

Partial listing of BHHA Archival Holdings
with emphasis on the Bishop Hill Colony (1846-1861)

All listed documents are available as digital images
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Civil War Letters and Documents of Company D, Illinois 57th Volunteer Infantry (The Swedish Union Guard)

Philip Stoneberg Interviews/Letters with Colonists

- Interview with Andrew Berglund
- Interview with Eric Berglund
- Interview with Martha Borman
- Interview with Lars Hagberg
- Interview with John Hallsen
- Interview with John Helsen
- Interview with Anna Stina Lindbeck
- Interview with Helen Lindwall
- Interview with Eric U. Norberg
- Interview with Mrs. M. Nordstrom
- Interview with Rev. Jonas Olson and wife
- Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Pihlstrand
- Interview with Anna Stoneberg
- Interview with Cecilia Stoneberg (Mrs. Olof)
- Interview with Sigrid Stoneberg
- Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Troline
- Interview Notes: Lars Hagberg, Magnus Johnson, O. Anderson J. Helsen, Mrs. Nordstrom, M. B. (Martha Borman), H. Lindwall
- Interview with L. J. Lindbeck, O. Anderson, P. P. Chaiser (about Colony Buildings)
- Letters from Eric Aline to PJS
- Letter from Gustaf Childtrom
- Letter from Lars Lindbeck
- Letter from Jonas Olson
- "History of Bishop Hill After Death of E. Janson"
- Handwritten manuscript, "Aspects of History of Bishop Hill Colony"
- "The Bishop Hill Colony" manuscripts handwritten, not his, utilizes most of the material collected through interviews and other research
- Bio of P. J. Stoneberg, with the handwritten preparation notes
- "The Swedes in America" partly typed/part hand written. Apparently composed for an address given in 1916.
- Typed PJS manuscript – Historical Sketch of BHC in English.

Philip Stoneberg's Notes/Notes on Reminiscences

- Handwritten manuscript: Olof Franell (Swedish) "A short Reminiscence of E. Janson's last trial at the Delsbo District Court and "A Short Biography of Bos Kare" which tells of encounter with E. Janson.
- Handwritten: "A Reminiscence of Jonas Olson, given by himself in the 90th year of his long life's experience"
- Handwritten Swedish Excerpts from Hallsen Papers. Re: early colony buildings and dugouts.
- Handwritten Swedish manuscript by Jonas Olson, Hans Nordstom and Olof Osberg: Short History of BHC, the Lasare movement in Sweden, Janson's Murder, and its government after his death.
- P. J. Stoneberg Swedish copy of Section of Hallsen Papers: "Eric Janson's own Account of his Arrest in Alfta June 10, 1844"
- PJS Notes (in Swedish) taken re: E. Jansonism and Soderala Parish
- PJS's Swedish notes re: Janson and Jansonism copied from various books.
- PJS's Swedish copy of certified Swedish copy of "Excerpt of the District Court's Meeting held in special session with Norrala district Court area .
- PJS's Swedish copy of "excerpt of the meeting, held in special session of the Forssa District Court in Sama.
- John Hallsen's "Reigioners frihet fran lag." Swedish published journal, contains much about E. Jansonism.
- PJS's Swedish copy of JE Ericson originals of "Accounts of the Jansonist Emigration.
- Swedish Power of Attorney, signed by Jon Olson, as guardian of Christina Jonsdotter et. Al. with sealed card and endorsement attached.
- Rules for Colony Division (how communal property was divided and notes by PJS about colony division
- PJS's Study of literacy among BHC, based on signers of the Colony by-laws
- PJS's notes on Colony land holdings.
- PJS's Map of Weller Twp: Quarter Sections owned by BHC.
- PJS's notes on BHC from other sources (Nordhoff, Bigelow)
- PJS's copy of Henry Co. Commissioner's Book of Records 1847-1849
- PJS's Notes re: People v John Root Taken from record books in Circuit Clerk's Office, Hen. Co. Court House
- PJS Notes on Olof Johnson, BHC case, Railroad Contracts, Agents, Banking, and a clipping copied by PJS.
- PJS Misc. Notes including copy of article in Orion Times, about Colony and Cholera, letter from Augustana Book Concern, etc.
- PJS's Notepad with 20 pages re: 50th anniversary reunion of the BHC
- Article "A Deserted Village" about BH in St. Louis Globe Democrat
- PJS Notes & Bibliography for a thesis on Scandinavians in America
- Map-possibly of BH (?) or of Division (?)
- Papers in Swedish
- Note about Monument in Western Twp. For BH cholera victims
- Hand written notes in Swedish-possibly of pamphlets written in BH about Second Adventists' Beliefs
- Research Notes concerning colony break up
- Will of Olof Pehrson

