Preface by Ruth Billdt and Elizabeth Jaderborg………………………………………………………………………………………..3

Foreword by Alfred Bergin, Lindsborg, Kansas, New Year’s Day, 1919……………………………………………………..5

**Part One** – **After Fifty Years**

(The Olden Days) by Dr. Alfred Bergin…………………...………………………………..……………………………………………...7

Historical Data by Alfred Bergin…………………………………………………………………………………………………….……… 11

Origin of Bethany Congregation and its First Two Pastors

by Eric Norelius, President of the Augustana Synod…………………………………………………………………………… 14

Dr. Olsson About Lindsborg and Our Synod……………………………………………………………………………………………16

Dr. Carl Swensson About Kansas…………………………………………………………………………………………………………...16

Dr. Olof Olsson as a person and Pastor by Anna Berg…………………………………………………………………………….17

Memories from the Olsson Period by Francis Johnson…………………………………………………………………………. 20

The Pioneer Period in Salemsborg and Fremont by Carl J. Stromquist……………………………………………………23

After page 24, 2 pages of photographs: PLATE 1, PLATE 2

J. P. Stromquist Story………………………………………………………………………………………………..…………………………..26

After page 28, 2 pages PLATE 3, PLATE 4

Salemsborg by Pastor Gustaf Erikson……………………………………………………………….…………………………………...29

Our Pastors by Prof Birger Sandzén……………………………………………………………………………………………………….36

After page 36, 2 pages of photographs: PLATE 5, PLATE 6

Carl Swensson……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….39

Dr. Alfred Bergin……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………40

After page 40, 2 pages of photographs: PLATE 7, PLATE 8

Messiah Congregation by Dr. Ernst F. Pihlblad……………………………………………………………………………………….41

Alfred Bergin by Pastor Erland Anderson……………………………………………………………………………………………….42

After page 44, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 9, PLATE 10, PLATE 11, PLATE 12

Short Biographical Notes by Dr. Alfred Bergin (over 230 persons) ……..…………………………………...……………46

History of the Congregation ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………...….47

1909 ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….…....47

1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917,1918 ………………………………………………………………….…..…48

1919…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..….49

Mission Consciousness ………………….………………………………………………………………………………………………….....49

Lindsborg’s Other Churches ………………………………………………………………………………………………….………….…..50

Community Life …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….50

The Old Pietism …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………....51

After page 52, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 13, PLATE 14, PLATE 15, PLATE 16 (MAP:The Swedish Settlements in Central KS)

Morality…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………53

Prosperity and Comfort………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… 53

Wanderlust……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………54

Politics……………..…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...55

Our Relationship to Sweden…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. 55

Our Soldiers by Adel Bergin, A.B., B.M., M. M. , Custodian of our Service Flag……………………………….……..56

Bethany Church……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………57

Messiah Lutheran………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..57

Mission Covenant…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………........57

Methodist Church………………………………………………..……………………………………………………………………………...57

Baptist Church…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..…57

S.A.T.C. Boys from our community……………………………………………………………………………………………………….57

Others from Here…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………57

World War I…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..58

Our Deacons by Francis Johnson……………………………………………………………………………………………………………58

Our Trustees by Pheneas Peterson, V.S………………………………………………………………………………………………… 59

Our Youth by Anna Albertina Carlson…………………………………………………………………………………………………….60

Our Schools……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………62

Swedish Influence in Lindsborg by Professor G. A. Peterson (“Swede Pete”)………………………………………...64

Reflections Concerning Bethany College and Lindsborg by Dr. Ernst F. Pihlblad…………………………………….67

Something About Lindsborg’s Art Life by Prof. Birger Sandzén……………………………………………………….……..70

The Department of Art…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..70

Bethany’s Art Exhibits…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….……..71

Art Collections……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….72

Art and Music in Lindsborg by Prof. Hagbard Brase……………………………………………………………………………….73

Publications and Newspapers by Arthur Skytte……………………………………………………………………………………..75

Lindsburg Localist, Lindsborg Posten, Lindsborg News-Record, The Lindsborg News, Lindsborg Record

Bethany Messenger, Bethany Bulletin, Kansas Missions Tidning……………………………………………………………75

Lindsborg Business Life by former Mayor C.F. Rosine…………………………………………………………………………….76

Climate and Health Conditions by Prof. Emil O. Deere…………………………………………………………………………..79

Memories of My Sojourn in Lindsborg by Dr. J. A. Udden……………………………………………………………………...80

Memories from Lindsborg by Frank Nelson……………………………………………………………………………………………85

Memories from My Sojourn in Lindsborg and Kansas by Dr. Emil Lund…………………………………….………….. 86

Kansas………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. 86

Smoky Hill Valley, McPherson and Salina Districts…………….……………………………………………………………………88

