 1896, 1897, 1899, and 1902	1	1
L.G. and Elizabeth Almen, Miscellaneous, 1903 and undated	1	2
L.G. and Elizabeth Almen, Agreement for Prospecting, 1909; Contracts of Deeds for land in Itasca County, MN, 1910 and 1912; Farm Lease, 1913	1	3
L.G. Almen, Manuscript from Seminary, undated; Subscription Account Book, 1909-10	1	4
Elizabeth Almen, Real Estate Taxes for Itasca County, MN, 1921; Real Estate Taxes for Township of Skandia, Murray County, MN, 1932-34	1	5
Elizabeth Almen, Treasured Memories book and Telegrams and Letters of Condolence, 1935	1	6
A.L. Almen, Newspaper Clippings, 1939	1	7
Wilhelmina "Minnie" Almen, Report Card, 1909-10; Commencement Program, 1911; Correspondence, 1912	1	8
Edith Almen, Correspondence, undated	1	9
Alphonse Almen, <i>College Breezes</i> , January 1918	1	10
Martha Almen, Newspaper Clippings, 1939-40 and 1976	1	11
Mary Elaine Almen, Historical Tableau Program and Commencement Program, 1937	1	12
Towley Family, 1908-39		
G.H. and Victoria Towley, Report of Receipts and Disbursements to Gustavus Adolphus College and the Minnesota Conference, 1908-09; Photograph of the State Hospital in St. Peter, undated; Newspaper Clipping, 1932	1	13
Carl Towley, Newspaper Clippings, 1939	1	14
Catherine Towley, Yearbook, 1930-31	1	15
Vickner Family, 1909-91		
Edwin and Bertha Vickner, Correspondence, 1906, 1909, 1952, 1960, and undated	1	16
Edwin and Bertha Vickner, Correspondence Regarding Property in Balaton, Minnesota, 1958	2	5
Edwin and Bertha Vickner, Almen-Vickner Guest House Brochure, undated; Vickner Hall Rededication Brochure, 1991; Folke Bernadotte Memorial Foundation Brochure, undated; Newspaper Clipping, 1939	1	17
Edwin and Bertha Vickner, Obituaries and Funeral Service Programs, 1958 and 1970	1	18
Edwin and Bertha Vickner, Photographs, undated	1	19
Edwin Vickner, Citizenship Certificate, 1900	Map Case	--

Edwin Vickner, Life Annuity Contract, 1948	2	6
Edwin Vickner, "The Tragedy of Love" by Gunnar Heiberg, undated and "Part of a Preliminary Manuscript of a Norwegian Grammar," undated	2	1
Bertha Vickner, Certified Copy of Birth Register, 1936	2	7
Bertha Vickner, "In Memory of Her Wedding" book, 1911	Map Case	--
Bertha Vickner, Refund Annuity Certificate, 1943	Map Case	--
Bertha Vickner, Stock Certificate, 20 February 1920	2	2
Sandin Family, 1937-96		
Howard and Caroline Sandin, Newspaper Clippings, 1937-39 and 1996	2	3
Class Photo, Panoramic, 1938	Map Case	--
Miscellaneous, 1990s		
Family Trees, 1990s	2	4