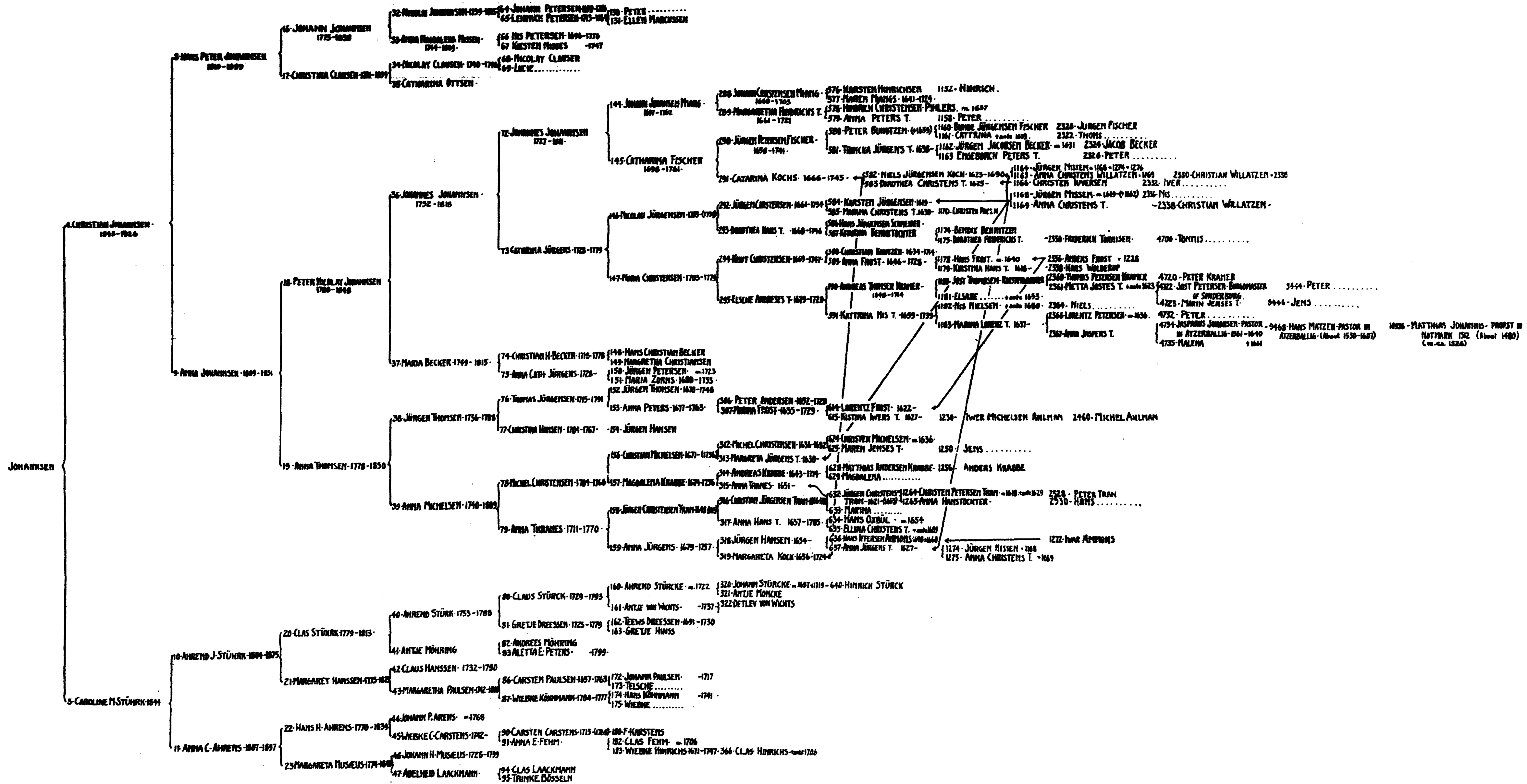


THE JOHANSON FAMILY
OF SWEDEN AND THE UPPER MIDWEST

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This is the record of a family that had its roots in southern Sweden. Many of the family have emigrated to America as indicated below, and have settled largely in Minnesota, becoming part of the large Scandinavian-American population of that area. Solid, respectable, God-loving Americans by birth or adoption, marrying into the American families of English, German and other origin, they have brought to this nation a rich heritage which is a pride to the United States, and part of the strength that makes our nation great.