- Papers in Swedish
- Newspaper article on PJS, speech given by him, and letters to & from him
- “Stoneberg Letters”

Philip Stoneberg Research Notes on Bishop Hill Colony

- Stoneberg’s Hand written Abridged Translation of “The Prehistory of Eric Jansonism”
- PLS Notes on published sources about Bishop Hill, including bibliographies
- Excerpt from a story of the Jansonists in Osterunda
- Olof Stoneberg’s copy of original of JE Ekblom at BH
- Manuscript of Erik-Jansonisternas Historia, including material not found in published booklet.
- Manuscript of Erik-Jansonisternas Historia in handwriting of Eric Johnson.
- Possible John Norton translation of Hallsen papers excerpts. Photocopied excerpts first wheat harvest & Jansonists.
- Handwritten manuscript in Swedish by John Hallsen re: religion & E. Janson
- Handwritten manuscripts on Religious sub. in Hallsen’s hand writing
- Swedish letters written by John Hallsen, apparently to Emil Herlenius
- Hallsen Papers, including manuscript for Erik-Jansonisternas Historia
- Hallsen Papers, newspaper articles
- Swedish manuscript “Ett Nordens Folk,” a psalm about Jansonist’s fight with the state church, from Hallsen papers.
- Letter from Eric Johnson to John E. Hallsen
- Hallsen Papers, Swedish manuscript
- Letter from John Hallsen to PJ Stoneberg
- Hallen Composition Book, filled with Swedish notes, manuscripts and newspaper articles.
- 9x13x1 handwritten book (Swedish) appears to be manuscript. Author unknown. There is a section on Eric Janson.

Bishop Hill Colony Case and Colony Debt

- BHC Case-E. U. Norberg et al vs. Bishop Hill Colony, other legal suits after dissolution.
- Galva News Account of the case of Paine vs. Root
- Minutes of trustees’ meeting: assessment on shares for payment of Colony debt
- Supplement to the trustees’ meeting
- Confirmation by BHC members of trustees’ meeting re: assessment on shares for payment of Colony debt
- Colony legal papers 17 pgs. handwritten documents & official deeds
- Miscellaneous Papers, relating to Colony debt
- Colony Debt-Promissory notes: Greenbaun and Foreman
- Colony Debt-Receipts for payment on shares
- Taxes collected – 1864-1865
- Benjamin Lombard Correspondence re: clearing titles of colony land
- J. J. Bennett Correspondence, re: loans and railroad suit

- The BHC Case-Answer of the defendants to the Bill of Compliant filed in Henry County Circuit Court
- Proposal for the Division” (how division of property was to be carried out):
- Letter to trustees from Eric Helin about Colony Division
- BHC (Olson Party and Johnson Party) lists for assessors
- Shares in farmland, list of shareholders for various sections
- List of shareholders; misc. documents
- “Utdrag of Delnigns Protocollect af 5/8 parten of BHC” (concerns shares of Jonas Kronberg and Olof Gabrielson
- BHC-Colony Division-Big Brick Building
- Steeple Building-Colony Division-Photo records
- Colony Division-plat of town lots-shares assigned, Olson party (see also deeds to shareholders)
- Colony Division-Plats of Shares-Stoneberg Part and Olson Party
- Colony Division-Plats of shares-farmlands, timber lots, etc.
- Colony Division-Plats for assignments of shares (also see deeds to shareholders Johnson party)
- Colony Division-Sale of Steam Mill
- List of shareholders in Colony Division (Olsson and Johnson parties) Assessment of shares, mortgagees to be paid on shares
- Property Transactions: Transfer of “entire share in Colony Division” Misc. people
- Dye House
- Colony members Norberg case 3-18-69
- Colony members Norberg case cont’d. 10-18-77

