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Biography of Martin P. Osterholm

Martin P. Osterholm was born on August 13, 1862, in Varberg, Halland, Sweden¹. He lived a long and fulfilling life until his death on December 10, 1927, in Seneca, Ohio.² He was succeeded by his three children Lenore, Marie, and Robert and also his wife Emma C.

Osterholm.³ Emma Osterholm was born on October 6, 1872, in Davenport, Iowa and died on June 12, 1938, in Tiffin, Seneca, Ohio.⁴

Martin's parents Peter and Anna along with his other siblings decided to immigrate to America from Sweden in 1881.⁵ Martin Osterholm later immigrated by himself to the United States in 1882 a full year after his whole family had left him to live in America from Sweden.⁶ Martin's father Peter was noted to be a watchmaker or also known as a jeweler at the time for his

¹ *Augustana College Catalog 1883-1884*, p. 12-13, volume bond in *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. All the students in the senior class are listed with birthplaces and year of birth.

² "Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953," database with images, *FamilySearch*(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXSL-6ZQ> : 8 December 2014), Martin Osterholm in entry for Emma C Osterholm, 12 Jun 1938; citing Tiffin, Seneca, Ohio, reference fn 38199; FHL microfilm 2,023,608.

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⁵ "Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)", database with images, *Arkivdigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 12 January 2017), image 233 / page 233, AID: v19042.b233.s233, NAD: SE/VALA/03254, Peter Emmanuel Petterson, wife Britta Pehrson, and family before leaving Sweden for the United States in 1851/1852 living in Skolan; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows the family leaving Sweden for the United States in 1881 and later Martin Osterholm in 1882.

⁶ "Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)", *Arkivdigital*, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

employment while he lived in Sweden.⁷ Peter Osterholm and Anna Schubert and the rest of his three older siblings and five younger siblings. There he attended Augustana College and graduated in 1885 with a Bachelor's degree from the Department of Modern Languages.⁸ After Augustana, he attended the University of Nebraska's graduate school in 1890, then he moved to study at Yale University in 1892, then the University of Chicago in 1893 under professor Hjalmar Edgren in 1893 to 1896.⁹ He then began teaching German and history at Bethany College in Kansas from 1885 to 1887. He then began teaching at Carthage University and later moved on to teach at Heidelberg University in Ohio in 1905.¹⁰

Martin Osterholm lived in many different places across the country. He first lived in Illinois, then moved to Nebraska and then Ohio. He moved around with his wife Emma Osterholm and his three children Lenore, Marie, and Robert. His son Robert married Carolyn Elizabeth Mast in 17 August 1929 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, Illinois.¹¹ Elizabeth Mast was a native

⁷ "Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)", *Arkivdigital*, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

⁸ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, p. 12-13, volume bond in *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. All the students in the senior class are listed with birthplaces and year of birth.

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from Ohio and was born on 13 September 1905 and died on 9 May 1999. They had a child together named Susan Osterholm who was also born in Ohio in about 1935.¹² Robert died in his home state Ohio on 27 December 1975.¹³

Carolyn Mast, 17 Aug 1929; citing Cuyahoga, Ohio, United States, reference ; county courthouses, Ohio; FHL microfilm 1,901,661.

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Ahnentafel for Martin P. Osterholm

Generation 1:

1. Martin P. Osterholm. For more information about Martin, see the biography above.

Generation 2:

2. Peter Emmanuel Petersson Osterholm. Was born on 11 November 1827 and Christened on 12 November 1827¹⁴. While living in Sweden Peter was a well known watchmaker/jeweler. In 1881 Peter and his family (excluding Martin) moved to the United States.¹⁵ Peter's Death date is unknown.

3. Anna Osterholm was born on 17 Feb. 1832.¹⁶ She immigrated from Sweden to America with her husband and kids (excluding Martin) in 1881. Anna's death date is unknown.

Anna and Peter had children.

Johann. Born 5 April 1855 in Sweden.¹⁷

Josef. Born 25 June 1857 in Sweden.¹⁸

August. Born 19 October 1859 in Sweden.¹⁹

¹⁴“Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, database with images, *Arkivdigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 12 January 2017), image 233 / page 233, AID: v19042.b233.s233, NAD: SE/VALA/03254, Peter Emmanuel Petterson, wife Britta Pehrson, and family before leaving Sweden for the United States in 1851/1852 living in Skolan; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows the family leaving Sweden for the United States in 1881 and later Martin Osterholm in 1882.

¹⁵ “Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, Arkivdigital, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

¹⁶“Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, Arkivdigital, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

¹⁷ “Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, Arkivdigital, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

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¹⁹ “Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, Arkivdigital, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

Martin. See 1 above in Sweden.²⁰

Ida. Born 8 June 1865 in Sweden.²¹

Hulda. Born 21 July 1867 in Sweden.²²

Karl. Born 26 September 1870 in Sweden.²³

Hjalmar. Born 8 January 1873 in Sweden.²⁴

Elfrida. Born 15 February 1875 in Sweden.²⁵

Generation 3:

4. Peter Jonsson. Born in Sweden on 2 August 1793. Peter married Ingrid.²⁶

5. Ingrid Svensdotter. Born in Sweden on 17 September 1798.²⁷ Ingrid and Peter had children.

The known children are:

Sven. Born 15 February 1818 in Sweden.²⁸

²⁰ “Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, Arkivdigital, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

²¹ “Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, Arkivdigital, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

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²⁵ “Brandstorp A1:7 (1880-1895)”, Arkivdigital, page 233, database image of Petersson Osterholm family

²⁶ “Kalv A1:4 (1820-1837)”, database with images, *Arkivdigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 12 January 2017), image 76 / page 65, AID: v3675.b76.s65, NAD: SE/GLA/13268, Peter Jonsson, wife Ingrid Svensdotter, and family living in Kalv; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows the family living in Sweden with just 2 known children at the time, Sven and Peter.