A note about Scandinavian surnames is necessary for clarification. In old Sweden, the son of a father took his father's given name for a surname, and added "son". Thus Anders, son of Johan, becomes Anders Johanson, and Anders' son Charley becomes Charley Anderson. The daughters take their father's given name and add "dotter". This practice was discontinued in Sweden about a generation ago, and surnames are now carried, as they are by the children born in this country. Further to complicate the records, many children of the same family changed their names upon arrival in America, so that often brothers have different surnames. Such name changes are indicated in the records below.

The compiler apologizes to the family for errors in spelling of names, or dates that are incorrect. Many names have both old country and new country spelling, and birth dates given from memory sometimes are inaccurate within a year or two. Every effort has been made to have the records as correct as possible. The source material has come from family bibles, verbal accounts by the older generation, and the cooperative efforts of each branch of the current generation in furnishing accounts of their own families.

No attempt has been made to carry a complete record beyond the 4th generation from Johan¹ Johanson. Each family can and should complete their own records of the 5th and 6th generation children on the Addenda supplied at the end of this record.

I have searched out this family for my husband, Lester John Eck, and for my son, Lester Huston Eck, knowing that if I did not, the early records would soon be too scattered to collect. I sincerely hope all of the family will benefit and get pleasure out of having an accurate, coherent story of their ancestors and descendants.

HOW TO USE THIS RECORD.

The number following each given name, and raised slightly above it, is the GENERATION number of descent from Johan Johanson. For example, Lester John⁴Eck is the son of Anders³, of Johannes², of Johan¹Johanson.

The numbers preceding each name are merely to show whether the person is first, second, third etc. child in a family.

If you wish to figure a relationship, you would do it this way:

Carl⁴Carlson (Betsey³Anders²Johan¹)
would be second cousin to
Lester⁴Eck (Anders³Johannes²Johan¹)
because
Anders²and Johannes²are brothers
Their children Betsey³and Anders³are first cousins
Their children Carl⁴and Lester⁴are second cousins
The children of Carl⁴and Lester⁴ would be
third cousins.

If you wish to carry forward the record of your own family, the children of anyone in generation 4 would carry a 5 after their names, and their children would carry the number 6. In this way you can tell at once exactly how far removed you are from the earliest ancestor of whom we have record, and also with very little trouble can figure your exact relationship to any other member of the family.

JOHAN¹JOHANSON, with whom we start our record, was born in Sweden around 1800, probably in Hultet. He married probably around 1826, Anna Lisa, whose surname is not known. He was building the church at Slatthog when he died of a rupture, at about 40 years of age.

Johan and Anna Lisa Johanson had three sons, whose records are on the following pages:

- I. Jonas², born about 1828
- II. Anders², born December 12, 1832
- III. Johannes², born August 20, 1840.

I. Jonas²Johanson, eldest son of Johan¹and Anna

born in Sweden about 1828. He married (1) in Sweden, name of wife unknown. By her he had two children:

- i. Swan³, born October 18, 1863, in Sweden. He came to America in 1873, was unmarried.
- ii. Hannah³, born Jan. 26, 1865 in Sweden. She came to America, married Charley, son of Anders, below.

Jonas came to America about 1873, settled in LaPorte, Indiana. He married (2) Ingrid, by whom he had one child:

- iii. Adam Heinrich³, who was nicknamed "Charley" and went by the name of Charley Johnson. He was unmarried.

II. Anders²Johanson, second son of Johan¹and Anna

born December 12, 1832, died March 15, 1890, in Sweden. He married Lena Kajsa Gummesdotter, who was born Nov 13, 1833, and died in 1913, ae 80.

Children (born in Slatthog, Sweden)

- i. Charley³, born July 15, 1861. He came to America, took the name of Anderson, married in LaPorte, Indiana, in 1887, Hannah Jonasdotter, his cousin. In 1951, aged 89, he lives in Minneapolis with his son Arthur.

Children of Charley and Hannah (Anderson)

- i. Arthur⁴, b. Oct 26, 1887, in Elkhart, Indiana. Unmarried, lives Minneapolis
- ii. Albert⁴, b. Apr 14, 1890, unmarried.
- iii. Ellen⁴, b Nov 12, 1892, in La Porte, Indiana. Married August Berg, live Minneapolis, have a son Clifford and a daughter Constance, who married John Jakubiec and lives at Elk River.
- iv. Freda⁴, b Mar 10, 1895, married Pete Peterson. They live Minneapolis, have a daughter Bernice.

