

Debra Johnson collection on New Sweden (Me.)

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Shelf List Number: UM-77, AA-77, UA-77, AJ-77, UP-77 (although the archival gold are not labeled with AJ, they are located in that section of the collection room.)

Collection Overview

Creator

Mabel H. Olander Hemberg
Debra Johnson
Teckla Hjulstrom Peterson

Dates

1974

Provenance

Submitted for a course with Roger Paradis at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Summer 1974. Brought to the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes by Prof. Paradis in March 1991.

Language

English

Conservation Notes

The cassette tapes were converted to archival CDs.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: No restrictions

Physical: No restrictions

Technical: Cassette or CD player will be required to access some materials.

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Collection Description

Biographical Information

Mabel H. Olander Hemberg was born February 21, 1898, the daughter of Otis and Elizabeth Olander. She married Lawrence E. Hemberg (born May 2, 1895; died July 7, 1981) on February 2, 1919 and was a resident of New Sweden, Maine. Hemberg died on December 3, 1987.

Teckla Hjulstrom Peterson was born March 30, 1894 in Woodland, Aroostook County, Maine, the daughter of Erik August and Annie Nelson Hjulstrom. She married Conrad Peterson (born January 23, 1883; died August 9, 1948) on April 9, 1917. Peterson died on May 21, 1987.

Debra Johnson was born February 6, 1953, the daughter of Hampy Leo and Elba Victoria Osell Johnson

Historical Information

The Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church was established as the First Swedish Lutheran Church in New Sweden in August 1871 under the leadership of Pastor Andrew Wiren. Initially, sixty-one men, fifty-one women, and one hundred and nine children comprised the congregation. A Sunday School program was inaugurated on December 4, 1875, with instruction given in Swedish. In January 1886, a Swedish school was established next to the church to further Swedish instruction. In 1877, the present-day church was built; the original church building now houses the Swedish Historical Museum. The church was dedicated July 23, 1880. In July 1896, the name of the church was changed to Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church. The church was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

Upon the founding of the New Sweden colony in 1870, a public building called the "Capitolium" was built to serve as the immigrant reception center, school, supply store, church, and town hall. A new town hall was built in 1926, at which time the original Capitolium became the New Sweden Historical Museum. In June 1971, the Museum was destroyed in a fire; all of its artifacts and its front doors were saved by the New Sweden citizens. The building was rebuilt in 1974.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of research materials pertaining to various aspects of the history of New Sweden, Maine. Included are 5 audio recordings of oral history interviews with Mabel Hemberg and Teckla Peterson of New Sweden, Maine; tape recorded descriptions of the Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church and of the New Sweden Historical Museum; tape recorded remedies and recipes. Also included are 126 pages of original or photocopied research manuscripts, including epitaphs, proverbs, games and poetry in Swedish and English; measured drawings of the Erickson homestead; a "toponomy" of New Sweden; and a booklet celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the Gustaf Adolph Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Sweden. All materials were submitted for a course at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Summer 1974.

Arrangement

This collection was broken down into three series: Manuscript materials, compact discs, and photographs.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Please refer to the Paradis Folklore Project boxes for this collection. The archival gold discs are located in the collection room where CDs are located in the AJ section. The white label discs are in the media section of the stacks.

Subject Headings

Hemberg, Mabel Olander. 1898-1987 (person)

Peterson, Teckla Hjulstrom, 1894-1987 (person)

Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church (New Sweden, Me.) (Organization)

New Sweden Historical Museum (New Sweden, Me.) (Organization)

Johnson family (family)

Related Materials

Paradis Folklore Project

Collection Inventory

Series I: Manuscript materials

Series II: Compact discs

White label compact discs

A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 J6 [1974] pt.1

A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 J6 [1974] pt.2

A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 J6 [1974] pt.2A

A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 J6 [1974] pt.2B

A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 J6 [1974] pt.3

Acadian A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 J6 [1974] pt.4

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Series III: Photographs

60 print photographs and 24 negatives.