

A BRIEF FAMILY TREE

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TRUVID HOLMQUIST

(grandpa) was born in Stenbruhult, Kronebergelan, Sweden in 1813. He married Ellen (or Eling) Moteson or Motte's detter who also was born at the same place in 1815. Ellen was a widow with two children, Gustaf and Johan with the first marriage. (Her first husband named Joneson. Truvid settled in their new home on a farm (1/4 heman) in Lindhult, Stenbruhult sucken, Kronebergslan.

Six children were born to them, namely: Jonas, Christiana, Menny, John, August and Annie. Gustaf of the first marriage, stayed in Sweden. Johan 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, had traveled somewhat and when last heard he was living in Chicago. Emma married Olof Nelson who died about 1910. Emma has remained a widow and resides in Cicero. She has four children. Tilly married a brother to Olof named Pete. She died in August 1923. They had one daughter. Anna married a Mr. Nordstrom and they have one Daughter. 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 name named Sunnesson and lived in Elmhult, Nybyden. She had five children, Emma, Tilda, Albert, Bort and Swen. Emma was the only one who came to this country(America). She married a man named Hultgren, a Brick-layer Contractor she met in Chicago but moved to Brooklyn, N. Y. where she died in 1900 at the age of 25 years. Her mother died February 2, 1924 at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 13 days.

MENNY

Menny came to America and married a John Carlson who lived in Chicago for many years and owned and operated the Englewood Home Laundry. His business was 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 and are buried in the Swedish Luthern Church Cemetery in Donaldson, Indiana. They had eight children, three died very young. Five of the other are Eddie, Enock, Amanda, Esther and Arvid. Eddie and Enock are now dead. Eddie became deaf and dumb. Eddie was a artist and married a deaf and dumb girl named Eva Dorchester from Sherman, Texas. She also was an artist. Eva died in Texas about 1925 and Eddie died July 26, 1932 in Sawyer, Michigan. They had one daughter Marjorie. She is now a fine Young lady with no signs of her parents misfortune upon her. She is married to a Joe Semmes of Dallas, Texas. ENOCK was born January 4, 1887, married Edna Bollinger from Donaldson, Indiana where they lived and have three children. Enock died (1946). AMANDA born in 1890, married Victor Charn of Chicago, a carpenter by trade. They now reside in Sawyer, Michigan and have three children. ESTHER married David Lovegren of Donaldson, Indiana and now live in Harbert, Michigan. They have three children. AKVID married a girl from Tyner, Indiana. They have two children.

August Holmquist

was born () and came to the United States at the same time as his brother John in 1880. He lived for a time with his sister Menny and her husband John Carlson. August married Hannah Kampe. They 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 years of heart trouble. ALMA married Arvid Westerdahl a Methodist minister who in later years studied medicine and is now a practicing physician in Oak Park, Illinois. EBBA married Roy Lennstruum. Roy is now dead. They have one daughter, Lois. ALICE married Louis Becker. They have three children, Janice, Jack and Jerry. Jack and Jerry are twins. AUGUST and his family lived in Chicago most of 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 Forging Co. He was a railroad crossing maker. He was in good health up till when he died suddenly from heart failure. This occured at the wheel while taking his car out of the garage at 7625 Morgan St. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. His wife is now dead and is also buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Annie Holmquist

came to United States while very young and she married Andrew Nelson of Escanaba, Michigan. They had five children, Nanny, Hildur, Ellen, Jennie and Emma. They didn't 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, Ill. in about 1906. He was one of the pioneers as far as the construction was concerned and helped much in building there for his employment. Do not know just what 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 th Dowieites. She died in the Fall of 1933 at Zion with all of her children around her. She seemed to have entirely overcome her mental illness as she knew all and speaks she were well. Andrew died years before in Zion/ NANNIE married a Mr. C. A. Caird of Helena, Montana where they lived and her husband owned and operated a Mining Machinery Concern, She has one saughter. Mr. Caird died in 1946. EMMA married a nephew of Mr. Caird whom she met in Waukegan Illinois. His name is Al Poste. Emma's husband is now part owner od this firm. They have one son.

HILDUR married Christian Nielsen, They had four children. One son died during World War 2. Ellen married Silas Moote son to Mr. Moote an apostle and Elder of the Voliva church. They have two sons. JENNIE married Nels Fredrickson, They have two sons.

