

ANNIE HOLMWULST came to America while very young and married Andrew Nelson of Escanaba, Michigan. They have five children, namely: Nannie, Hildur, Ellen, Jennie and Emma. They did not live long in Escanaba but moved to Chicago. Here they lived with Annie's 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, Illinois in about 1906. He was one of the pioneers of Zion as far as the construction was concerned and helped much in 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 with all of her children around her. Her children were unusually kind to her at all times. Shortly before she died she seemed to have entirely overcome her mental illness as she knew all and spoke as she were well. Andrew died years before in Zion. Their daughter Nannie married a Mr. C.A. Caird of Helena, Montana where they made their home. Her husband owned and operated a mining machinery factory. She has one daughter Lovina. Lovina has two children. Another daughter, who is the youngest, married a nephew of Mr. Caird whom she met in Waukegan, Illinois. After her marriage to her husband Albert Porte they moved to Helena, he became general manager of the mining company. Another daughter married Christian Nielsen This was Hildur. They have three children now living, namely: Donald, Marjorie and Rosemary. A son Charles Richard lost his life during World War 2. Jenny married Nel Fredrickson and Ellen married Silos Moote.

JOHN HOLMQUIST was born March 18, 1857 at Elmhult Station, Norkoping, Stenbruhult Sucken, Kronebergslan, Sweden. His home was called Lindhult where he lived with his folks until about 1877 when we went to Malmo and worked for the Malmo railroad until March 25, 1880. At the age of 23 years he left for United States with his brother August. He was naturalized in the Superior of Chicago, October 29, 1888. He made Chicago his home. At the age of 28 years he

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married Hannah Erickson, age 17 years. Four boys were born to them namely: John Theodore born Jan. 5, 1886, Edward and William, twins, were born July 22, 1887 and Waldemar Travid born September 11, 1889. Hannah, his wife was born May 2, ~~1867~~ 1867 and died February 6, 1890 and was only 22 years, 9 months. This five years of happy ~~life~~ married life was soon ended as she died of influenza and Pneumonia and is buried at Oakwoods Cemetery. (LOE #). She died confessing conversion and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ and wishing to see her husband and boys some day in heaven. She had two brothers and sisters. One sister and brother bought a farm in Bismark, South Dakota, where he died leaving all to his sister who married and continued to live there. Another brother Charlie married and lived in Chicago. Not much is known about him as he was very much inclined to strong drinks which John had no use for. Tilda, another sister of John's wife Hannah married John Larson. Four children were born to them. One died while young. The other three are namely: Charles, Ellen and August. They lived on the west side of Chicago for years and then moved to Sterling, Illinois. Ellen married Leslie Chapin of Prophetstown, Illinois. In 1912 they moved to Tampico, Illinois. Here they started in the poultry and egg business and did very well. Later they started a cheese and butter business. Tilda died Dec. 17, 1929. John Larson died . Ellen died in Dec. 1945.

Charlie married Marjorie

He keeps busy with his wire specialty business where his brother August is in charge of the plant. August married a Lois Graham of Prophetstown, Ill. but then made their home in Sterling. A short time later Lois died leaving a young daughter. Later August married Althea . Two children were born to them. Ellen Chapin marriage to Leslie Chapin was blessed with three children, namely: Harry, Margaret and Richard. Harry and Richard are assisting their father in the cheese and butter business. All the Larsons and Chapins have done well. John Larson worked as a blacksmith foreman for the Harvester company in Rock Falls and lived with Charles after his wife died.