Colony Division-Accts, Property Settlement

- Deeds: Lists of members who delivered deeds to trustees; list of shareholders paying assessment; acknowledgment of receipt of deeds
- Journal with ledger entries of farm animals, implements, & various business (Swedish) possible division related
- Ledger of accounts (probably on inventory of Colony wealth & possessions)
- Ledger possibly re: payment of BHC debt
- Ledger of Land holdings, houses, shantees, and how it was to be divided, also list of furniture for auction
- Record Book of notes for property assessments to pay colony debt
- List of land to be sold in the colony case
- BHC Division-Property settlements
- Colony Debt-Studwell Mtg (letters, Prom. Notes, decrees)
- Blank forms for payment of Colony Debt Trustees’ signatures
- Los Egemdom Tilhorande BHC 3-8-1860
- Record of Personal Property BHC 1-30-1861

Property Transactions

- Property Transactions-Post Colony: Non-town land shares 1863-1868
- Property Transactions-Post Colony: Town lots and Building Shares 1863-1866
- Bishop Hill town lots: post-colony transfers 1871-1907
- Abstract of Title (Lots land 4, block 30) town of Bishop Hill – 1866-67 and 1909-11.
- Property Transactions (Weller twp. And BH) 1870-'71, 74, 76, 1901
- Bishop Hill Cemetery deeds- 1876-1877, 1916-2927, '19
- Certificates of Purchase, to Eric Janson, et al.1849, 1858, 1867
- Sale Mortgage and Warranty Deed 1866, 1870
- Chattel Mortgage (Aron Talbot to BHC) 1859
- Knox County Real Estate 1855, 1856, 1857, 1870
- Mercer and Stark County-Railroad Bonds and Real Estate 1856, 1861, 1863, 1865
- Surveys – 1867
- Land Taxes – 1857-1869
- Misc. Land documents- 1862-1855
- Linsley Papers, Misc. Land Documents 1835, 37, 38, 53, 57, 59, 67
- Indenture of Land, James Woodruff and wife Marthias B, Denman 1854
- Farm of B. Graham, description and assessment
- Anson Mattson, real estate in Phelps Co., Nebraska 1886, 1900, 1917
- Quit Claim Deed for BHC for N ½ of Block 32 (School House) 1861
- Copies of Land Record Book Pages from the District of Galena, IL some signatures of Olof Johnson 1840-1950's
- Quit claim deed-Olof Peterson (copy) 1869

Real Estate Lots and Deeds-Weller Township

- Edla Warner included this map of Weller Twp. to understand orientation of sections- 1968
- Bishop Hill Colony, Landholdings Lists 1858
- Section 7 Weller- 1862
- Section 8 Weller – 1852
- Section 9 Weller – 1855
- Section 10 – 1857
- Section 11 Weller – 1853 (also 1837)
- Section 12 Weller, 1855
- Section 13 Weller – 1868
- Section 14 Weller, 1839
- Section 15 Weller – 1855
- Section 16 Weller, 1852
- Section 16 & 17 Weller- 1868
- Section 17 Weller, 1847
- Section 17 Weller, 1869
- Section 17 Weller, 1851
- Section 17 Weller, 1855
- Section 18 Weller, 1853

- Section 19 Weller, 1858
- Section 21 Weller, 1855
- Section 22 Weller, 1852
- Section 23 Weller, 1834
- Section 24 Weller 1830
- Section 24 & 25 Weller, 1877
- Section 25 Weller, 1874
- Section 27 Weller, 1826
- Section 28 Weller, 1830
- Section 29 Weller, 1850
- Section 30 Weller, 1838
- Town of Nekoma-Weller Township, Section 29 & 30 -1855
- Timber Lot Shares Red Oak, Sections 8, 9, 17, Includes Lists of Shareholders, lists of taxes owed deeds of transfer, etc. 1863-1886
- Certification of deeds to Jon Olsson for sections 16, 5, 17, 4 (in parts) – 1852
- Deeds for sections of Weller Twp. Some to Bishop Hill Colony others transferred after Colony period – 1857-1886

More Colony Real Estate – Deeds, etc.