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 father and mother untill about 1877 when he went to Malmo and worked for the Malmo railroad until March 25, 1880. At the age of 23 he left for United States 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 the age of 28 he married Hannah Erickson, age 17 years. Four children were born to them namely: JOHN THEODORE, born January 3, 1886, Edward and William, Twins, born July 22, 1887 and Waldemar Truid born September 11, 1889. Hannah, his wife was born May 2, 1867 and she died February 6, 1890 and was only 22 years, 22 months. This five years of happy married life was soon ended as she died of influenza and pneumonia and is buried at Oakwoods Cemetery. She died confessing conversion and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ and wishing to see her husband and boys some day in heaven. Hannah, his wife or wife of John had two sisters and two brothers. One sister and brother bought a farm in Bismark, M. D. where he died leaving all to his sister who marred and continued to live there. A brother 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, another sister of John's wife Hannah married John Larson. Four children were born to them. One died in infancy. The three other were namely Ellen, Charles and August. They lived on the west side of Chicago for years and then moved to Sterling, Illinois. Tilda died Dec. 17, 1929. John Larson is now dead too. Ellen married Leslie Chapin of Prohetstown, 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. Ellen died in December 1945. They have three children. August married a girl named Lois Graham and lived in Sterling. Lois died leaving a young daughter. Later August married a Sterling girl by the name of Althea . He has two more children. Charlie married Marjorie . He keeps busy with his wire specialty business where his brother August is in charge of the plant. Charlie and August do well. John Larson worked as a blacksmith foreman for the Harvester Company in Rock Falls and lived with Charlie. John Holmquist's sister Annie cared for the four boys after their mother Hannah died, for nine months. At this time John married again to Emma Charlotte Carlson, April 1, 1891. They were married by a Mission pastor name Anderson at a Helander's home. John Holmquist's second wife Emma was born April 28, 1855 in Ukna Socken, Smalard, Calmarlen, Sweden. Two daughters were born from this marriage, Edith, Marie, born February 9, 1892 and died August 2, 1892.

Emmy Elizabeth born Sept 4, 1896 and died from croup about 1900 and was buried in Oakwoods Cemetery. Edith was also buried there. John built a house at 6613 S. Green Street where he lived until he died. He also bought a farm at Grovertown, Indiana, June 2, 1897 from Andrew Uncapher. On this farm the boys with Emma, John's wife, spent the summers picking berries, pickles and raising garden 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 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 Street. On January 31, 1897 he was baptized and joined the Englewood Swedish Baptist Church and remained a member there with his second wife Emma until his death. 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. Emma came to America August 31, 1887 and went to Evanston, Illinois and there she 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 John, Andes Gustaf, August Theodore, Peter Enock, Frans Otto, Nels Oscar. Two of the sisters of Emma were Tilda and Josephine. 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 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 the 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 & 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 of his. 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 was always 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 1923 when his son John and family took him and his wife for a visit to Sterling, Illinois. Here we visited Larson's, his first wife's sister and at which time we motored to Tampico where Larson's daughter Ellen lived. It was here where he had the first attack after eating supper out at the golf course about a mile east of Tampico. 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. 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 strength. He was thoroughly examined by Professor Gilbert after an examination at South Shore Hospital. All said there was nothing to do but let him rest. He remained in bed that 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 the 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 one o'clock Saturday morning until Saturday ~~noon~~ afternoon at one o'clock.

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When he awakened again the nurse took full charge of him. William, Esther, John and Ruth and the latter two sons Alden and Russell were at 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, he said, "it is the same there as here, they have stations." He thought we were starting on the journey also. He asked that God may bless us on our journey. Then he asked Ruth if Jesus is here. He said we each had a number. John's was #1 and William'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". Fearing we would be left behind, he said, "go" several times, "can't you hear Him calling", he was afraid we would be left behind. Then John and William went out of the room and he waved his hand 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 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 and stayed that way until he died at about 5:30 Sunday morning, November 15, 1925. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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John Holmquist's wife Emma died May 8, 1944 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

John Theodore, son to John Holmquist married Ruth Elfie Swanson October 3, 1906. They have six children living, one daughter died in infancy. Their children are as follows: Alden Theodore, Russell Waldorf, Eleanor Ruth, LaVerne Adele, Bernard John and Elaine Elfie. Alden Theodore married Hazel Almquist they have three children. Russell Waldorf married Frances Peterson. They have one son. Eleanor Ruth married Milton Oscar Swenson, they have three children. LaVerne married Elmer Holm, they have four children. At this writing, Feb, 9, 1948, Bernard and Elaine are still at home. They both are going to school. Edward, another son of John was married to Alice Videnhoff. Edward died Dec. 26, 1941. They have three children, namely: Evelyn, Hazel and Charles. William, another son of John Holmquist married Lillian Newman and she died Dec. 26, 1914. This marriage was blessed with one daughter Lillian. William married again to Esther Holm. Three children were born to the marriage namely: June, Marion and Bill, Jr. Waldemar T. another son of John Holmquist married Nellie Holm, a sister to Esther Holm, William's wife. Six children are now living that were born to this marriage, namely: Richard, Robert, Jean, Donald, Carole and Marjorie. One child died in its youth.