Guide to the Esther Olson Brissenden Collection, 1997

Overview of the Collection

| **Creators** | Olson Brissenden, Esther |
| **Title** | Guide to the Esther Olson Brissenden Collection |
| **Dates** | 1997 (inclusive) |
| **1997** | 1997 |
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| **Quantity** | 1 File (1 folder) |
| **Collection Number** | SIEmss_59 |
| **Summary** | Collection comprised of the autobiography of Esther Olson Brissenden entitled, *Esther's Book: The Story of a Family.* |
| **Repository** | Pacific Lutheran University, Archives and Special Collections |
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| **Access Restrictions** | The collection is available for research. |
| **Languages** | English |

Biographical Note

"Esther Olson was born in Ironwood, Michigan, the third of 10 children of Blixt and Kristina Olson, seven of whom survived. When Esther was five, her mother and the children followed her father to Malo, Washington, where he had carved a homestead out of the wilds of the Northwest. Esther grew up in this frontier environment, eventually met and married Bill Brissenden while she was working in Canada, and raised nine children with her husband in Ontario, Canada, where he was stationed as an officer of the Royal Canadian Navy."

Description taken from the autobiography.

Content Description

This collection contains the bound autobiography of Esther Olson Brissenden Collection entitled, *Esther's Book: The Story of a Family.* The manuscript is 329 pages long and contains photocopied photographs of the Olson family. In addition to the autobiography, the book includes letters written by Blixt to his nephew in Sweden, and the stories of each of the seven Olson children written by their offspring.
Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Scandinavian Americans
Swedish Americans

Personal Names:
Anna Elvira Olson
Blixt Olson
Carl Olaf Olson
Carrie Olson Mohr
Christina Elizabeth Olson
David Lee Olson
David Leonard Olson
Don C. Olson
Ernest Andreas Olson
Esther Olson Brissenden
Esther Susanna Olson
Florence Cooper
Kristina Olson
Miriam Olson Lee
Nels Nylander
S. Dean Olson
Samuel Erick Olson
William Andreas Olson
William Guy Brissenden

Corporate Names:
Canada. Royal Canadian Navy

**Family Names:**
Jordal family
Nylander family
Olsen family

**Geographical Names:**
Ironwood (Mich.)
Malo (Wash.)
Ontario
Stockholm (Sweden)
Sweden

**Form or Genre Terms:**
Autobiographies
Family histories

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