- v. Mabel⁴, b Feb 16, 1900, unmarried.
- vi. Esther⁴, b May 5, 1908, married Herbert Swanson, live Wyoming, Minn, and have a daughter Shirley.
- ii. Mathilda³, b 1859, marriedSolomonson, died four years after her marriage. Came to America.
- iii. Frank³, b. Mar. 15, 1865, m. Oct 27, 1888 Emma Anderson. He took the name of Blomquist when he came to America. They live Minneapolis.
Child: (surname Blomquist)
 - i. Harry⁴, b Apr 10, 1891, died March 20, 1950, married Manghild Larson. They had a dau. Muriel, b. Oct 15, 1930.
- iv. Amanda³, b 1867, m.Lund, died in Sweden. They had a large family, and the children live mostly around Stockholm, Sweden.
- v. Johan Daniel³, b. Mar 18, 1871. He took the name of Young when he came to America on May 16, 1888. He settled in Hudson Wisconsin, where he now lives. He is a tailor by trade. He married Celia Charlotta Svenson, dau. of Sven and Assarina (Nilson) Svenson. She was born June 24, 1880 in Attarp, Sweden. They were married June 22, 1901 in Mann Valley, Wisc.
Children (surname Young)
 - i. Myrtle Celia⁴, b Jan 9, 1902, m. Oct 5, 1924, William Sheehan.
 - ii. Stephen Dedo⁴, b June 27, 1903, m. July 7, 1940, Alice Hove.
 - iii. Edmund Harold⁴, b Apr 27, 1905, died June 21, 1934.
 - iv. Violet Beatrice⁴, b May 17, 1907, m. May 28, 1929, James F. Williams
 - v. Fernald Alen⁴, b. July 25, 1910, m. June 8, 1935, Marie Sobehrad.
 - vi. Chester Woodrow⁴, b Sept 26, 1912, m. Dec 9, 1936, Anne Jackelen.
 - vii. Lloyd Raymond⁴, b Dec 5, 1914, unm.

- viii. George Kenneth⁴, b Aug 26, 1918,
m. Aug 10, 1945, Helen Sorensen.
- ix. Joseph Daniel⁴, b Feb 14, 1921, m.
Dec 27, 1945, Marcella Courchane.
- vi. Betsey³, b Jan 18, 1873, m. Andrew Carlson.
She came to America, died in 1950.
- Children: (surname Carlson) all born Minneapolis
- i. Ellen⁴, b. Feb 11, 1895, m. Harry Brown,
born Lincoln Neb Mar 6, 1891, son of
Albert and Mary (Dixon) Brown. Albert
Brown was born in Columbus Ohio, and
Mary Dixon Brown was born in Lima Ohio.
Ellen and Harry Brown have children
Marian and Paul. They live Minneapolis.
- ii. Carl⁴, b July 17, 1896, m. Florence
Peterson, b July 4, 1898, Minneapolis
He is employed at Minneapolis Star and
Tribune. They have children, Virginia,
and Corinne Eleanor, who m. Jerold T.
Neseth and lives in Grand Forks, N.D.
- iii. Harold⁴, b Mar 23, 1899, died 1949,
m. Adeline.....
- iv. Adolph⁴, b July 17, 1901, married Helen
Margaret Elizabeth Gaskill, b Nov 24, 1905.
They have son Roger.
- v. Leonard⁴, b Dec 13, 1903, married Marian
Albertson of Minneapolis. He is a physician
in North Minneapolis. They have children
Leonard Jr. and Lenora.
- vi. Dorothy⁴, b Apr 17, 1909, m. Lawrence
Ruddy, live St. Paul, Minn. They have
children Miles, Delores, and Lawrence Jr.
- vii. Marian⁴, b Oct 30, 1912, m. Lafayette
Varner. They live Robbinsdale, Minn,
and have children Gwendolyn and John.
- vii. Linda³, b May 11, 1875, in Smalond, Sweden,
died Nov. 30, 1948 in Minneapolis, Minn.
Lived in Wyoming, Minn. Married Bengt Oscar
Olson, born Holland, Sweden, Dec 2, 1867, died
Sept. 23, 1937 in Minneapolis.

