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Johan Sven Carlson

Johan Sven Carlson, also known as J.S. Carlson, was born in Frödinge, Kalmar, Sweden on November 9, 1857. His parents were Carl August Swensson, born on July 19, 1829 in Frödinge, and Anna Kristina Eriksdotter, born May 19, 1823. He married Mary Mathilda Anderson on June 10, 1890 in Nicollet, Minnesota. His children were Gudrun Ingeborg, Thorgny Cedric, Anders Johan, Anna Astrid, Blenda Johanna, and Joel Sebastian.¹

In Special Collections, there are files and records for all of the students who have studied at Augustana. We first checked the Adelpic Society Records, but in this we found no information on J.S. These records mostly contained laws and roll call books and cards.² In the Augustana College Catalogues we found information for the classes that J.S. Carlson would have taken during his time at Augustana.³ While he was studying at Augustana, there were only two options offered as areas for studying. These two options were Sciences or Classical studies. J.S. Carlson took the Classical studies route and took classes for history and languages. These records also contained information of where J.S. Carlson is from. However in the part of the catalogue for his sophomore year it is listed that he is from Alstad, Sweden⁴, but then in the part of the catalogue for his junior and senior year it states that he is from Grönhult, Sweden⁵. We are not sure why there is a discrepancy in this part of the catalogue, and when we talked to the people who worked in Special Collections, they were not sure why there was a change in the information for where he his from. In the Augustana College and Theological Sem.

¹FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017); Johann Swen Carlson was found and was able to link us to many of his ancestors and other family members.

² Adelpic Society Records Box 1, in MSS 206, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

³ *Augustana College Catalog 1881-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1881-189; Augustana College, Special Collection, Rock Island, Illinois. All the students in the senior class are listed with birthplaces and year of birth.

⁴ *Augustana College Catalog 1882-1883*, pg 7

⁵ *Augustana College Catalog 1883-1884*, pg 16

Matriculation Records it had his birthdate and birthplace, the year he immigrated to America, and where he studied before coming to Augustana. According to these records, J.S. Carlson was born in Alstad, Sweden on 8 November 1857. He came to Watertown, Minnesota in 1873 and before coming to Augustana he studied at GA College in Saint Peter, Minnesota. His religion listed in these records is Swedish Lutheran. This also had days that the students were absent from classes listed. There were several Mondays in a row where J.S. Carlson did not go to class, sometimes these absences were excused, and sometimes they were not. When they were excused, it was by the President or a teacher, but there were never reasons for why he was absent.⁶

The Augustana records that we found while in special collections showed that J.S. Carlson came over to the US in 1873.⁷ We wanted to make sure that this information was correct, so we checked the immigration records from the port he left on the system in the Swenson Center. At first it seemed as though our results were going to be inconclusive, because we were having such a hard time finding him on the system. However, after a while of searching, we found records that showed that his father came over to the US by himself in 1873, and J.S. came over with his mother and sister in 1874.⁸ J.S., his mother, and his sister took a ship called the Rollo over to England, and from there took another ship to New York.⁹

⁶ Augustana College and Theological Sem. Matriculation Records Part II 1884-1885 Items 73-76 in MSS 241 Box 14, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

⁷ Augustana College and Theological Sem. Matriculation Records Part II, MSS 241 Box 14

⁸“Frodunge AI:13 (1867-1874),” database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net>: accessed 10 January 2017), image 125 / page 114, AID: v22118.b125.s114, NAD: SE/VALA/00088; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Johann Svenson emigrated in 1874 with his mother and siblings rather than the incorrect date of 1873 recorded wrong in other sources.

⁹ “Goteborgs poliskammare (-1900) EIX:8 (1874-1874),” database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net>: accessed 10 January 2017), image 790 / Page 153 (AID:v479732.b790.s153, NAD: SE/GLA/12703; Swenson Swedish Immigration Reseach Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Johann Svenson and his family is recorded to have come over in 1874 on the ROLLO.

Another discrepancy we found in the Augustana records at Special Collections was that it had his birthdate as November 8, 1857¹⁰. While we were doing research in the Swenson Center, the church records from his village Frödinge, showed J.S. Carlson born on November 7, 1857¹¹. We concluded that the Special Collections records must have been incorrect.

After learning the names of his ancestors, we attempted to find him or any of his family members on Family Search. We were able to find his father, which led up to more of J.S. Carlson's ancestors as well as descendants. J.S. is listed with his wife and children in both in the 1910 US Census¹² and 1920 US Census.¹³ They were living in Minnesota, and the census also mentioned that J.S. Carlson is from Sweden.

