

A brief Family Tree

TRUVID HOLMQUIST, (grandpa) was born in Stenbruhult, Kronebergslän, Sweden in 1813. He married Ellen or Eling Moteson who also was born at the same place in 1815. Ellen was a widow with two children, Gustaf and Johan with first marriage. (Her first husband named Joneson) They settled in their new home on a farm (1/4 heman) in Lindhult, Stenbruhult socken, Kronebergslän. Six children were born to them, namely: Jonas, Christiana, Menny, John, August and Annie. Gustaf of the first marriage stayed in Sweden. Johann came to the United States with his five children, Joseph, Charlie, Emma, Tilly and Anna. Joseph died from a blow in a fight. Charlie, who stayed single, has traveled somewhat and when last heard from was in Omaha where he had been for some years. Emma married Olof Nelson who died about 1904. Emma has remained a widow and resides in Cicero. She has four children. Tilly married a brother to Olof named Pete and died in August 1923. Anna married a Mr. Nordstrom and they have one girl. Jonas, the son of Truvid, died in Sweden in 1899 or 1900, at the age of 55 years. Truvid also had a daughter, Christiana who stayed in Sweden and married a man named Sunesson and lived in Elmhult, Nybygden. They had five children, Emma, Tilda, Albert, Bort, and Sven. Emma was the only one who came to America. She married a man named Hyltgren a bricklayer she met in Chicago but moved to Brooklyn, N Y where she died in 1900 at the age of 25. Her mother died February 2, 1924 at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 13 days. Menny ~~was~~ came to America and married a John Carlson who ~~lived~~ lived in Chicago for many years and operated the Englewood Home laundry, his business at 6612 S Green street. About 1900 they sold out and moved on a farm in Grovertown, Indiana, where they lived many years. ~~Both~~ died in ~~and she died in and~~ ~~both~~ are buried in the Swedish Luthern church cemetery in Donaldson, Indiana. They had eight children, three died very young. Five living are Eddie, Enoch, Amanda, Esther and Arvid. Eddie became deaf and dumb from scarlet fever. He became an artist and married a deaf and dumb girl named Eva Dorchester from Sherman, Texas. She also was an artist. ~~They~~ Eva died in Texas about 1925 and Eddie died in ~~August~~ July 26, 1932 in Sawyer, Michigan. They left one daughter who lives in Chicago and at this time 1934 is attending the Mac Murray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. Her name Marjorie and is now a fine young lady with no signs of her parents misfortune upon her. Enoch born January 4, 1887 married Edna Bolinger from ~~Rain~~ Donaldson, Indiana, where they live and have three children. Amanda, born in 1890 married Victor Charn of Chicago a carpenter by trade. They now reside in Sawyer, Michigan and have two children. Esther married Dave Lofgren of Donaldson, Ind and now live in Sawyer, Michigan on a farm and have two children. Arvid married a girl from Tyner, Indiana named ( . ) They have one daughter.

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Truvid

he has been living in Chicago

Marjorie



August Holmquist was born ( ) and came to the United States at the same time as his brother John in 1880. ~~and~~ He lived for a time with sister Menny ~~and~~ her husband <sup>John Carlson</sup> August married Hannah Kampe with whom he had six children, namely ~~+~~ Bernard, Elsa, Alma, Ebba, Alice and Violet. The first two died in infancy and Violet died at the age of 17 from heart disease. Alma married Arvid Westerdahl a Methodist minister who in later years studied medicine and is now a practicing physician in ~~Austin,~~ <sup>Chicago</sup> Chicago. Ebba married Roy Lennstrom. Alice married Louis Becker. August and his family lived in Chicago most of the time but for many years owned a 40 acre farm at Grovertown, Indiana and had his family there a great deal and made frequent trips from Chicago to see them and made many long stays always retaining his job at Ajax <sup>W</sup>orgirgs Co. He was a railroad crossing maker and in good health up till when he died suddenly from heart failure. This occurred at the wheel while taking his car out of garage at 7625 Morgan Street. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. He died on the ( )

