

**Roos, Carl , 1805-1889.**

**Carl Roos and Family. Papers, 1848-1965.**

**P2696** 1 volume, Civil War Diary, translated into English by Charles John LaVine.

**M273** 3 microfilm reels, positive, made from original papers held by the Goodhue County Historical Society, Red Wing, Minnesota, and the Southwest Minnesota Historical Center, Marshall, Minnesota.

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### **Biographical Sketch**

Carl Roos was born on August 24, 1805, in Langbanshyttan in the Filipstad mining district of Varmland, Sweden. He was graduated with high honors from the high school in Filipstad, and held positions as overseer and inspector at different iron works and mines. In 1832 he was a sergeant in the Varmland Tirailleur Regiment. He married Clara Sofia Persdotter (b. 1827) in 1852.

In the summer of 1853 he emigrated to Minnesota with the first group of settlers under Hans Mattson. Roos was the first white settler in Belle Creek, Vasa Township, Goodhue County, spending the winter of 1853-1854 on his claim. Roos, his wife and two children are on the first roll of members of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church at Vasa, organized in September 1855. Census records list him as a farmer.

In October, 1861, Roos enlisted in Company D, 3rd Minnesota Infantry. He participated in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; returned to Minnesota to take part in the military activities that followed the Sioux Uprising; was later transferred to Little Rock, Arkansas, for garrison and guard duty; and was discharged there in November, 1863.

Children of Carl and Clara Sofia Roos were:

Charles Emil Roos (1848-1865).

Carolina Annette Roos (1850-1850).

Carolina Gustafva Roos (1853-1910). Married Frank Barnes.

Cecelia Fredericka Roos (1856-1882).

Cornelia Sofia Roos (1856-ca.1910).

Camilla Rosalia Roos (1860-1898). Married John Frederick Larson Rosenfield.

Carline (Charles) Hjalmar Roos (1863-1949).

Celinda Armida Roos (1866-1884).

Clodomir Nino (Nino C.) Roos (1867-1951).

Tialender Cassandra Roos (1874-1964). Married (1) -----Wilbur;

(2) James McNeilly.

Carl Roos died at Vasa, Minnesota, on May 29, 1889. Clara Sofia Roos died on October 19, 1910.

Additional biographical and genealogical information on the Roos family appears at the beginning of rolls 1 and 3 of the microfilm.

## Detailed Description

**P2696** Civil War diary, translated into English by Charles John LaVine, 2009. 1 volume.

Also available in PDF format:

[http://www.mnhs.org/library/findaids/m0273/Roos\\_Diary.pdf](http://www.mnhs.org/library/findaids/m0273/Roos_Diary.pdf)

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### M273 Reel 1

1. Civil War Diary of Carl Roos, 1861-1863.

The first few pages contain accounts. Diary entries run from October 1861 to November 1862. Also includes 16 paper diary sections extending to 1863.

2. Group of 10 booklets:

- a. "Dagbok, 1857." Diary running from ca. Nov. 22, 1857-Oct. 1858.
- b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th [?] leaflets of Carl Roos biography in America. The first is marked "1 sta Afdelmingen af Carl Roos's Biographi i Amerika."
- c. "Vasas forste Settlare." 38 p.
- d. "Tal hallit ute Lutherska Methodist Kyrkan Nyarsmatten 1874..• Vasa" [Talk given in Lutheran Methodist Church, New Year's night] .
- e. Appears to be a collection of poetry, probably written or copied by Roos. Last page carries date, Jan. 1889.
- f. "Dagbok for Carl Roos," May 1871 -Sept. 1871. Probably kept, in part at least, while at homestead of Nils Larson in Clay County.

- g. "Till Kristlig Filosofisk Tidskrift." Treatise on Christian philosophy. 12 p.

3. Letters and Miscellaneous Papers:

- a. 10 letters, 1860-1863. Five are addressed to "Broder Roos."
- b. Letters pertaining to efforts to obtain a pension. Five are from H. Mattson, 8 from John Lind, and 5 others.
- c. 1 unbound leaflet on heavy brown paper [?].
- d. 2 pages of accounts.
- e. 1 large document, 6 p. [?].
- f. 11 other letters, 1863, 1876-1885.

**M273 Reel 2**

- 4. Miscellaneous writings:
  - a. 9 "essays" on religious subjects, in Swedish.
  - b. 1 unbound notebook of writings on religious subjects.
  - c. 1 unbound group of 12 pages, in Swedish, apparently poetry.
- 5. 5 almanacs: "Almanach och Dag-Bok" for 1851, 1850, 1849, and 1848, bound loosely together, and "Almanach for Ar 1852."
- 6. "Dagbok for 1865." 1 volume. Includes the period from June 24, 1865, to July 1869.
- 7. A "narrative." Leaflets numbered 2 and 3, pp. 17-80.  
Leaflets numbered 20-34, pp. 758-1515.

**M273 Reel 3**

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The film is identified as Carl Roos and Family Papers, 1863-1965, Roll 1.

1. Family Bible -inside front cover and family genealogical notes.
2. Papers of Carl Roos.
3. Carl Roos' Civil War papers.
4. Letters to Carl Roos from persons outside his family.
5. Clara Sofia Persdotter Roos (CR's wife).
6. Charles Emil Roos (CR's son).
7. Carlolina Roos Barnes letters (CR's daughter).
8. Cornelia Sofia Roos (CR's daughter).
9. Camilla Roos Rosenfield (CR's daughter).
10. Letter from Celinda Armida Roos (CR's daughter).
11. Clodomir Nino Roos (CR's son).
12. Cassandra Roos McNeilly (CR's daughter).
13. Letter from Sweden from Maria Roos Ljingman (CR's sister).
14. Charles H. Roos papers, including will.
15. John R. C. Wilbur papers, miscellaneous.
16. Nino C. Roos (Clodomir Nino Roos) letters. Many are on stationery of the North Star Telephone Company, Finlayson, Minnesota. Charles H. Roos was president of the company.
17. Diaries kept by Charles H. Roos and John R. C. Wilbur, who farmed together on the Roos farm near Vasa, Minnesota. John Wilbur was Cassandra Roos McNeilly's son.
18. Letter from John Wilbur to Charles Roos, written while Wilbur was in service during World War I (1916-1923).
19. Tax receipts from the Roos farm, 1865-1964.
20. Vasa Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company. Two policies issued to Carl Roos' wife, plus bylaws of the company.

21. Wilbur and Charles Roos papers, mainly related to business. Arranged chronologically.