After studying at Augustana, J.S. Carlson studied at Uppsala University in 1887, and got his doctorate in philosophy, and went on to become a professor for Swedish Language at the University of Minnesota.¹⁴ J.S. Carlson died in St Paul on 2 September, 1925.¹⁵

¹⁰ Augustana College and Theological Sem. Matriculation Records Part II, MSS 241 Box 14

¹¹ "Frödinge AI: 13 (1867-1874)," *ArkivDigital*, page 114, database image of emigration records from parish.

¹² "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M2GQ-G5T> : accessed 24 January 2017), John S Carlson, Minneapolis Ward 2, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 37, sheet 5A, family 100, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 700; FHL microfilm 1,374,713.

¹³ "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MWY6-3RK> : accessed 24 January 2017), John Carlson, Minneapolis Ward 2, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States; citing ED 35, sheet 15B, line 73, family 358, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 832; FHL microfilm 1,820,832.

¹⁴ "Single record, 01/10/2017," database of images, *Embias* (accessed 10 January 2017), Record 298775, The Swedish Emigrant Institute & The federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies 2005, Incorrect emigration date is recorded in this database.

¹⁵ Database of images, Obituaries in Swedish-American Newspapers; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Rock Island, Illinois, J.S. Carlson's death is recorded in this database in the Swenson Center.

Ancestors of J.S. Carlson

Generation 1

1. *Johan Sven Carlson*. For more information about Johan, see the biography in the main part.

Generation 2

2. *Carl August Swensson*. Carl was born on 19 July 1829 in Frödinge, Kalmar, Sweden. Carl was a crofter in Frödinge. Carl married Anna Kristina Eriksdotter (3) on 31 December 1853.

Carl died on 28 May 1896.¹⁶

3. *Anna Kristina Eriksdotter*. Anna was born on 19 May 1823 in Djursdala, Kalmar, Sweden.

Anna married Carl in 1853. Anna died 28 September 1899. Carl and Anna had children.¹⁷

Johan Sven. See 1. Above.

Generation 3

4. *Sven Johan Nilsson*. Sven was born on 1 April 1800 in Djursdala, Kalmar, Sweden. Sven married Maja Stina Persdotter (5) on 4 March 1827. Sven died on 8 November 1856.¹⁸

5. *Maja Stina Persdotter*. Maja was born on 17 September 1802. Maja married Sven (4) in 1827.

Maja died on 15 September 1852.¹⁹

6. *Eric Persson*. Eric was born on 14 February 1788 in Djursdala, Kalmar, Sweden. Eric married Ingrid Persdotter (7) in 1816/1817. Eric died on 30 August 1837.²⁰

¹⁶ Database of images, Obituaries in Swedish-American Newspapers; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹⁷ Database of images, Obituaries in Swedish-American Newspapers; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Rock Island.

¹⁸ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>; accessed 15 January 2017).

¹⁹ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>; accessed 15 January 2017).

²⁰ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>; accessed 15 January 2017).

7. *Ingrid Persdotter*. Ingrid was born on 24 June 1788 in Horn, Ostergotland, Sweden. Ingrid married Eric (6) in 1816/1817. Ingrid died on 10 October 1847.²¹

Generation 4

8. *Nils Nilsson*. Nils was born about 1775 in Kalmar, Sweden. Nils married Mana (9). Nils died in Sweden.²²

9. *Mana Nilsson*. Mana was born about 1775 in Kalmar, Sweden. Mana married Nils (8). Mana died in Sweden.²³

10. *Petter Magnus Mansson*. Petter was born on 18 September 1783 in Monstera, Kalmar, Sweden. Petter married Ingrid Greta Jacobsdotter (11) on 29 November 1801. Petter died before 1808.²⁴

11. *Ingrid Greta Jacobsdotter*. Ingrid was born on 31 March 1776 in Djursdala, Kalmar, Sweden. Ingrid married Petter (10) in 1801. Ingrid died on 30 September 1826.²⁵

12. *Per Eriksson*. Per was born on 3 June 1746 in Djursdala, Kalmar, Sweden. Per married Kierstin Jonsdotter (13) on 17 April 1775. Per died on 31 March 1814.²⁶

13. *Kierstin Jonsdotter*. Kierstin was born on 30 July 1753 in Södra Vi, Kalmar, Sweden. Kierstin married Per (12) in 1775. Kierstin died on 28 April 1816.²⁷

14. *Pehr Olofsson*. Pehr was born on 16 March 1753 in Vanga, Alvsborg, Sweden. Pehr married Carin Larsdotter (15). Pehr died in Sweden.²⁸

²¹ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

²² FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

²³ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

²⁴ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

²⁵ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

²⁶ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

²⁷ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

²⁸ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

15. *Carin Larsdotter*. Carin was born in 1754 in Eneby, Ostergotland, Sweden. Carin married Pehr (14). Carin died in Sweden.²⁹

²⁹ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 15 January 2017).

