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August William Kjellstrand

August William Kjellstrand was one of the students of the Augustana College graduating class of 1885¹. He was born in Skovde, Skaraborgs lan, Sweden, on 10 February 1864². His father and mother are, respectively, August Kjellstrand and Helen Gunnarsdotter³. At age six, Kjellstrand and his family immigrated to the U.S.. According to his immigration records, August's family emigrated on 18 May 1870 with both of his parents, and his siblings Carl, Klas, and Johan⁴. In 1880, his family lived in Paxton, Illinois⁵. According to the immigration documents, Klas is the eldest brother, with August following, and Johan as the youngest. One oddity we noticed while examining the immigration records was that August William was actually listed as August Wilhelm when he immigrated, but he likely change his name to suit American standards⁶.

After immigrating to the U.S., Kjellstrand and his family lived in Paxton, IL, where his father continued to work as a painter⁷. Before attending Augustana College, Kjellstrand graduated from Paxton Collegiate and Normal Institute⁸. Kjellstrand was first enrolled in Augustana in 1881, and graduated in 1885⁹. Afterwards, Kjellstrand moved to teach Latin at Bethany College up until 1895¹⁰. During his time teaching at Bethany, Kjellstrand also attended additional classes at Yale University from 1892 to 1893¹¹. After his time at Bethany and Yale, Kjellstrand returned to Augustana to graduate from the Theological Seminary (1897), and continued his teaching career as a Professor at Augustana College¹². He served as an assistant professor in Latin and English (1903-1906), a professor in English, and eventually principal of the school until he died in 1930¹³

¹ Class Record in 1884/85 college senior item 60, special collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

² Hunsha, Lisa. Emibas printout (Rock Island, Illinois: Swenson Center, 1870), post 661143. Emibas is a transcription. Original sources in Swedish.

³ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

⁴ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

⁵ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, FamilySearch(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MXJF-KLH : 14 July 2016>), August W Kjellstrand in household of August W Kjellstrand, Paxton, Ford, Illinois, United States; citing enumeration district ED 114, sheet 376C, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0206; FHL microfilm 1,254,206.

⁶ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

⁷ Class Registration 1881/82 College Freshman Item 72, special collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL.

⁸ "The Jubilee 1910" 23: Rockety-I: 1910, Pages 32 and 33; image copy Augustana College (www.augustana.edu), Augustana College library, Special Collections, Digital Projects, Augustana Observer and Rockety-I database

⁹ "The Jubilee 1910", Rockety-I, volume 23, pages 32-33

¹⁰ "The Jubilee 1910", Rockety-I, volume 23, pages 32-33

¹¹ "The Jubilee 1910", Rockety-I, volume 23, pages 32-33

¹² "The Jubilee 1910", Rockety-I, volume 23, pages 32-33

¹³ "The Jubilee 1910", Rockety-I, volume 23, pages 32-33

During his life, Kjellstrand married twice. First, he wed Clara Engnell in 1887; she passed away in 1898 without having any children¹⁴. In 1900, Kjellstrand married his second wife, Laura Anderson at Brockton, Plymouth, Massachusetts¹⁵. Lara and August had 7 children: in order, Austin, Alexis, Arthur, Edina, Eva, Edward, and Lois¹⁶. From the censuses for 1910, 1920, and 1930, Kjellstrand and his family are recorded to be living in Rock Island, Illinois¹⁷¹⁸¹⁹.

¹⁴ Conrad, Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 219-222. The Ministerium was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.

¹⁵ "Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N4ZN-BHF> : 17 February 2016), August W. Kjellstrand and Laura Eleonora Anderson, 11 Jul 1900; citing Brockton, Plymouth, Massachusetts, United States, State Archives, Boston; FHL microfilm 1,843,724.

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¹⁷ "United States Census, 1910," illinois>Rock Island>Rock Island>sheet 11A, line 1, August William Kjellstrand.

¹⁸ "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MJC8-TH8> : accessed 23 January 2017), A W Kjellstrand, Rock Island Precinct 25, Rock Island, Illinois, United States; citing ED 149, sheet 5B, line 65, family 133, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 403; FHL microfilm 1,820,403.

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Ancestors of August William Kjellstrand

Generation 1

1. August William Kjellstrand. In immigration documents, August's name is listed as August Wilhelm Kellstrand²⁰. The rest of his family also spell their last name as "Kellstrand" instead of "Kjellstrand."²¹ For more information about Hans, see the biography in the main part.

Generation 2

2. August Kellstrand. August was born on 15 July 1832 in Sweden²². August was a painter²³. August married Helen Gunnarsdotter²⁴.

3. Helen Gunnarsdotter. Helen was born on 16 December 1828 in Sweden²⁵. Helen married August Kjellstrand²⁶. Helen and August had children²⁷.

Carl Gustav A. Kellstrand was born on 6 December 1859 in Skovde, Skaraborgs Ian, Sweden²⁸.

Klas Werner Kellstrand was born on 1 July 1861 in Skovde, Skaraborgs Ian, Sweden²⁹.

August William Kellstrand. See 1 above.

Johan Teodor Kellstrand was born on 9 November 1866 in Skovde, Skaraborgs Ian, Sweden³⁰.

²⁰ Hunsha, Lisa. Emibas printout (Rock Island, Illinois: Swenson Center, 1870), post 661143. Emibas is a transcription. Original sources in Swedish.

²¹ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

²² Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

²³ Permanent record card for August Kjellstrand, Class Registration 1881/82 College Freshman Item 72, special collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. The record card has hand-written information about the student's relevant family information.