Annie Folmquist came to America while very young and married Andrew Nelson of Escanaba, Michigan. They had five children, Nannie, Hildur, Ellen, Jennie and Emma. They did not live long in Escanaba but moved to Chicago. Here they lived with brother John until Andrew bought a farm in Grovertown, Indiana. Here they lived many years until Annie took sick. Having much faith in Dr. Dowie they sold out in Indiana and moved to Zion ~~City,~~ Illinois in about 1906. He was one of the pioneers as far as the construction was concerned and helped with much building there for his employment. Do not know just what did happen to Annie but she became strange in her actions. This condition perhaps was brought on by much overwork and aggravated by study and faithful following the teachings of the Dowieites. She died in the Fall of 1933 at Zion City with all her children around her. She seemed to have entirely overcome her mental illness as she knew all and spoke as she were well. Andrew died years before or in ( ) Nannie is married to Mr. C. A. Caird of Helena, Montana and live there where her husband owns and operates a mining machinery concern. She has one daughter, Levina ~~living with her.~~ Emma married a nephew of Mr. Caird whom she met in Waukegan, Ill. Her husband is general manager of the mining company. Hildur married a Chris Nielsen and ~~live in Chicago.~~ Ellen married Silas Mote, son to Mr. Mote an apostle and Elder of the Voliva church and ~~they live in Zion City.~~ Jennie married <sup>Nels Fredrikson</sup> Nels Fredrikson and Emma married <sup>Albert Park</sup> Albert Park and

live in Helena, Montana.

John Holmquist was born March 18, 1857 at Elmhult Station, Norköping, Stenbruhult Sucken Kronebergslän, Sweden. His home was called Lindhult where he lived with his father and mother until about 1877 when he went to Malmo and worked for the Malmo railroad until March 25 1880 when at the age of 23 he left for America with his brother August. He was naturalized in the Superior Court of Chicago, October 29, 1888. He made Chicago his home and one of his first jobs

was erecting the ornamental iron work on the old Union Station at ~~\$1.50~~ per ~~hour~~ day. At the age of 28 he married Hannah Erickson, age 17. Four children were born to them, namely: John Theodore, born January 3, 1886, Edward and William, twins born July 22, 1887 and Waldemar Truvid born September 11, 1889. Hannah, his wife was born May 2, 1867 in ~~Sweden~~ and died the sixth day of February 1890 and was only 22 years, 9mos. This five years of happy married life was soon ended as she died of influenza and pneumonia and is buried at Oakwoods Cemetery (Lot # ). She died confessing conversion and salvation through our beloved Jesus Christ and wishing to see her husband and boys some day in heaven. Hannah had two sisters and two brothers, Charlie, ~~Tilda~~. One brother and sister bought a farm in Bismark, S. D. where he died leaving all to his sister who married and continued to live there. Charlie married and lived in Chicago, not much is known about him as he was very much inclined to strong drink which John had no use for. Tilda married John Larson. Four children were born to them. One died in infancy, three are now living, namely: Charles, Ellen, and August. They lived on the West side of Chicago for years and then moved to Sterling, Illinois, where they are all living now except Tilda who died (Dec. 17, 1929) and Ellen who married Leslie Chapin of Prophetstown, Illinois, in 1912 and moved to Tampico, Illinois. Here they started in the poultry and egg business and did very well. August married a girl named Lois GRAHAM and lived in Sterling. Lois died leaving a daughter. Charlie ~~remains single and~~ keeps busy with his wire specialty business where August is the foreman. Charlie and August do well. John Larson ~~still lives but has retired from his work as~~ blacksmith foreman for the Harvester company in Rock Falls and is taking things as easy as possible and living with Charlie.

*the wife of John*

*BISMARCK, S.D*

*Emma Suoken Smaland*

John Holmquist's sister Annie cared for the <sup>four</sup> boys after their mother Hannah died for nine months. At this time John again married to Emma Charlotta Carlson April first 1891. They were married by a Mission pastor named Anderson at Helander's home. Emma was born April 28 1855 in Ukna Suoken, Smaland, Sweden. Two children were born from this marriage, Edith Maria, born February 9, 1892 and died from a ~~bad~~ stomach August 2, 1892. Emmy Elizabeth was born September 4, 1896 and died from the Croup about ~~189~~ 1900 and was buried in Oakwoods cemetery (~~lot #~~) Edith was also buried there. John built a house at 6613 S Green street where he live until he died. He also bought a farm at Grovertown, Indiana June 2, 1897 from Andrew J. Uncapher. On this farm the boys with Emma spent the summers picking berries, pickles and s raising gardens and potatoes etc. It was John's intention to make that the home instead of Chicago but for many reasons it never materialized. John was converted shortly after his first marriage and joined the Mission church on the north side. Later he transferred his membership to the Mission church at 59th Street and Carpenter St. On January 31, 1897 he was baptized and joined the



Englewood Swedish Baptist church ~~xxxxxx~~ and remained a member there with his second wife, Emma. Emma's father's name was Carl John Lock. That was the name given to him in the Swedish army but his right name was Carlson. She came to America August 31, 1887 and went to Evanston, Illinois and joined the Evanston Swedish Baptist church. She was converted in Vestervik Sweden and baptized March 14, 1879. She had four sisters and seven brothers, namely: Carl Johan, Andes Gustaf, August, Theodore, Peter Enoch, France Otto, Nels Oscar, Tilda and Josephine.

