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Gustaf Swenson

Swenson's parents' nationality was Swedish.¹ Gustaf Swenson was born 10 June 1859 in Vislanda, Kronobergs län Småland, Sweden.² While attending public schooling in Sweden this is where Gustaf Swenson found out about Augustana College and the opportunity this could give him.³ Gustaf entered the institution fall term of 1878 and entered his class fall term of 1883.⁴ At Augustana College Gustaf Swenson studied classical courses.⁵

Gustaf came over on a boat called the Orlando along with some of his family members.⁶ He left Sweden on 3 April 1875. Gustaf and his family arrived in America on 1 May 1875.⁷ When arriving in America the Swenson's settled in Lisbon, Michigan.⁸ Gustaf was accompanied by his parents, Magnus and Lisa, as well as his brothers, Anders Johan and Sven Gustaf.

Gustaf had 10 children with Carolina. The 10 kids names were Gustaf Egbert Swenson, Reuben Theodor Swenson, Paul Arthur Swenson, Adolf Magnus Swenson, Ruth Anne Olivia Swenson, Mildred Elizabeth Swenson, Hemming Rudolf Swenson, Hedwig Carolina Swenson, Harold Americas Swenson, Helen Margret Swenson.⁹

Gustaf was ordained 27 June 1886 in Minneapolis Minnesota.¹⁰ Gustaf served as a pastor in Kittson County, Minnesota, Crookston, Minnesota, Lake City, Minnesota, East Union, Minnesota.¹¹ Gustaf was a teacher at Hope Academy from 1890 - 1892.¹² Gustaf later became the school President.¹³ Gustaf died on 22 May 1913.¹⁴

¹ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*. P. 12-103, volume bound in *Augustana College Catalog 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271 , A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. All students were listed with a catalog of family information. Augustana College. Special Collections. Rock Island, Illinois.

² *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*. Augustana College. Special Collections. Rock Island, Illinois.

³ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*. Augustana College. Special Collections. Rock Island, Illinois.

⁴ Augustana College: An Educational Facility in Rock Island *Rock Island Argus*. (Rock Island, Ill.) 13 June 1884, Pg. 2. Image provided by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library, Urbana, Illinois, *Chronicling America: Historic Newspapers*, Library of Congress; part of a special insert about the history of Augustana College.

⁵ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*. Augustana College. Special Collections. Rock Island, Illinois.

⁶ Swenson Center located in Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Information from a database about Swedish Immigration. Boat Catalog information. Information from 1875. Original Log.

⁷ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*. Augustana College. Special Collections. Rock Island, Illinois.

⁸ Emibas information on the ship Gustaf and his family came to America on

⁹ First Lutheran Church (Lake City, Wabasha County, Minnesota). Register Books, Book 3 undated page 6; "Records of Swedish American Churches", Images of church records on microfilm. Reel 144 (1).

¹⁰ Swenson, Gustaf, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 38 . *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, It is also a translation.

¹¹ Swenson, *Augustana Ministerium*, 38.

¹² Swenson, *Augustana Ministerium*, 38.

¹³ Swenson, *Augustana Ministerium*, 38.

¹⁴ Swenson, *Augustana Ministerium*, 38.

Ancestors of Gustaf Swenson

Generation 1

1. Gustaf Swenson. For more information about Gustaf, see the biography in the main part.

Generation 2

2. Magnus Svensson. Magnus was born December 17 1827 in Sweden.¹⁵ Magnus was a farmer at, Vislanda, Kronobergs län Småland, Sweden.¹⁶ He married Lisa Jonsdotter.¹⁷

3. Lisa Jonsdotter. Lisa was born February 20 1826 in Sweden.¹⁸ Lisa was born Rydaholm, Jönköpings län Småland, Sweden.¹⁹ Magnus and Lisa had 3 children.²⁰

- i. Peter Nils Magnusson. Born February 27 1852 in Sweden²¹

- ii. Johan Anders Magnusson. Born July 19 1856 in Sweden²²

- iii. Gustaf Sven Magnusson. Born June 10 1859 in Sweden.²³

Generation 3

¹⁵ Visland CI:4 (1807-1860), database of images, *ArkivDigital*. (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 21 January 2018) image 68 / page 64, AID: v29990.b68.s64, NAD: SE/VALA/00425, Magnus Svensson (b. 1817), wife Lisa Jonsdotter, and family in Kronobergs lan, Smaland; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹⁶ Visland CI:4 (1807-1860), database of images, *ArkivDigital*, page 64, database image of household of Magnus Svensson.

¹⁷ Visland CI:4 (1807-1860), database of images, *ArkivDigital*, page 64, database image of household of Magnus Svensson.

¹⁸ Visland CI:4 (1807-1860), database of images, *ArkivDigital*, page 64, database image of household of Magnus Svensson.