Marquette……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..89

Lindsborg……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….90

Our Spiritual Life by C. F. Carlbert………………………………………………………………………………………………………….93

The Christian Training of Our Children by Miss Lillie Swenson, A.B………………………………………………………..94

Our Prayer Meetings by Francis Johnson……………………………………………………………………………………………… 95

The Congregation in Fremont, Kansas by Pastor J. P. Aurelius, M.T.D……………………………………………………96

Kansas Conference History by Dr. Alfred Bergin…………………………………………………………………………………..101

The Smoky River Valley poem by Clarence W. Thorwald……………………………………………………………………..106

Our Charitable Institutions by Pastor Erland Anderson………………………………………………………………………..107

Our Children’s Home……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………107

The Swedish Hospital…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..107

Mission Cottage and Old People’s Home in Denver, Colorado……………………………………………………………..108

Old People’s Home………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………108

Mariadahl District by Pastor Wm. Eldien……………………………………………………………………………………………..109

Salina District by Dr. J.E. Liljedahl…………………………………………………………………………………………………………113

Salemsborg………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….113

Salina……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….....113

Assaria…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………113

Enterprise and Smolan…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………113

Marquette……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………113

Marion Hill……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….....113

Falun……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………114Western Kansas……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………114

McPherson District by Dr. G. A. Dorf……………………………………………………………………………………………………114

Free Mount………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….115

Bethany, Lindsborg…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. 115

New Gottland………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………115

Garfield……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….115New Andover……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….115

McPherson……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….………….115

Hebron Burdick………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..….115

Bethel, Galva……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….115

Messiah, Lindsborg………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………116

Oklahoma City……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..116

Kansas City District by Pastor Victor Spong………………………………………………………………………………………….116

Our Lutheran Church in Texas by Pres. Theodore Seashore…………………………………………………………………118

Mission Activity…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...119

School Activity……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. 121

Luther League…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. 122

Women’s Organizations……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….122

Colorado District by Dr. G. A. Brandelle…………………………..…………………………………………………………………..122

Church – Mindedness within the Kansas Conference by Dr. E. P. Olsson……………………………………………..124

The Relationship of the Augustana Lutheran Church to the Other Lutheran Churches in this Country

by Dr. G. A. Brandelle……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………....128

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The following persons are especially acknowledged for pictures contributed to **Part Two** of this volume: Hugo Shogren, Abner Lundquist, Carl Frantz, Sr., Mildred Billing Johnson, and Bethany College for collections removed from Old Main by the Smoky Valley Historical Association. Acknowledgement is also made for the use of the Dr. Emil Deere collections and for various other private collections too numerous to mention………………………………………………………………………………………132

**Part Two – From the Files**

**……………………………………...**………………………………………………………………………………………………………………....133

The Smoky Hill poem by Sam Boston, Marquette (Langley), Kansas…………………………………………………...133

The First Europeans in Kansas: Coronado and the Spanish Conquistadores by Kermit Moline……………134

Lindsborg and Coronaod Heights by G. N. Malm………………………………………………………………………………...137

(Outline of)Historical Pageant…1924…for the Honored Guests, The Pioneers,…by G.N.Malm…………….140

History of the West Kentuck Area, … the Ananias Ebaugh Dugout by B. Ebaugh, D. Larson & R. Frost...141

In Search of Hope by Daniel Swenson, Lindsborg , Kansas March 15, 1968………………………………………….145

Luxury Abandoned………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………145 Reward for Valor…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………146

From Swedish Elegance to American Rattlesnakes………………………………………………………………………………146

Peasant in Search of Hope…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..147

From Swedish Poverty to American Affluence……………………………………………………………………………………..148

The Start of a New Generation…………………………………………………………………………………………………………….148

After page 148, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 17, PLATE 18, PLATE 19, PLATE 20

Stones of Rock and Ice…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………149

The Timberland Aristocrat………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. 149

Olive, Again………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….150

Success in Minnesota…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..150

Grandpa Shot A Bear……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………150

A Dream’s End……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..151

An Afterword……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….151

The Life of Immigrants in McPherson County in Direct Connection with Family Ancestors

by Tim Glendenning, Lindsborg, Kansas, March 20, 1968………………………………………………………………...152

The Lamer Family, Published by the Salina Advertiser, 1935……………………………………………………………….153

After page 154, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 21, PLATE 22, PLATE 23, PLATE 24

Bjorndyke – Lindsborg’s Gold Mine by Jim Abercrombie…………………………………………………………………....155

Notes by Eric Sundgren……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….155

Life History by Mrs. Carolina (John) Nelson, August 18, 1934—90 years, 2 months…………………………….157

Mrs. Train’s Story (Lindsborg News-Record Clipping – undated) Our Pioneers – Mrs. Christina Train….159

Francis Johnson…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. 160

After page 160, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 25, PLATE 26, PLATE 27, PLATE 28

