

# Vår Historia

## SMOKY VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

### A LIFE AT BETHANY COLLEGE



One might think, by the title, that this is a story about Bethany College. I'm afraid that it isn't, it is about a boy from Enterprise, KS that was "hand-picked" by Dr. Carl Swensson to attend Bethany Academy and just never left, so to speak.

Thure Olof Jäderborg was born April 28, 1877 near the town of Enterprise, KS, and was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church shortly after. His father, Lars Olof Jäderborg was no stranger to the Smoky Valley, as he immigrated from Sweden to America in 1855 and by 1858 had reached the Salina/Junction City, KS area. Lars served in the Civil War

and was able to acquire large amounts of land upon the war ending, mainly in Dickinson County.

Thure's mother, Matilda, was a talented pianist, and Thure also became an accomplished pianist at an early age. While still in grade school Thure was discovered by Bethany College's President, Dr. Carl A. Swensson, and when he turned fifteen year's old in 1892, was enrolled to Bethany Academy. Piano wasn't the only talent Thure had, he was also gifted with a natural baritone voice.

Thure excelled in the Academy, and in 1895 became a full-time college student. Back at the farm in Enterprise, Thure's father bought a new piano, costing \$1,000 in 1896. That is the equivalent of \$35,333.00 in today's money. L.O. Jäderborg was one of the wealthiest farmers in Dickinson County.

While in the academy, Thure's classes were scholastic. Once in college, he was able to focus more on music, adding pipe organ to piano and voice. Each year Thure progressed, and it was clear he was being groomed to be a music professor, as he was also asked to be a student teacher in voice culture throughout college.

Thure received a degree in organ in 1899 and a degree in voice in 1902.

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**BETHANY COLLEGE,**  
Lindsborg, Kansas.

THIS CERTIFIES that *Thure O. Jäderborg* has attended BETHANY COLLEGE during the scholastic year 1893-94 and having pursued studies in the prescribed course of the *Second Class* Academic Department is regarded worthy of the following testimonials.

FOR KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY, manifested in the subjects specified below:

Collegiate, Normal, & Preparatory Departments.	
English Language and Literature	78
English Composition	.....
English Grammar	.....
Swedish Language and Literature	80
Swedish Composition	.....
Swedish Grammar	.....
Rhetoric	.....
German Language	.....
Latin	85
Greek	.....
Logic	.....
Mental Science	.....
History of Philosophy	.....
Christianity	88
U. S. History	.....
General History	.....
History of Civilization	.....
History of Education	.....
Methods of Teaching	.....
School Management	.....
Civil Government	.....
Political Economy	.....
Geography	.....
Physical Geography	.....
Drawing	.....
Arithmetic	80
Algebra	83
Geometry	.....
Trigonometry	.....
Natural Philosophy	.....
Chemistry	.....
Geology	.....
Astronomy	.....
Zoology	.....
Botany	.....
Physiology	75
Orthography	.....
Punctuation	84

Commercial Department.	
Book Keeping	80
Banking	.....
Penmanship	90
Commercial Law	.....
Commercial Arithmetic	.....
Spelling	.....
Rapid Calculations	.....
Business Practice	.....
Short Hand	.....
Type Writing	.....
English Grammar	.....
Neatness	.....

Conservatory of Music.	
Piano	90
Pipe Organ	.....
Harmony	.....
Read Organ	.....
Violin	.....
Vocal Culture	.....

Said student has manifested *88%* diligence and *100%* department.

THIS TESTIMONIAL will admit student to the next higher class.  
Conditioned in.....

Lindsborg, Kansas, May 25, 1894. *Carl Swensson* President.

## A LIFE AT BETHANY COLLEGE {CON'T}

Thure was officially offered a teaching job at the end of 1901 in the growing vocal department. Growing as he didn't replace an instructor, the position was created for him.

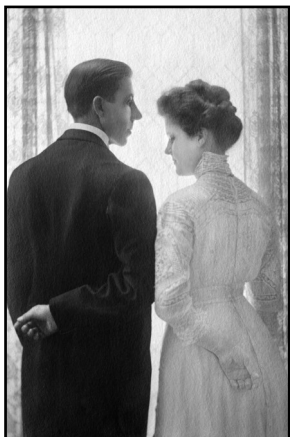
As a Professor, Thure sought out more advanced vocal training, first in Chicago with George Hamlin, then years later in New York with Warren Shaw, George Sweet, and Isadore Luckstone. These were sabbaticals from Bethany College in order to provide the best service to the students and music department.

Thure's contract with the college included playing recitals and participating during Messiah week. Many of his recitals were with Professor Oscar Lofgren, who played piano while Thure sang. This photo shows the two captured by the well-known B.G. Gröndal.



Thure's eldest sister, Julia, married in 1905 and in the fall of 1908 The Jäderborg family moved to Lindsborg. They commenced to have a grand two-story house built by the Palmquist Bros. April 1909 C.V. Rosberg & Son reported placing their largest high-grade furniture order by Prof. Jäderborg to fill the new home. The house, 705 N. 2nd, is legendary in both size and grandeur.

June 29, 1910 Thure married Helen Lindstrom under an archway of smilax and daisies, in the back yard of the new Jäderborg home. Gröndal photographed the couple in their house standing in front of a window on that day. His younger sister, Lydia, would also use the house for her wedding a few years later.



The couple's first child, Thure Jäderborg, Jr. was born 1913 while in New York for vocal training. In 1915, Thure was selected as a soloist for the Messiah. Unfortunately, the next couple of years brought hardship though, 1916 started off with the passing of his father, L.O. Jäderborg. In 1917 the family lost their one-year old 2nd child, Emrick, and in 1918 Thure lost his mother, Matilda.