- Lots in Galva – 1854
- Section 18 Galva, 1833
- Section 28, 33 (Parts of Galva) Galva Twp. Deeded to BHC – 1854
- Section 24 – Galva Twp. 1819
- Section 19, Galva Twp. – 1853
- Section 20- Galva Twp. 1820
- Section 24 – Galva Twp. Section 5-Cambridge Twp., Section Weller Twp. 1867
- Section 5 Galva Twp. 1854
- Section 6, 7, 8 – Galva Twp. 1839
- Section 17 – Galva Twp. 1854
- Section 23 – Galva Twp. 1859
- Section 30 & 31 – Galva Twp. 1852
- Section 30 – Galva Twp. 1852

Pleasant Hill, KY: Durham Cattle...

- Photo Records of Letters and envelopes re: a broom handle machine and (another matter) of debts owed to Pleasant Hill 1857-1859
- Originals of letters and other correspondence, also documentation of contact between the two towns. 1857, 1859
- Letter/Pedigrees of Bishop Hill Durham Cattle – 1848, 1861
- Xerox copies of typed list of Bishop Hill Colonists who joined the Pleasant Hill Colony of Shakers
- Swedish manuscript/Letter, re: Pleasant Hill

Trustees/Bishop Hill Colony By- Laws

- Bound record book, copied by PJ Stoneberg from original in possession of John Root. Re: Record of the Charter and by-laws of the BHC & the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, May 6, 1854
- Charter and by-laws of BHC: drafts of resolutions 5/6/1854
- Bill: An Act Incorporating the BHC in Henry County”
- By-Laws of BHC
- Act of Incorporation, Charter By-Law of the BHC (Swedish)
- Trustees’ Appointment of Olof Johnson as Attorney for the Colony 1/26/1859
- Journal of the Senate of the Illinois General Assembly-8th (1853) and 20th (1857) Assemblies-only the pages concerning BH Charter

General Colony Business, 1846-1861

- Miscellaneous Business Papers – 1846-1850
- BHC Mill Account Paper & Notice of Ceasing to grind flour 1855-1859
- 1 page account for Eric Janson, very fragile c.1849
- Miscellaneous Business Papers, Account Pages 1853-1854
- “Forsa och Stenbo-1846” (Swedish) Possibly some sort of accounting pertaining to O. Stenberg before leaving Sweden
- Colony Business Papers – 1854
- Business Papers – 1851
- Peter Dalgren, guardian of Jon Olson, Minor child of Olof Olsson: Request for Compensation
- Bill of Sale & Promissory note by Eric Janson in account with Wm. A. Alonzo, Nurse, Moline, IL
- Colony Business Papers 1852
- Colony Business Papers 1855
- Colony Business Papers 1858
- Colony Business Papers 1856
- Colony Business Papers 1857
- Agreement between Julius A. Durkee and the BHC (Durkee employed to take charge of Colony finances)- Oct. 1858
- Colony Business Papers 1859
- Advertisements- Colony Period 1846-1861
- Letter from Erick AGren to Colony Trustees requesting compensation for work as a Colonist
- Colony Business Papers 1860
- Colony Business Papers (no date)
- Colony Business Papers 1861
- Some sort of account book, probably belonging to Swan Swanson (no date)
- Memorandum of notes and accounts, left for collection and collaterals 1856-1859
- Cash account book – Records BHC 1855-1861
- “Goods for the Colony” ledger 1855-1856
- Account Book-Record of Loans 1852-1875
- Jacob Jacobson’s collection bond papers 1858

Bishop Hill Colony Business Accounts (WB Sweet – partial)