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John Holmquist's sister Annie cared for the four boys after their mother died, for nine months. On April 1, 1891 John again married. His wife's name was Emma Charlotte Carlson. They were married by a Mission pastor name Anderson at the home of a family by the name of Helander. John Holmquist's second wife Emma was born April 28, 1885 in Ukna Sucken, Smaland, Calmarlan, Sweden. Two daughters were born from this marriage, Edith Marie, born September 4, 1892. She died August 2, 1892. Emy Elizabeth born September 4, 1896. She also died, from croup about 1900 and both were buried in Oakwoods cemetery. John built a house at 6613 S. Green Street where he and his wife Emma lived until the end of their lives. He also bought a farm at Grovertown, Indiana. This farm was bought from Andrew Unsapher one June 2, 1897. On this farm his wife Emma and the boys spent the summers picking berries, picking pickles and raising a garden and potatoes etc. It was John's intention to make that their home instead of Chicago but for many reasons it never materialized. John was converted shortly after the death of his first wife, and joined the Mission Church on the north side. Later he transferred his membership to the Mission Church at 59th and Carpenter Streets. On January 31, 1897 he was baptized and joined the Englewood Swedish Baptist Church and remained a member there with his second wife. Emma, second wife of John, came to United States 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. Her father's name was Carl John Loeke. That was the name given to him in the Swedish army but his right name was Carlson. She had four sisters and seven brothers, namely: Carl John, Andes Gustaf, August Theodore, Peter Enoch, Frans Otto, Nels Oscar. Two of the sisters of Emma were Tilda and Josephine. The names of the other ~~two~~ sisters were not obtainable. John HOLMQUIST 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 Leavit Streets for a number of years. There he taught his brother August how to make crossings. After working there 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. Mr. Strom worked in the blacksmith shop while John worked in the machine shop. John knew Mr. Strom from Sweden well and was always a close friend to him. 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 a couple of years before when his son John T. and his family took John and his wife for a visit to Sterling, Illinois. Here we visited Larsons', his first wife's sister and at which time we motored to Tampico, where Larsons' daughter Ellen lived. It was here where he had the first heart attack after eating supper out at the Golf course about a mile east of Tampico. His son John T. with John T. 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. 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 were his wife and four boys whom he thought the world of.

After his last trip to Grovertown he never regained his strength. He was thoroughly examined by Professor 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 eight 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 the world but to remember the life after this. He always prayed for his boys. Toward the last of his illness he became unconscious from 1 o'clock Saturday morning to 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. When he awoken again the nurse took full charge of him. William, Esther, John T. and Ruth and their two sons Alden and Russell were at his bedside. Ruth intending to go home, took his hand to say good-bye and when he took Ruth's hand he imagined he was traveling on the way to heaven, saying, "It is the same there as here, they have stations". He thought we were starting on a journey also. He asked that God may bless us on our journey. Then he asked Ruth if Jesus was here. We said we each had a number. John T.'s was #1 and Will's #2, then he tried to explain that our numbers were 1, 2, 3, etc and when Jesus comes along and calls our number we should be ready. Just then he heard and saw something and he made us go, saying, "Jesus is calling our number now", and fearing we would be left behind, he said, "can't you hear him calling". Being he was so afraid that we would be left behind, John T. and William left 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 days but the above quotations were as clear as though he was well. It was wonderful for us to be present when he had this beautiful vision just a few hours before he went to be with his Lord.

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 little while. A short while after midnight he became unconscious again and stayed that way until he died at about 5:30 Sunday morning, November 15, 1925. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

John Holmquist's wife lived 30 years after and she kept her home at 6813 Green St. She died May 8, 1944 at ripe old age of 89 years and 10 days. She was a faithful and hard working step-mother to John's boys and much credit is due her.

John Theodore, a son to John was married to Ruth Elfie Swanson Oct. 3, 1908. They have six children living, namely Alden Theodore, Russell Waldorf, Eleanor Ruth, LaVerne Adele, Bernard John and Elaine Elfie. Four of John T.'s children are married.

Alden married Hazel Almaquist and they have three children, Joan, Carole and Raymond.

Russell married Frances Peterson and they have one child, James Russell.

Eleanor married a weather-man named Milton Swanson and they have 3 children, John Milton, Louis Marie and Robert F.

LaVerne married Elmer Holm and they have four children namely: Adele Ruth, Eugene Martin, Phyllis Ann and Arlene LaVerne. They live on a farm at Grovertown, Indiana.

Another son of John is Edward. He was married to Alice Vedenhoff. Three children were born to them namely: Evelyn, Hazel and Charles.

Evelyn is married to Paul Glickouff, living in LaPorte Indiana. They have one child Phyllis Sue.

Hazel is married to John Holland living in Indiana.

They have one boy.

Charles is staying at home with his mother, Edward having died Dec. 26, 1941.

William, another son of John, was married to Lillian Newman, but she died Dec. 26 1914 leaving an infant daughter Lillian. Lillian is married to Raymond

Johnson, a minister at Hinsdale, Illinois. They have three children. William married again Esther Holm.

This marriage was blessed with three children, June, Marion and Bill. June is married to Geo. Kiederhoff of Geo. Calkoun.

Waldemar T. another son of John Holmquist married Nellie Holm, a sister to Esther Holm. Six of the seven children born to them are Richard, Robert, Jean, Donald, Carole and Marjorie.

Richard married Sally _____ Have one son

Robert married Eva Love _____ Have one son

Jean married F. A. Carlton _____

Donald married Barbara Johnson _____

Carole married Robert Wagner, Have one son.

Marjorie is still at school

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