²⁷ “Kalv A1:4 (1820-1837)”, Arkivdigital, image 76 / page 65, database with image of Jonsson family.

²⁸ “Kalv A1:4 (1820-1837)”, Arkivdigital, image 76 / page 65, database with image of Jonsson family.

Peter. See number 2 above.

Descendants for Martin P. Osterholm

Generation 1:

1. Martin P. Osterholm married Emma Christine Lindwall. For more information on Martin and Christine see the main biography above.

Martin and Emma had three children:

+2. Lenore Osterholm.

+3. Marie Osterholm.

+4. Robert Osterholm.

Generation 2:

2. Lenore Osterholm was born on 8 March 1894 in Nebraska.²⁹ She seems to have not married since she was living with her brother Robert in Ohio at the age of 46.³⁰ Her occupation listed on the 1940 census was a teacher at a college.³¹ Lenore died in April of 1985 in Franklin, Ohio.³²

²⁹ “United States Social Security Death Index,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/JRNB-6YX> : 20 May 2014), Lenore Osterholm, Apr 1985; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

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³² “United States Social Security Death Index,” *FamilySearch*, database entry for Lenore Osterholm (d. Apr 1985).

3. Marie Osterholm was born on 19 February 1902 in Illinois.³³ Marie married George Wertz on 28 November 1925 in Seneca, Ohio.³⁴ They had one child together. Marie died on 2 August 1997 in Columbus, Franklin, Ohio.³⁵

Marie and George had one child:

+5. George P. Wertz Jr.

4. Robert Osterholm was born in 1905 in Ohio. Robert married Carolyn Mast in 1929 in Ohio, United States.³⁶ According to the United States Census, Robert was an electrical engineer for a utility power company.³⁷ Robert died in Stark County, Ohio, United States on 27 December 1975³⁸, and is buried at North Lawn Cemetery in Canton, Stark, Ohio³⁹ with his wife Carolyn.⁴⁰

³³ "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/XZL5-3S6> : 8 December 2014), George P. Wertz and Marie L. Osterholm, 28 Nov 1925; citing Seneca, Ohio, United States, reference p 167 cn 8402; county courthouses, Ohio; FHL microfilm 388,647.

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³⁸ "Ohio Death Index, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, and 1958-2007," *FamilySearch*, database entry for Robert W. Osterholm, 27 Dec 1975.

³⁹ "Find A Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/QV2H-LRTY> : 13 December 2015), Robert W Osterholm, ; Burial, Canton, Stark, Ohio, United States of America, North Lawn Cemetery; citing record ID 59813082, Find a Grave, <http://www.findagrave.com>.

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Robert and Carolyn had one child:

+6. Susan J. Osterholm.

Generation 3:

5. George P. Wertz Jr. was born in 1927 in Ohio.⁴¹ George married Catherine L. Cline on 26 November 1951 in Franklin, Ohio.⁴² George created a company with his wife that sells building products called Wertz Associates.⁴³ George died on 23 August 2009.⁴⁴

George and Catherine had 5 children.⁴⁵

7. Living Wertz

8. Living Wertz

9. Living Wertz

10. Living Wertz

11. Living Wertz

6. Susan Osterholm was born in 1935 in Ohio.⁴⁶

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Questions for Further Research

One thing that could help us greatly is to attempt to further our research in Sweden and go to all known places of Martin Osterholm and his family. We could possibly look through housing records and Swedish census' that could allow us to obtain information that could lead to potential matches that we have found through FamilySearch and the Swenson Center. Not only could we expand our research to those places, but we can also spread our places of research to Ohio, Nebraska, and Illinois because those are some places that have records indicating that Martin and his family have resided there.

Another possibility to help aid in confirmation of certain records we could contact Martin's descendants who are alive right now and see if they have done any genealogical research on their family or know any additional information on Martin and his descendants. We currently know of some of his living descendants that live in Ohio that we could theoretically contact and question.

A great idea for getting more information on the Osterholm family would be to contact a known source of Kitty Hertz who is a part of a company called Wertz Associates. She and others could maybe give us more information on the ancestry of the Osterholm family and the whereabouts of others that could lead us to more potential information about the history of residence and children of Martin's children.

We have created a tree on *FamilySearch* for Martin P. Osterholm and his family dating back to the 18th century that includes many children, marriages, and records. This tree can be improved little by little by increasing the amount of research we do to connect the dots and confirm the data that has been entered by other users. We can also add sources to his family

member's profiles on *FamilySearch* to confirm their identities and relations to Martin. Martin's identification on family search is K8GP-N67. This tree helps us understand more about Martin, his descendants and ancestors and how he got to be in the first graduating class of Augustana College.

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