- Wheeler B. Sweet Correspondence – 1858
- Correspondence mentioning WB Sweet 1860
- WB Sweet Business Papers – Letters and Receipts 1864-1865
- WB Sweet Business Papers & Correspondence 1859-1862
- WB Sweet Business Papers, letters receipts 1863
- Semi-Monthly trial balance Olof Johnson 4/20/1858
- Olof Johnson-letters to J. Erickson 1855
- Letters to Olof Johnson 1855
- Olof Johnson, Johnson and Remington (Correspondence and receipts) 1857-1859
- John Radcliff Estate, Olof Johnson administrator 1860
- Olof Johnson-Correspondence and receipts 1860-1869
- Administrative Auction-Estate of Olof Johnson 12/19/1879
- Olof Johnson's Estate 1870-1887
- Olof Johnson's Admr's vs. Henry J. Vaughn-Abstract of Record 1872
- Outstanding accounts with BHC 1861 & after
- Bill receivable, (outstanding account) 1855-1861
- BHC Business-Internal affairs-"Resacktive Sysstomen och Medlemmar of BHC" S. Bjorklund 9/5/1859
- BHC-Internal Affairs-"Till Trustisen of BHC"-Petition about discontinuance of coffee 1859
- "I stallet for att tuyda all ting till det baste..."
- Answer by Olof Stoneberg and Andrew Berglund to accusation against Colony preachers 8/1859
- Announcement of meeting of Colony members; minutes of meeting of colony members concerning question of celibacy and Other religious matters (Swedish) 10/25/1856 – 10/31/1856
- Hotel Account – 1858-1859
- Western Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance co. Paper Notes, signed by O. Johnson- Bishop Hill Currency 1857

Colony Store

- Record book of Colony Goods: list of shareholders – 1857-1861, 1865
- Accounts Book 1850-1853
- Notes and Bills Payable/Receivable 1854-1876
- Ledger Index 1860-1867
- Colony Store-Pocket Sized Ledger Books
 - Swanson Book, Colony Store Ledger 8/6/1856
 - Colony Store Ledger 1861-1862
 - Colony Store, Ledger 1860
 - Ledger 1860-1861
 - Ledger 2/25/1856
 - Ledger 6/14/1856
 - Ledger 1861
 - Ledger 1861

- Ledger 1861
- Ledger 4/23/1856
- Ledger 12/10/1855
- Ledger 1856-1858
- Ledger 1861
- Ledger 1862
- Ledger-E. Janson handwriting in front-practicing English 1850
- Water damaged account book – no date

Agriculture

- “Til trustin af BHC,” Petition of complaint by some of the colonists Oct. 1859
- Inventory – “Berglund’s Shop Tools” (no date)
- Land under Cultivation 1859
- Broom Corn Accounts, Sales Receipts, etc. 1854-1862
- Broom Corn Business Papers 1855-1863, 1861
- Broom Corn Record book-pocket sized 1857
- “Bok for Smidjan – Smithy” Agricultural Records 1850-1857
- Olof Gabrielson Record Book (Swedish) Notes on Broom corn and Various Crops 1853-1862

Bishop Hill Colony Industries & Railroads

- “Uppskattning af Warulager fardiggjorde Ourbeten sant wetygen a akomakere wekstaden pa Bishop Hill, IL.” Valuation of property at shoe shop Feb 1858
- Account Book with the millers-pocket sized Oct. 1858
- Blacksmith Shop Accounts-pocket sized 1855-1856
- Steam Mill Account Book-pocket sized 1858-1859
- Contract for central military tract-railroad bridges-Olof Johnson & John Hall 1854
- Railroad Correspondence & Documents 1855-1863
- Freight Tickets, Chicago & Rock Island Railroad 1854
- Railroad Freight Tickets, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company 1856-1860
- Mill Account Book (not sure if this is colonial or private) 1861 – 1862

Colony Hospital

- Medical Record of BHC Hospital 1853
- Index James McCoy Medicine Records 1863
- Drug goods Index 6/20/1860
- “Medicine Bought and paid for by the Colony part since the division, as per bills” 1860-1861
- “Accounts of Contents in the Drug Shop” 1860
- “Receipts for Home Remedies “formulas”