Children: (surname Olson) next page.

- i. Oscar Ludvik⁴, b Sept 17, 1896, married Viola Gill. He is pastor of a north Minneapolis church. Children, Paul and Robert.
- ii. Elmer Clarence⁴, b July 9, 1903, in Minneapolis, m. Lillian Hyort, live Wyoming, Minn. Children Marlys, Harriet, Judith, Kenneth E, Garry.
- iii. Myrtle Lillian Gertrude⁴, b June 25, 1914, died Jan 1932 in Wyoming, Minn.

III. Johannes²Johanson, third son of Johan and Anna Lisa

born Aug 20, 1840, died April 15, 1926 in Sweden, at Noirhult; married March 1, 1863, Ingrid Christine Jonason, who was born in Udden, Sweden Aug. 21, 1843 died Jan 15, 1922, dau of Jonas and Martha Lisa Jonason.

Johannes entered the Swedish Army for conscription service, and finding too many Johansons in his regiment, took the name of EK, meaning Oak.

Children: (surname Ek)

- i. Johan August³, b. Sept. 8, 1866 in Gamlaboda, Sweden, died Nov. 25, 1941. He came to America, married in 1888 Albertina, by whom he had a son Herman. Herman, born ca 1890, left home after the death of his mother and finally went to California. The family have lost all trace of him. Johan married (2) Mina, who died in 1938. They had no children.
- ii. Carl Goran³, b Oct 29, 1868, in Gamlaboda, died Mar 26, 1942 in Minneapolis, married Carolina Christina Rundquist, daughter of Peter August and Christina Louisa Rebecca (Johnson) Rundquist. She, Caroline Eck, lives with her daughter in Minneapolis. She is a cousin of Amanda (Johnson) Eck, below.

Children:

- i. Josephine⁴, b Mar 1, 1896, m. G. Taylor, lives Minneapolis.
- ii. Valdo Sheridan⁴, b Nov 10, 1911, killed in an aeroplane crash on Feb, 1946.
- iii. Anders Gustav³, b Nov 29, 1871, married in St. Paul April 4, 1900 Amanda Johnson, daughter of Claus Johnson and his wife Ida Christine Anderson.

Amanda Johnson was born in Udden, near Moheda, in Sweden, and was baptized in the Wrigstad Congregation. She was born Sept 27, 1877, died in St. Paul, Minn March 4, 1937.

Anders was born at Gamlaboda, confirmed in the church at Slatthog. He lived in Oboda, nine miles from Moheda. He came to America in 1887, and took the spelling of Andrew Eck for his name. He came to Minneapolis, then to Harris, Minn, then went to work for Twin City Rapid Transit Co, Minneapolis. They built a home at Cromwell Ave. St. Paul which was the family residence until Amanda Eck died. Andrew Eck worked for the Street railway for 40 years until his retirement. He now rooms in Minneapolis.

Children: (surname Eck)

- i. Lester John⁴, b Feb 21, 1901, St. Paul. Attended the University of Minnesota, where he received his master's degree in chemical engineering, and Minnesota College of Law, where he received his law degree. married Feb 4, 1928, at Evanston, Illinois, Aimee May Huston, dau. of Arthur L. and Esther (Brown) Huston. She was b. Evanston Oct 24, 1907, received her degree from Univ. of Minn. in 1927. Lester is Vice-President and Assistant General Manager of the Minneapolis Gas Company. (See Who's Who in Minnesota for 1941)

Child: Lester Huston⁵Eck, b. Mar 7, 1933, Minneapolis. Graduated Blake School, attends Univ. of Minn.

- ii. Vernon Gustav⁴, b Dec 7, 1902, St. Paul. m. July 11, 1934, Gertrude Krueger, dau. of Paul Herman and Anna Elizabeth (Ackerman) Krueger of Westport, Minn. Live Minneapolis. Vernon is instructor in lineotype at Dunwoody Institute.

Child: Vernon Paul⁵, b July 17, 1935.

- iii. Melvin Carl⁴, b July 20, 1905, St. Paul. m. 1932 Virginia Strifert of Rochester, Minn. Melvin graduated from the Univ. of Minn in civil engineering. Was a lieutenant in World War II and saw overseas service. He is employed by the Bryant Heater Company in Indianapolis, Indiana, where they have their home. No children.

