

SWAN JOHN SWANSON

Born December 25, 1855 in Hyllela, Ukna Socken, Kalmar Län, Sweden. When he was a year old his parents moved to Idokra Dalhems Socken (1856). In 1865 they moved to Flugens Dalhems Socken where his father was a farm foreman. They left Flugens in 1869 and went to Overom Herregård. There his father was hurt and on October 1, 1870 and died on October 30th. His mother was a widow with seven children, the eldest only sixteen and the youngest one year. John (Swan John) started to work in Overom in 1870 and was there until 1877, when he went to Stockholm and worked at Atlas and Bergsunds until 1880, when he came to the United States. He arrived in New York on May 1, 1880 and Chicago May 4th. During this time he was unconverted, but was converted in February 1881. First he worked at the Rock Island shop (railroad - ?), then at Bombers, then at Wenselflous, in 1883 back to Rock Island shops until 1903 when he left and went to the South Side Elevated Train shops at 61st and Calumet Avenue, where he worked until his death on November 20, 1920. He was married May 28, 1881 to Beata (Betty) Josephine Jonesson. She was born in Ogelbo Dalhem Socken Karmar Län, Sweden, on February 3, 1857. Later she moved to Drabo Uppeby Socken, Linkoping Län in 1869. Went to Tyling in 1876 and worked in the creamery there for two years, went home for a year and then sailed for the United States on April 5, 1880. She died August 14, 1939. Six children were born in this union:

Ture Ernest March 12, 1882 (died in infancy)

David Ivar - September 14, 1884

Ruth Elfie - December 23, 1886

Almeda Lydia - November 29, 1888

Henry Oscar - February 22, 1891

Joel Walter - January 7, 1896

S. John Swanson died November 20, 1920 very peacefully. He had been to church the day before, felt well, and on Monday morning at 10:00 A.M. he passed away from heart failure.