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### **Gustavus Adolphus College Archives St. Peter, Minnesota**

**Esbjornson, Robert. Materials Concerning the Riverbend  
Association, 1966-1988.**

**CAMC Collection 123**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The collection of Reverend Robert Esbjornson consists of documents from and about the Riverbend Association. Esbjornson helped found the group and served as chairman of the board for its entirety. The Riverbend Association was formed in the mid-1960s and ended in the mid-1970s. It included the communities of St. Peter, Mankato, New Ulm, and others in south-central Minnesota. Members hoped to mitigate the negative aspects of urbanization through a variety of strategies. In addition, they opposed the creation of a reservoir on the Blue Earth River. Included in this collection are minutes from meetings, correspondence, newspaper clippings, an outline for "Around the Riverbend," a short television series made by the Riverbend Association, and speeches by Esbjornson, along with other documents. Esbjornson headed the Religion Department at Gustavus Adolphus College during this time.

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

Esbjornson, Robert. Materials Concerning the Riverbend Association, 1966-1988. CAMC Collection 123. Gustavus Adolphus College Archives, St. Peter, Minnesota.

**ACQUISITION:**

Robert Esbjornson donated this collection during 1985.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Ryan Jacobi, student worker, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during February 2012.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

Riverbend Association. Papers, 1960 - 1972. SMHC Manuscript Collection 1315, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Community action -- Minnesota -- Blue Earth County.  
Community action -- Minnesota -- Nicollet County.  
County action -- Minnesota -- Brown County.  
Stream conservation -- Minnesota -- Citizen Participation.  
Riverbend Association (Blue Earth County, Minn.)  
Esbjornson, Robert Glendon, 1918-2007.

<b>CAMC Collection 123</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
"Around the Riverbend" Scripts, 1974	1	1
Articles of Incorporation, 1968	1	2
Clippings, 1967-74	1	3
Community Involvement, 1966-67	1	4
Correspondence, External, 1967-70	1	5
Correspondence, External, 1971-74	1	6
Correspondence, Internal, 1967-74	1	7
Internal Revenue Service, 1971-74	1	8
Minutes, 1967-74	1	9
Planning for Rurbania-2000, 1969	1	10
Riverbend Association/Rurbania Administrative Materials, 1967-72	1	11
Riverbend Association/Rurbania Membership Lists, 1969-73	2	1
Rurbania in the News, 1968, 1974	2	2
Rurbania: 1988 Symposium, 1988	2	3
Rurbania: 2000 Responses, 1969	2	4
Speeches, 1968-70	2	5
Various Riverbend Documents, 1966-74	2	6
Writings About Riverbend by Robert Esbjornson, 1969, 1973	2	7
Maps of Riverbend Area, 1974	Map Case	--