²⁴ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

²⁵ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

²⁶ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

²⁷ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

²⁸ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

²⁹ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

³⁰ Hunsha, Emibas printout, 661143

The Descendants of August William Kjellstrand

Generation 1

1. August William Kjellstrand. August married married Laura Anderson in 1900³¹. For more information about August and Laura, see the biography in the main part.

August and Lara had seven children³².

+2. Austin W. Kjellstrand³³.

+3. Alexis E. Kjellstrand³⁴.

+4. Arthur Kjellstrand³⁵.

+5. Edina Kjellstrand³⁶.

+6. Edward Kjellstrand³⁷.

+7. Lois Pauline Kjellstrand³⁸.

³¹ "Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N4ZN-BHF> : 17 February 2016), August W. Kjellstrand and Laura Eleonora Anderson, 11 Jul 1900; citing Brockton, Plymouth, Massachusetts, United States, State Archives, Boston; FHL microfilm 1,843,724.

³² "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MKXD-DSC> : accessed 23 January 2017), August Kjellstrand, Rock Island Ward 7, Rock Island, Illinois, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 126, sheet 11A, family 216, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 321; FHL microfilm 1,374,334.

³³ "United States Census, 1910," illinois>Rock Island>Rock Island>sheet 11A, line 1, August William Kjellstrand.

³⁴ "United States Census, 1910," illinois>Rock Island>Rock Island>sheet 11A, line 1, August William Kjellstrand.

³⁵ "United States Census, 1910," illinois>Rock Island>Rock Island>sheet 11A, line 1, August William Kjellstrand.

³⁶ "United States Census, 1910," illinois>Rock Island>Rock Island>sheet 11A, line 1, August William Kjellstrand.

³⁷ "United States Census, 1910," illinois>Rock Island>Rock Island>sheet 11A, line 1, August William Kjellstrand.

³⁸ First Lutheran Church (Moline, Illinois), Register Books, Book 5, page 153, entry for Lois Pauline Kjellstrand. (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/K7K1-F4C> : accessed 1 February 2017), Alexis Kjellstrand, Ward 15, Milwaukee, Milwaukee City, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 72-338, sheet 10A, line 32, family 228, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 4555.

Generation 2

2. Austin W. Kjellstrand. August was born 30 May 1901 in Providence, Rhode Island³⁹. Married Mary E. Kjellstrand⁴⁰.

3. Alexis E. Kjellstrand. Alexis was born 12 April 1903 in Davenport, Iowa⁴¹. Married Vivian Kjellstrand and had at least one child⁴².

8. Living Kjellstrand⁴³.

4. Arthur Kjellstrand. Arthur was born 19 December 1904 in Davenport, Iowa⁴⁴.

5. Edina Kjellstrand. Edina was born 16 December 1906 in Rock Island, Illinois⁴⁵.

6. Edward Lincoln Kjellstrand. Edward was born 12 February 1912 in Rock Island, Illinois⁴⁶. Edward married Vera Kjellstrand and had two children⁴⁷.

9. Living Kjellstrand⁴⁸.

³⁹ Zion Lutheran Church (Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois), undated, "Records of Swedish American Churches", images of church records on microfilm; Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois; entry for Austin W. Kjellstrand as a church member.

⁴⁰ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X3M9-QYW> : accessed 1 February 2017), Austin W Kjellstrand in household of Luke E Hemenway, Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 77, sheet 8A, line 13, family 210, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 553; FHL microfilm 2,340,288.

⁴¹ First Lutheran Church (Moline, Illinois), Register Books, Book 5, page 153, entry for Alexis E. Kjellstrand.

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⁴³ "U.S. Census, 1940" Milwaukee, Milwaukee City, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States. sheet 10A, line 32, family 228

⁴⁴ First Lutheran Church (Moline, Illinois), Register Books, Book 5, page 153, entry for Arthur Kjellstrand.

⁴⁵ First Lutheran Church (Moline, Illinois), Register Books, Book 5, page 153, entry for Edina Kjellstrand.

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⁴⁸ "U.S. Census 1940" Rock Island, Rock Island Township, Rock Island, Illinois, United States. sheet 6B, line 43, family 156

10. Judy Rohr Kjellstrand⁴⁹.

7. Lois Pauline Kjellstrand. Lois was born 20 January 1915 in Rock Island, Illinois⁵⁰.

⁴⁹ "Vera Kjellstrand Birthday." Dispatch-Argus-QCOnline. N.p., 08 Sept. 2006. Web. 05 Feb. 2017. <http://www.qconline.com/news/social/vera-kjellstrand-birthday/article_637c0d3e-b6a7-5f31-bc59-f1242337c75a.html>.

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Questions for Further Research

Our first question is concerning August William Kjellstrand's sibling. We want to know what happened to his siblings Charles and Claus. Currently, we have a possible death date for Charles, the death certificate is from California, and the parents on the certificate match up to Charles actual parents, but we do not have any other information to decide, with certainty, that this death certificate matches up with the Charles we are searching for.

Our second question is regarding Lois Pauline Kjellstrand. She is listed as Kjellstrand's youngest daughter in the Lutheran Church Records, but she was not listed in the 1920 census records we found on familysearch. We believe she may have passed away at a young age, but we have not found any other records of her, and we would like to know her cause of death.

Our third and final question is in regard to Kjellstrand's daughters. Because most of the time females drop their maiden name, all of his daughters became extremely difficult to track around their 20s, which is around when they would get married. Our question is what happened to them, and whether or not they had any children of their own.

We have created a record locator for August William Kjellstrand in the Family Tree on *FamilySearch*. The record locator is KNBZ-J26.

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