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John Fredrik Seedoff

John Fredrik Seedoff was born 21 April 1861 in Askeby, Östergötland, Sweden.¹ His parents names were Jonas Fredrik Hag and Carolina Johansdotter who were also both born in Askeby, He also had 2 siblings named Carl August Hagg(13 September 1855), and Gustaf Albert(8 October 1863).² John's father was a soldier back in Sweden (Registration Card). His parents got married in 1852 in Sweden.³ Before John left for America his last name was Hagg, and once he arrived in Rock Island he changed it to Seedoff. John emigrated from Sweden in 18 August 1882 from the Göteborg port at the age of 21 on a ship called the Romeo, he was the only one on the ship heading to Rock Island, the rest were heading to New York⁴. He ended up settling in Rockford Township Rockford City Ward 2, Winnebago, Illinois, United States⁵. John registered at Augustana College in the Fall of 82⁶. During his time at Augustana, John loaded up his class schedule with a selection of courses such as religion, science, mathematics, and several different languages, such as German and Latin⁷. He graduated from Augustana College in 1886⁸. In the Fall of 1886, John joined the Augustana Theological Seminary and completed the program in 1888⁹. He was later ordained on 24 June 1888 in Galesburg Illinois, then called to Topeka Kansas Trinity

¹ Bergendoff, Conrad. *The Augustana Ministerium: A Study of the Careers of the 2,504 Pastors of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod/Church 1850–1962*. Rock island, Illinois, Augustana Historical Society, 1980. Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 42.

² First Lutheran Church (Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois). Register Books, Book 5. "Records of Swedish American Churches". Images of church records on microfilm. Reel 98 (1). Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois.

³ First Lutheran Church (Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois). Register Books, Book 5. "Records of Swedish American Churches". Images of church records on microfilm. Reel 98 (1). Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois.

⁴ Johan Fredrik Hagg. EmiWeb database 2007-2016. April 3 2019, Print.

⁵ Sandgren, Carl. *My Church A Yearbook of the Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, Volume XXV. Silver Anniversary Edition*. Augustana Book Concern. Rock Island, Illinois, 1939.

⁶ Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records (MSS 241), Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

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

⁸ Augustana College Office of the President Records (MSS 248), Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

⁹ Sandgren, Carl. *My Church A Yearbook of the Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, Volume XXV. Silver Anniversary Edition*. Augustana Book Concern. Rock Island, Illinois, 1939.

Lutheran Church where he resided from 1888-1890¹⁰. He married Edla Seedoff in 1890. While married to Edla, they had 8 kids named Tholberg, Gerda, Egnar, Joel, Arnold, Roy, Ruth, and Marion¹¹. Mrs. Seedoff and three children preceded John in death.¹² From 1890-1896 he was a pastor of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church in Center City Minnesota. He moved to Rockford in 1896, and served as a pastor of First Lutheran Church until he retired in 1927.¹³ During his life span, Dr. Seedoff served for many different organizations. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, for five years; Augustana Hospital, Chicago, six years; the Board of Charities of the Illinois Conference during four years and for several years served on the Board of Augustana College and Theological Seminary. He also once served as vice-president of the Illinois Conference. Also, Dr. Seedoff was granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Upsala College in 1927. John died in his home in Rockford, Winnebago Co. Illinois, on 27 July 1939.¹⁴ His burial date was 31 July 1939 at the Scandinavian cemetery in Rockford, Winnebago Co. Illinois.¹⁵

¹⁰Sandgren, Carl. *My Church A Yearbook of the Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America*, Volume XXV. Silver Anniversary Edition. Augustana Book Concern. Rock Island, Illinois, 1939.

¹¹ "United States Census, 1900," database with images,

FamilySearch(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MSCC-FR2> : accessed 26 March 2019), John F Seedoff, Rockford Township Rockford city Ward 2, Winnebago, Illinois, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 132, sheet 5B, family 118, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,355.

¹² Sandgren, Carl. *My Church A Yearbook of the Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America*

¹³ Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 42. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.

¹⁴ Sandgren, Carl. *My Church A Yearbook of the Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America*, Volume XXV. Silver Anniversary Edition. Augustana Book Concern. Rock Island, Illinois, 1939.

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Ancestors of John F Seedoff

Generation 1

1. John Seedoff. For more information about John, see the biography in the main part

Generation 2

2. Jonas Fredrik Hag. Jonas was born 25 February 1831 in Sweden.¹⁶ He came from the Gistad parish in Gästad Village.¹⁷ Jonas married Carolina Johansdotter.¹⁸
3. Carolina Johansdotter. Carolina was born 13 September 1831 in Askeby, Sweden.¹⁹ Carolina was from the same parish as Jonas called Gistad in the Gästad Village.²⁰ Carolina married Jonas and had 1 kid.²¹
 - i. John Seedoff²²

Generation 3

4. Jon Johansson. Jon was born 22 May 1796 in Östergötland, Sweden.²³ Jon was a gardener while living there. Jon married Anna Stina Mnsdotter.²⁴
5. Anna Stina Mansdotter. Anna was born 10 August 1799 in Östergötland, Sweden.²⁵ She too was a Gardener, and was from the Gistad parish.²⁶
 - i. Jonas Fredrik Hag (See generation 2)²⁷

¹⁶First Lutheran Church (Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois). Register Books, Book 5. "Records of Swedish American Churches". Images of church records on microfilm. Reel 98 (1). Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹⁷"Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)". Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

¹⁸"Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)". Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

¹⁹"Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)". Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

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²¹"Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)". Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

²²"United States Census, 1900," database with images. 2019.

²³"Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)". Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

²⁴"Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)". Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

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²⁷"United States Census, 1900," database with images. 2019.

Generation 4

6. Jahannes Huaig. Johannes was born 21 September 1801 in galstad Village in Tornevalle Parish.²⁸

Johannes served as an infantry man in the army.

7. Maaria Olsdotter. Maria was born 13 November 1804.²⁹ She too was from the galstad Village in Tornevalle Parish.³⁰

²⁸ “Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)”. Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

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Descendants of John Fredrik Seedoff

Generation 1

1. John Fredrik Seedoff, John married Edla Seedoff. For more information about John and Edla, see the biography in the main part.

John and Edla had children.

i. Tholberg Seedoff³¹

ii. Gerda Seedoff³²

iii. Egnar Seedoff³³

iv. Joel Seedoff³⁴

v. Arnold Seedoff³⁵

vi. Roy Seedoff³⁶

vii. Ruth Seedoff³⁷

viii. Marion Seedoff³⁸

³¹ “Seedoff AI:3 (1859–1865)”. Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. <http://www.arkivdigital.net> : 2019.

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Questions for Further Research

Is there any extra information about what their kids did later on in life? (ex: kids, wives, death)

Is there more information about John's wife's parents and grandparents?

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