- iv. Jonas Frithiof³, b Feb 19, 1875, in Obodakvarn, Sweden, m. Josephine Svensk, who died in 1938. He did not come to America. They had no children, but adopted one of the daughters of his brother Adam, namely Vega, who married a Bjorklid and had one son, Pehr Andre.
- v. Adam Heinrichs³, b. Dec 24, 1877, in Obodakvarn, Sweden, m. Mathilda Abrahamson, of Westregarn, Aneboda, Sweden, He did not emigrate to America, nor did any of his children except Einar.

Children: (all born Sweden)

- i. Herman Oscar Eugene⁴, m. Greta, have 3 sons.
- ii. Bror Einar Emanuel⁴, m. Lillian, came to America.
- iii. Systor Ebba Regina⁴, unmarried.
- iv. Axel Evald Sevarin⁴, m. Dagmar, had one son.
- v. Pamela⁴, twin to Viola, married, has 2 daus.
- vi. Viola⁴, m.Ross, had three daus.
- vii. Vega⁴ adopted by her uncle Jonas, above.
- viii. Helmer⁴, had wife Stina, one son.
- ix. Alva Augusta⁴, m. Nels Pearson, no children.
- vi. Augusta Elise³, b Obodakvarn, Sweden, Aug 2, 1880, came to America, m. Apr 6, 1905, in her brother Anders home to Axel Wilhelm Nelson, b. Apr 6, 1877 in Kallewik, Sweden, son of Nels Daniel Johanneson and Johanna Krestina Jaen. They live in Mohall, North Dakota.

Children (surname Nelson)

- i. Merton Leonard⁴, b Nov 11, 1906, in Sherman Township, N.D. m. Nov 11, 1932 Mildred Olive Smith, b July 18, 1907, in Wheaton Township, N.D.
- ii. Ernest Gustaf⁴, b June 4, 1908, in St. Paul, m. (1) Helen Emma Louise Dreezon, b Mar 12, 1907 They were m. Mar 30, 1932. She was b. in Correctionville, Iowa, lived in Sherman Twnshp N.D. She died Apr 25, 1946, and he m. (2) Vivian Marie Stensland, b June 4 in Cutbank, N.D.
- iii. Vera Josephine⁴, b Sept 19, 1909, Sherman Township, N.D.

- iv. Edna Hanna Krestine⁴, b Feb 24, 1911, Sherman Twnshp, N.D. m. (1) Herman Victor Smith, brother of Merton's wife, above, b Aug 14, 1906. They were m. Feb 25, 1929. She m. (2) Russell Harrison on Oct 4, 1947. He was from St. Louis, Mo, b Nov 16, 1907.
- v. Mary Linnea Elizabeth⁴, b Oct 17, 1922, in Westhope, N.D. married Mar 10, 1944, Grant Cameron of Antler, N.D, b Aug 24, 1916.
- vi. Mildred Caroline Irene⁴, b Oct 14, 1925, Sherman Twnshp, N.D. m. Apr 6, 1946 Henry Orland Hagen, b. July 18, 1916 in Wildrose, N.D.
- vii. Sarah Christine³, b Sept 9, 1883, in Obodakvarn, Sweden married May 24, 1905, Swan Johan Palmer. They lived in Minneapolis, Minn. As a widow, she is employed in a Minneapolis hospital.

Children (surname Palmer)

- i. Ekart Carl Henry⁴, b Sept 22, 1906, m. in Phoenix, Arizona, Cecelia....They have children Virginia, Samuel, Evelyn. Live in Phoenix.
- ii. Harry Menson Eugene⁴, b Nov 5, 1907, married Geneva Nelson. No children.
- iii. Edla Linnea Virginia⁴, b Oct 14, 1909, m. Donald Poffenberger, have son Donald. Live Minneapolis.
- iv. Elvira Anna Christine⁴, b Oct 11, 1913, m. Melvin Anderson, live Minneapolis, have children Elaine and Garry.
- v. Dorothy Emilia Sophie⁴, b June 24, 1915, m. Edgar Pritchard, live Minneapolis, have children Laura, Caroline and Janice.

On the following page, additional personal family records should be placed, thus keeping an up-to-date record of births, marriages and deaths of your branch of the family.