Business with Non-Colonists

- Wholesale Dry Goods Business with Cooley, Wadsworth & Co. and Cooley & Farwal of Chicago 1860-1863
- F. Scammon & Co. of Chicago-Business Papers-Drugs, Chemicals, Perfumery, Paints, Oils & Varnishes
- William Blair & Co. of Chicago, Hardware accounts 1855-1860
- Business Accounts with Chicago firms for leather, saddler carriage trimmings, shoe findings, etc. 1854-1856,1859-1861
- Commission Merchants Business Papers-St. Louis & Chicago 1855-1859
- Wholesale Grocers & Commission Merchants-Chicago 1855-1859, 1860-1861
- Index of Account Book-ledger 1855
- Ledger-Debits/Credits by name (Oversized) 1855
- Ledger-record-pocket sized with names of non-colonists listed 1858-1859
- Ledger-J. Erick. Pocket sized with names of non-colonists listed 1855
- Ledger-day book 1856
- J Erickson-Ledger-Daybook 1855
- Ledger-Daybook 1852
- Ledger 1853
- Daybook, A record of trading with area residents (Oversized) 1855-1856
- Ledger-J. Olson (Oversized) 1848-1852
- Credit Ledger (Oversized) 1850-1859
- Ledger (Oversized) 1850-1853

Murder of Eric Janson/Root Affair

- "The people Vs John Root – A True Bill"- Photostat copy- 1850
- Photocopies of John Root's Pardon (Records from state historical library in Springfield, IL- 1850-1854
- Criminal Records Pardon-John Root – 1854
- Court Record Proceedings, Photocopies, People vs John Root- 1850
- Sentencing and order for incarceration of John Root - 1853
- "The matter between Root and his wife" Photocopy of Swedish Manuscript,
- Photocopies of letters to Gov. Augustus French about John Root: includes Charlotta Root Affidavit

Eric Janson

- Appeasement Bill-Eric Janson's Estate 9/7/1850
- Letter from Eric Janson in St.Louis – 4/20/1850
- Letter from Eric Janson in St. Louis – 4/17/1850
- Autobiography-Eric Janson (manuscript)
- Eric Janson-Letter upon his flight from Sweden- 1846
- Eric Janson-manuscript- 1844

- Eric Janson's "Afskedstal" – Table prayer – 1846
- Eric Janson, manuscript, "Till Warande Eller Blifvande wanner" – 1845
- Eric Janson (?) manuscript – "De ratta Christmas fro och Bekannelsa infor mannislör" (The true Christian Faith and confession before the people)
- Letter from Erick Janson, probably from St. Louis – May 1850
- Erick Janson, manuscript
- Eric Janson, manuscript Autobiography (also photocopies) – 1843
- Copies of Erik-Janseiemän i Nord-America...and Hudiskvalls Weckoblad. – 1847, 1850
- Second Edition of Janson's song book (Swedish) – 1857

Daily Lives in 19th Century Bishop Hill

- Inventory, personal effects of several colonists
- Inventory, personal property of colony members
- Inventory, colony outposts, hotel, hospital, Galva, etc. (bedclothes, tables, kitchens, chairs, etc.)
- Statement of principal effects of the BHC of Henry Co., IL, Olof Johnson – 1858
- Inventories, clothing issued to members – 1859
- "Hotel Furniture" – List of names with amounts taken from a ledger
- Letter written to "Amelia" on Dec. 8, 1861 – Discusses Civil War and actions of the president, sent from "Vernon", not sure who or how any of these people relate to BH
- Obit of OW Johnson-last child born in BHC (1859) – 1937
- Birth Certificate of John Root (3rd) Oct. 17, 1890
- Autograph Album – c. 1880s
- 3 music books (possibly from school)-handwritten music
- 2 books signed by various people promising to pay amount by their names for "benefit of neighbor" and for "Baseball"
- Letter in Swedish – July 6, 1855
- Letter to Brita Ogren from sister – 1875
- Marriage Certificate for Jacob Lindblom and Anna Johnson – Dec. 30, 1875