

Inventory of the

Hilmer Borggren
Rockford, Illinois

Collection

In the

Regional History Center

RC 12

INTRODUCTION

Randy Sisson donated the Hilmer Borggren Collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on August 8, 1981.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: 1.5
Number of container: 2 boxes
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Hilmer Borggren Collection contains a variety of materials collected by Borggren between 1932 and 1977. Borggren's role in the Scandinavian Fraternity of America, the VASA Order of America, along with his experiences during World War II are revealed through the scrapbooks, the correspondence, programs, convention materials, songbooks, and photographs. Since Rockford comprises a large Scandinavian population, these records partially reveal the important social function of American Scandinavian organizations in northern Illinois.

Researchers interested in the Swedish population of Rockford also may wish to consult several other collections held by the Regional History Center: Fred C. Soderboom Papers (RC 33); International Organization of Good Templars Records (RC 66); and Rockford First Lutheran Church Records (RC 83). Collections dealing with World War II include the Westclox, Inc. Records (RC 116); W.F. and John Barnes Company Records (RC 123); and the Rockford Council of Social Agencies Records (RC 125).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Born on February 3, 1905, Hilmer Borggren worked as a machinist at the National Lock Company in Rockford, Illinois. Prior to that, Borggren had been an auto mechanic at a service station and a baker in the army during World War II. He remained with the National Lock Company until his retirement in 1967. During his adult life, Borggren was active in American Scandinavian organizations such as the Scandinavian Fraternity of America and the Vasa Order of America. He died in 1979 never having married.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Borggren, Hilmer
 Immigrants, Societies
 Immigrants, Swedish
 National Lock Company
 Rockford
 Rockford, Swedish Americans
 Swedish Americans
 World War II

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Personal Memorabilia, 1932-1974
	2-3	World War II Correspondence and Memorabilia, 1941-1945
	4	National Lock Company, Scrapbook, 1945-1974
	5	Station WROK, Scandinavian Hour, 1933-1964 Scandinavian Fraternity of America:
	6	History (In Swedish), 1869-1917
	7	Constitution, 1953
	8-9	Convention Proceedings, 1974, 1977
	10-13	Scrapbooks, 1937-1977 VASA Order of American:
	14	Historical Review, 1944-1968
	2	1-2
3		<u>Kulturavet</u> , Newsletter, (1958-1969)
4		Songbooks, (1932-1970)
5		Scandinavian Publications, (1905-1951)