*Children*

~~John died November 15, 1925 and was buried in Oak Hill cemetery November 16th (Lot # )~~. John worked for Wills and France for a short time after coming to this country. He also worked for the Ajax Frog Company on 22nd and ~~xxxxxx~~ Leavitt street for a number of years. There he taught his brother August how to make crossings. After working here for a number of years he went to work for Strom's Frog shop which in later years was known as Pettibone and Muliken Co. This place was started by a man named Strom with whom John worked at Wills and France. Strom worked in the blacksmith shop while John worked in the machine shop. John knew Strom from Sweden well and was a companion there. John continued working for this firm about 40 years running a planer planing frogs and switches until the last two years of his life when he was put on lighter work on account of his weakened condition due to a failing heart. He always was much interested in his work and three years before he died he invented a frog which had the bend in such a manner that a heavier point could be used and in that way save a lot of wear on the switch or frog. He always enjoyed going out to his farm in Grovertown and did so whenever he had a chance. His last visit out there was August 1924. This trip was his last as he was very weak and was taken home with his wife by his son Edward who had driven out there. As far as was known he was well until the summer of when his son John T. took both him and his ~~family~~ wife along with John T.'s family for a visit to Sterling. Here we visited Larson's his first wife's sister and at which time we motored to Tamico where Mrs Larson's daughter Ellen lived. It was here where he had the first heart attack after eating supper out in the golf course about a mile east of Tamico. John T. his son with his children and Leslie Chapin started across the field to see a new canal that was dug. John did not go along at first but later followed down the hill on a run which was too much for him after eating. He became very sick at this time but seemed to get over it in a few days. This heart trouble developed until it caused his death. He was a man of great strength, especially while young and all his friends respected this and always tried to keep peace with him. He was very liberal and always ready to help others. Pride never got the best of him and he always had a hatred for anything that showed pride and warned his boys never to let pride get the upper hand of them. He was a firm believer in the Bible which he read much. His faith in the Lord was plain and only as the Bible taught it, nothing added and nothing removed.

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He never seemed to develop any love for riches but all he wished for was health and enough to get along without suffering. Often he said his riches on earth was his wife and four boys whom he thought the world of. After his last trip to Grovertown he never regained his strenght. He was thoroughly examined by Professsor Gilbert after an examination at the South Shore Hospital All said there was nothing to do but let him rest. He remained in bed the last 8 weeks he lived. His dying days were peaceful and thankful to everybody. He was often cautioning his boys not to get too much love for things of this world but to remember of the life after this. He always prayed for his boys and toward the last he became unconscious from 1 o'clock Saturday morning until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. When he awakened ~~the~~ again the nurse took full charge of him. Will, Esther, John and Ruth and their two sons, Alden and Russel were at ~~the~~ his bedside and Ruth, intending to go home, took his hand to say good-bye and when he took her hand he imagined he was traveling on the way to Heaven saying, "it is the same there as here, they have stations and thought we were starting on the journey also. He asked that God may bleas us on our journey. Then he asked Ruth if Jesus is here. He said we each had a number, John's was #1 and Will's #2 then he tried to explain that our numbers were 1, 2, 3, and Jesus comes along and call~~s~~ our number we should be ready. Just then he heard and saw something and he made us go saying that Jesus was calling our number now, fearing ~~we~~ would be left behind, he said, "go" several times, "cant you hear himcalling". He ~~was~~ afraid we would be left behind. Then John and Will went out of the room and he waved his hand to them and said, "I will meet you there". He had not been able to speak clearly for several d\_ays but the above quotations were as clear as though he were well. He shortly went into another coma and was in that condition on and off all afternoon. Saturday evening about 10 o'clock we left him which was the last time he said anything. He was too weak to say good-bye but moved his hand when we left him. About midnight he became conscious again for a while. He then became unconscious again and stayed that way until he died at about 5:30 Sunday morning, November 15, 1925.

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