Descendants of Johan Sven Carlson

Generation 1

1. *Johan Sven Carlson*. Johan Sven married Mary Mathilda Anderson.

Johan Sven and Mary had seven children.³⁰

+2. Gudrun Ingeborg Carlson

+3. Thorgny Cedric Carlson

+4. Anders Johan Carlson

+5. Anna Astrid Carlson

+6. Blenda Johanna Carlson

+7. Joel Sebastian Carlson

Generation 2

2. *Gudrun Ingeborg Carlon*. Gudrun was born 30 August 1891 in St. Peter, Nicollet, Minnesota. Gudrun died in February of 1966 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota. Gudrun has no known spouse or descendants.³¹

3. *Thorgny Cedric Carlson*. Thorgny was born 17 January 1893 in St. Peter, Nicollet, Minnesota. Thorgny died 12 March 1972 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co, Oklahoma. Thorgny married Rosemary Genevieve Crate and they had four children.³²

+ 8. Thorgny Cedric Carlson Jr.

+9. Eugene Cedric Carlson

+10. Rosemary Cedrica Carlson

³⁰ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

³¹ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

³² FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

+11. Joel Henry Carlson

4. *Anders Johan Carlson*. Anders was born 3 August 1894 in St. Peters, Nicollet, Minnesota. Anders died in April of 1969 in Berkeley, Alameda, California. Anders has no known spouse or descendants.³³
5. *Anna Astrid Carlson*. Anna was born 21 April 1898 in Nicollet, Minnesota. Anna died 26 December 1982 in Los Angeles, California. There is no evidence that Anna had a spouse, but she had a son.³⁴

+12. Philipp H Carlson

6. *Blenda Johanna Carlon*. Blenda was born 30 May 1901 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Blenda died in January of 1973 in Spicer, Kandiyohi, Minnesota. Blenda has no known spouse or descendants.³⁵
7. *Joel Sebastian Carlon*. Joel was born 6 September 1904 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota. Joel died 28 May 1942 in Nicollet, Minnesota. Joel married Willie Winget Payne, but they have no known descendents.³⁶

Generation 3

8. *Thorgny Cedric Carlson Jr.* Thorgny Jr. was born 27 July 1918 in Fayetteville, Washington Co, Arkansas. Thorgny Jr. died in August of 1981 in Kerrville, Kerr Co, Texas. Thorgny Jr. has no known spouse or descendants.³⁷

³³ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

³⁴ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

³⁵ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

³⁶ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

³⁷ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

9. *Eugene Cedric Carlson*. Eugene was born 21 October 1920 in Bartlesville, Washington, Oklahoma. Eugene died 6 December 1975 in Ft. Smith, Sabastian Co, Arkansas. Eugene married Mary Eleanor Haralson and they had one son.³⁸

+13. Eugene Christopher Carlson

10. *Rosemary Cedrica Carlson*. Rosemary was born 5 March 1924 in Fayetteville, Washington Co, Arkansas. Rosemary died 22 May 1994 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co, Oklahoma. Rosemary has no known spouse or descendants.³⁹

11. *Joel Henry Carlson*. Joel was born 3 June 1925 in Fayetteville, Washington Co, Arkansas. Joel died in August of 1994 in Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Joel married Jo Ann Schwab, but they had no known descendents.⁴⁰

12. *Philipp H Carlson*. Philipp was born around 1922 in Minnesota. There is no information for his death, whether he married or not, and whether he had any children.⁴¹

Generation 4

13. *Eugene Christopher Carlson*. Eugene was born 28 February 1949 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Eugene died 13 August 2014 in Silverton, San Juan, Colorado. Eugene has no known spouse or descendants.⁴²

³⁸ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

³⁹ FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>: accessed 1 February 2017)

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Questions for Further Research

Does Johan Sven Carlson have any living descendants? If so, where are they now and what are their lives like?

What kind of influence did Johan Sven Carlson have on students and/or student life at the universities he taught at?

What else did Johan Sven Carlson do at Augustana in his four years? What kind of impact did he have on the student body, if any?

We have created a record for Johan Sven Carlson in the Family Tree on *FamilySearch*. The record locator is LHV G 1GW

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