Axel Billing, Pioneer, Builder and Contractor of Lindsborg by Roy Brady, LNW, 1959…………………..………161

John Eric Welin, by Emil O. Deere………………………………………………………………………………………………………..163

R. A. Thompson, from Swedish newspaper, *Mongontidninggen*, Saturday, 13, Nov., 1937

Translated by Ruth BIlldt, 1968………………………………………………………………………………………………………….164

Sweadal and Major Holmberg by Ernst Skarstedt, translated by Ruth Billdt

From Svensk Amerikanska Folket Bjorch och Borjesson, Stockholm, 1917, pp 362-364….…………………..165

Nicolaus (Nils) Ӓkesson (Major L. N. Holmberg)…………………………………………………………………………………..166

After page 166, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 29, PLATE 30, PLATE 31, PLATE 32

Sweadal by Selma Lind………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..167

Letter to Dr. Alfred Bergin, from Louise Anderson Swanstrom, (Mrs. Ed)…………………………………………….168

Lindsborg Vignettes from City School Scrapbook for Prince Wilhelm (1927),

Claus Fredrick Norstrom………………………………………………………………………………………………………………......168

Experiences of Pioneers………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………169

A True Story of the Pioneers………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..169

The Dugout………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… 170

Bolagshuset…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………170

After page 170, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 33, PLATE 34, PLATE 35, PLATE 36

A Cheese Party………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….…171

A Singing School…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..171

A Past Industry…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….172

Laura poem by Axel Lundgren, translated by Clarence W. Thorwald……………………………………………………172

The Invention and Development of the Dial Telephone: The Contribution of Three Lindsborg Inventors by Emory Lindquist (Permission from the Kansas Historical Quarterly, Spring 1957…………….……..…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..173

The Machinist by Clarence W. Thorwald……………………………………………………………………………………………..176

A Pre-World War 1 (U.S. Involvement) Reflections from Sweden………………………………………………………..177

The Swedish Pavilion by Selma Lind…………………………………………………………………………………………………….179

Sweden’s House in St. Louis “Sveriges hus i St. Louis” From Prairieblomman

by Anders Schon p. 115……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………180

The Dust Bowl Days by C. R. Peterson………………………………………………………………………………………………… 181

Svensk Hyllningsfest (From Dr. Holwerda’s Scrapbook…Lindsborg, Kansas………………………………………… 182

After page 182, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 37, PLATE 38, PLATE 39, PLATE 40

Homespun Fun in Swedish Christmas, *Lindsborg News-Record*

(Republished by permission of the *Kansas Farmer*…………………………………………………………………………….184

After page 186, 4 pages PLATE 41, PLATE 42, PLATE 43, PLATE 44

Reminiscences of Early Pioneer Days by John Englund (from an unidentified newspaper story).…………187

My First Visit to Salemsborg by Gustaf Erikson……………………………………………………………………………………194

The Cross of the Pioneers by Carl G. Lindholm during Lent, 1943………………………………………………………..201

Johnstown by Marie Johnson Malm…………………………………………………………………………………………………….202

After page 202, 4 pages of photographs: PLATE 45, PLATE 46, PLATE 47, PLATE 48

Gustaf Johnson by Marie Johnson Malm……………………………………………………………………………………………..203

Roxbury (In the Gypsum Creek Valley) by Ray Christiansen………………………………………………………………….205

Marquette by Marquette High School History Class, Superintendent D. E. Brubaker…………………………..207

An Indian Story…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….208

The Sunken Treasure……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………208

The Crowning Calamity………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..208

Random Notes………….…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………208

The World at Large………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………210

A Black Night for Marquette, May 8, 1905…………………………………………………………………………………………..210

Ev. Elim Lutheran Church…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….212

The Swedes and Hutchinson (Unidentified News Clipping)………………………………………………………………....213

Mariadahl by Leona and Doris Velen……………………………………………………………………………………………………214

The Struggle to Save the Valley……………………………………………………………………………………………………………215

The Lord Provides Strength………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….216

Disposal of Church Property………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..216

The Final Service………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….216

A Reflection in the Present by Marie Johnson Malm……………………………………………………………………………217

A Century in the Smoky Valley, two poems: Bethany [Church] Centennial, by Rev. Clarence Thorwald, Lindsborg; The Valley of the Smoky Hill by Edith L. Houghton, RFD, Gypsum……………………………………….219

A WORD ABOUT THE PICTURES

Pictures included in Part Two of this volume should be judged on their historical merit alone. So were rescued from the city dump, some were printed in faded red tones. (a difficult type to reproduce), some are one-of-its-kind. We feel fortunate that, as difficult to see as some of them are, we were able to preserve then in this way. – Elizabeth Jaderborg………………………………………………………………………………..220

Appendix Index to Part One: After Fifty Years……………………………………………………………………………………...i-v

Appendix: Annotation for Part Two: From the Files…………………………………………………………………….......vi-vii