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²³ Visland CI:4 (1807-1860), database of images, *ArkivDigital*, page 64, database image of household of Magnus Svensson.

4. Trastens Soldat. Trastens was born March 10 1802 in the parish of Oja.²⁴ Trastens married Bengta Mansdotter.²⁵

5. Bengta Mansdotter. Bengta was born in the year 1797 in Sweden.²⁶

Generation 4

8. Jons Jonasson. Jons was born December 25 1776 in Sweden.²⁷ Jons married Britta Andersdotter.²⁸

9. Britta Andersdotter. Britta was born 1787 in Sweden.²⁹

²⁴ Vislanda CI:4 (1807-1860)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*. (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 21 January 2018), image 68 / page 64, AID: v29990.b68.s64, NAD: SE/VALA/00425, Swen Stolt, wife Bengta Monsdotter, and family in Kronobergs lan, Smaland; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

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²⁹ Visland CI:4 (1807-1860), database of images, *ArkivDigital*, page 64, database image of household of Swen Stolt.

Descendants of Gustaf Sven Swenson

Generation 1

1. Gustaf Sven Swenson. Gustaf married Carolina Sophia. For more information about Gustaf and Carolina, see the biography in the main part.

Gustaf and Carolina had ten children.

2. i. Gustaf Egbert Swenson.
3. ii. Reuben Theodor Swenson.
4. iii. Paul Arthur Swenson.
5. iv. Adolf Magnus Swenson.
6. v. Ruth Anna Olivia Swenson.
7. vi. Mildred Elizabeth Swenson.
8. vii. Hemming Rudolf Swenson.
9. viii. Hedwig Carolina Swenson.
10. ix. Harold Americas Swenson.
11. x. Helen Margret Swenson.

Generation 2

2. Gustaf Egbert Swenson. Gustaf was born 8 March 1892 in Moorhead, Minnesota.³⁰
3. Reuben Theodor Swenson. Reuben was born 16 November 1893 in Crookston, Minnesota.³¹

³⁰ First Lutheran Church (Lake City, Wabasha County, Minnesota). Register Books, Book 3 undated page 6; "Records of Swedish American Churches", Images of church records on microfilm. Reel 144 (1). Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois; entry for Gustaf Swenson as a church member.

³¹ First Lutheran Church (Lake City, Minnesota), Register books, Book 3 page 6, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

4. Paul Arthur Swenson. Paul was born 3 February 1896 in Lake City, Minnesota.³² Paul died 21 April 1903.

³³5. Adolf Magnus Swenson. Adolf was born 28 January 1898 in Lake City Minnesota.³⁴

6. Ruth Anna Olivia Swenson. Ruth was born 4 January 1900 in Lake City Minnesota.³⁵ Rith died 7 July 1907.³⁶

7. Mildred Elizabeth Swenson. Mildred was born 2 July 1902 in Lake City Minnesota.³⁷

8. Hemming Rudolf Swenson. Hemming was born 13 September 1904 in East Union, Minnesota.³⁸ Hemming died 29 September 1904.

³⁹9. Hedwig Carolina Swenson. Hedwig was born 14 April 1907 in East Union, Minnesota.⁴⁰

10. Harold Americas Swenson. Harold was born 2 February 1910 in East Union, Minnesota.⁴¹

³² First Lutheran Church (Lake City, Minnesota), Register books, Book 3 page 6, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

³³ First Lutheran Church (Lake City, Minnesota), Register books, Book 3 page 6, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

³⁴ First Lutheran Church (Lake City, Minnesota), Register books, Book 3 page 6, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

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³⁹ East Union Lutheran Church (East Union Minnesota), Register books, Book 3, page 1, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

⁴⁰ East Union Lutheran Church (East Union Minnesota), Register books, Book 3, page 1, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

⁴¹ East Union Lutheran Church (East Union Minnesota), Register books, Book 3, page 1, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

11. Helen Margret Swenson. Helen was born 30 October 1912 in East Union, Minnesota.⁴² Helen died November 11, 1912.⁴³

⁴² East Union Lutheran Church (East Union Minnesota), Register books, Book 3, page 1, entry for Gustaf Swenson.

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Questions for Further Research

We would like to know more about Gustaf's children. We have names and birth dates but we do not know where they went when they were older. We have information on some of the children's death dates but not much information on why they passed away. We would like to know about their spouses or children if they had any.

We would like to know more about Gustafs' parents, Magnus Svensson and Lisa Jonsdotter. We know when they immigrated to America, but not much after they got here. We would also like to know where they lived and what occupations they had when they came to America.

We would like to know any more information about his life at Augustana College. We know his graduation year and some of the courses he took but we would like to where he lived and who his professors were. We would also like to know who he was roommates with. To find more information on Gustaf search the record locator number on Familysearch. The record locator number is M2LJ-14L.

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