1918 wasn't all bad, son Einar was born, and son Hilding came in 1921. As much as Thure wanted the three boys to become professional musicians, all three found other careers. They did, however sing in the Oratorio Society, and Thure, jr. sang baritone in the Bethany quartet through college. Thure, jr. became a postal worker, first Lindsborg than all the way out to California; Hilding opened Swedish Crafts; and Einer became an educator in high school, ultimately becoming Superintendent. I must point out that Einer's wife, Elizabeth, spearheaded the resurrection and renaming of Lindsborg Historical Society in 1963 to Smoky Valley Historical Association.

Over the decades, Thure had been given many accolades. Students of his went on to become successful performers, music directors, and teachers. Some of his students were even children of former students.



May 28, 1954, Bethany College held its annual loyalty dinner, but this one was special. Three professors were honored for fifty years service each, Oscar Thorsen, Emil O. Deere, and Thure Jäderborg (L-R in photo below). 435 people attended and more than \$5,000 was raised for the college. Less than two months later, Thure became quite ill, and passed away July 17th, 1954 while in the hospital.

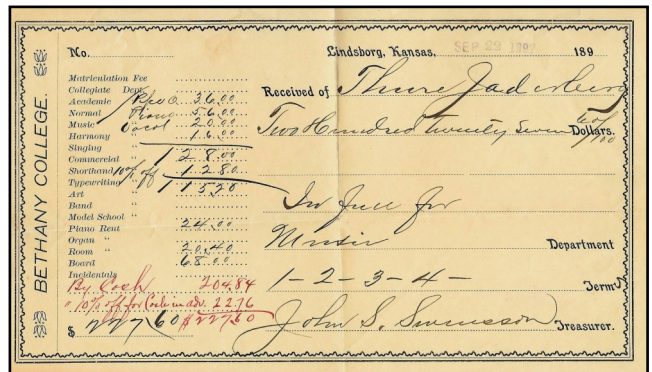
Thure's legacy not only carried on through generations of family, but through helping build a validated music program at Bethany College, and 50+ years of students. Thure's voice rang through Ling Auditorium and continued in Presser Hall, as did his piano and organ playing.







JADEN BORG



### Upcoming SVHA Programs

March 14th, 2023

Henry Lungstrom: Machinist, Inventor, Genius

Steve Borell

May 9th, 2023

“Little Poova” Remembers Doc Bill (Dr. William Holwerda)

Betty Holwerda Nelson

July 11th, 2023

Politics in the 1800's

John Burchill

All programs start at: 7:30 pm

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church—Fellowship Hall 402 N. 1st Street—Lindsborg, KS.

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Smoky Valley Historical Association P.O. Box 255 Lindsborg, KS. 67456



Membership options: \$25, \$50, \$100, Other \$

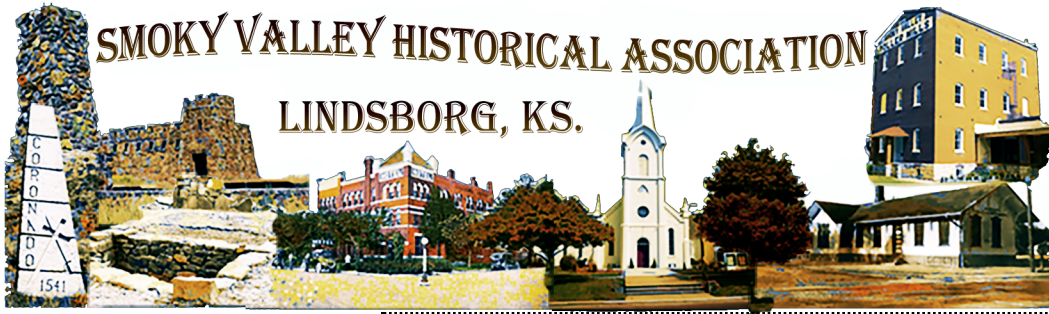
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Memberships are renewed in the first quarter of each year



# SMOKY VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## LINDSBORG, KS.

### SMOKY VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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### Meetings/Programs

Smoky Valley Historical Association hosts bi-monthly meetings on the odd months, held on the second Tuesday. Programs start at 7:30 pm with topics of local historical interest. Location is listed on page three along with schedule.

**Come join us!**



### Funding

Membership contributions are the SVHA's major source of on-going funding. A free-will donation in any amount will secure your membership in the Association for the year. Memberships are renewed in the first quarter of each year.

Grants, such as those awarded by the Kansas Humanities Council, are also available from time-to-time to further the mission of the SVHA.

### **Smoky Valley Historical Mission**

*The purpose of this association shall be to collect, arrange and preserve historical data, books, pamphlets and manuscripts pertaining to the early history and settlement of our community in general and the City of Lindsborg in particular; to preserve and beautify places of historical interest in our city, its vicinity, and properties entrusted to the association; and to promote the study of history of our settlement and its cultural growth by lectures and other available means.*

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*Check our Facebook page for the most up to date information concerning the Smoky Valley Historical Association.*



*Thank you for your contributions, and supporting the historical preservation of Lindsborg and the Smoky Valley of Central Kansas.*

*Our pioneers left their legacy long after they were gone, so can you. Managing estates, bequests, and gifts through retirement plans can help keep our preservation ongoing and long-lasting.*

*All donations are tax exempt, we are a 501-(c)3 organization*