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Erik Solomon Tjernberg

Erik Solomon Tjernberg¹ (now Ternberg²) was born on 23 November 1858³, in Junsele Fjällsjö, Västernorrland, Sweden⁴ to Solomon Erson (also known as Salomon Ericsson⁵) and Anna Stina(neé Pehrsdotter)⁶. Tjernberg came to the United States on 1 March 1884⁷ to better his education to become a pastor. Before coming to the United States, Erik went to Fjellstedt School in Sweden for three years⁸. Tjernberg was admitted into Augustana College on 24 August 1883⁹. On his registration card, he stated that he needed beneficiary aid which most likely meant he came from a poor family, or he was living by himself and needed help. While Erik was at Augustana College, he took many courses ranging from math, Latin, history, and geography¹⁰. Even though Erik took these courses throughout his time he was truly focused on the ministries. Every day, Erik would have to wake up around six in the morning to make sure that his room

¹ Family Tree contributors, "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3, *FamilySearch.org*, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints : March 2018

² Beck Victor, *My Church* v.20, page 138-140, Aug. Inst. BX 8049, M9, v.20, 1934; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. This book lists departed pastors and their obituary.

³ Registration Card for Erik S. Tjernberg, 1883, MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

⁴Registration card for Erik S. Tjernberg, 1883, Folder 10 1883 A – Z, Box 1 Early Registration Records, MSS 241c, Augustana College Office of the Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The registration card is a printed form with hand-written information, almost certainly filled in and signed in 1883 by Erik S. Tjernberg.

⁵ "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3

⁶ Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 146. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.

⁷ Registration Card for Erik S. Tjernberg, 1883, MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

⁸ Beck, *My Church*, 138

⁹ *Senior Class of 1886 book*, 1886, Augustana College Office of the Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This book lists the seniors in Augustana in the year 1886.

¹⁰ Tjernberg Letter to College Official, 1883, MSS 2 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The letter is handwritten by Tjernberg that states the courses he will do in Augustana.

was clean for room checks¹¹. Erik would have to make his bed and make sure the room was all tidied up before he could start the rest of his day¹². From here, Erik would walk down a couple of stairs or a hallway to get to his classroom¹³. At this time, all of the classes and dorm rooms were in the same building as one another¹⁴. Even the professors stayed just a few floors above the students which is something that one would not see today¹⁵. Sometime in the afternoon, Erik would have probably gone to lunch in the dining hall which also located in the same building¹⁶. From here, Erik would have time to do school work and possibly socialize, but there was a light out policy at 10:00 pm which forced him to wind down for the night¹⁷. While in Augustana, Tjernberg was a part of the Phrenokosmian Society¹⁸. He graduated from Augustana in 1886¹⁹.

After graduation, Tjernberg went into the ministry to become a pastor. Erik was ordained a pastor in 1888 at Galesburg, Illinois²⁰. Once ordained into the ministries, he became a pastor in

¹¹ Transcription from Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1883, Notebook 4F, Box 2 Augustana College faculty and committees records, MSS 243, Augustana College Office of the Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The registration card is a printed form with hand-written information, almost certainly filled in and signed in 1883 by Erik S. Tjernberg.

¹² Transcription from Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1883, MSS 243 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

¹³ Transcription from Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1883, MSS 243 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

¹⁴ Transcription from Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1883, MSS 243 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

¹⁵ Transcription from Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1883, MSS 243 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

¹⁶ Transcription from Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1883, MSS 243 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

¹⁷ Transcription from Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1883, MSS 243 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

¹⁸ Phrenokosmian Society records, MSS 214 Box 7 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This record details Tjernberg as a member of this society.

¹⁹ Commencement Program, 1886, Folder 1 1868–1899, Box 1 Commencement Programs 1868–1936, MSS 248, Augustana College Office of the President Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The twenty-fourth annual commencement program for Thursday, June 10th, 1886, is a small printed leaflet of four pages.

²⁰ Beck, *My Church*, 138

Malmo, Nebraska²¹. Although he started his career in Nebraska, Tjernberg would move all over the country for different job opportunities. Tjernberg worked in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, and even Ontario and Sweden²². During this time, he met his wife named Maria Palmquist²³ and he would go on to have five children, one boy and four girls. The girls names were Mrs. Anna Natalia Lindberg, Mrs. G.A. Erickson , Mrs. Morris Anderson, Miss Signey Ternberg, and the son's name was Gotthard²⁴.

After forty five years of being a pastor, Erik may have retired in 1930, three years before his death. Erik Tjernberg passed away on 24 November 1933 from a heart attack²⁵. Tjernberg passed away and was buried near Ramsey County, Minnesota in He was aged 75 years, one month and one day old²⁶. He left behind a wife and five children.

²¹ Beck, *My Church*, 138

²² Beck, *My Church*, 138

²³ "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3

²⁴ Beck, *My Church*, 139 - 140

²⁵ Beck Victor, *My Church v.20*, page 138-140, Aug. Inst. BX 8049, M9, v.20, 1934; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. This book lists departed pastors and their obituary.

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Ancestors of Erik Tjernberg

Generation 1

1. Erik Solomon Tjernberg. For more information about Erik, see the biography in the main part.

Generation 2

2. Solomon Erson.²⁷ Solomon was born 26 January 1825 in Dorotea, Västernorrland, Sweden²⁸. Solomon was a farmer²⁹ in Erik's home town. Solomon married Anna Christina (3) on the 2 October 1858³⁰.
3. Anna Christina³¹. Anna was born in Bjorna, Västernorrland, Sweden in 1835³². Anna married Solomon (2) on 2 October 1858³³. Solomon and Anna had children.
 - i. Erik. See 1. above.
 - ii. Petrus Salomonsson. Petrus was born 6 May 1861 in Sweden.³⁴
 - iii. Salomon Salomonsson. Salomon was born 30 May 1863 in Sweden.³⁵
 - iv. Cajsa Stina Salomonsdotter. Cajsa was born 17 April 1866 in Sweden³⁶.

²⁷ Registration Card for Erik S. Tjernberg, 1883, MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

²⁸ "Junsele AI:8 (1874–1883)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 5 April 2019), image 224 / page 218, AID: v121771.b224.s218, NAD: SE/HLA/1010094, Solomon Erson (b. 1825) and family in Västernorrland, Sweden; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows Solomon Erson (b. 1825) with wife Anna Christina (b. 1835) and 10 children.

²⁹ "Junsele AI:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

³⁰ "Junsele AI:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

³¹ Registration Card for Erik S. Tjernberg, 1883, MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

³² "Junsele AI:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

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³⁴ "Junsele AI:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

³⁵ "Junsele AI:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

³⁶ "Junsele AI:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

- v. Jonas Salomonsson. Jonas was born 20 April 1869³⁷ in Sweden and died 6 April 1894.³⁸
- vi. Anna Märtha Tjernberg Salomonsdotter. Anna was born 10 May 1872 in Sweden³⁹
- vii. Daniel Tjernberg Salomonsson. Daniel was born 25 May 1874⁴⁰ in Sweden and died 12 June 1958.⁴¹
- viii. Oskar Nyman Salomonsson. Oskar was born 3 August 1876⁴² in Sweden and died 20 December 1958.⁴³
- ix. Ida Maria Salomonsdotter. Ida was born 12 July 1878⁴⁴ in Sweden and died 9 August 1878⁴⁵.
- x. Johannes Salomonsson. Johannes was born 9 September 1879⁴⁶ in Sweden and died 22 February 1951.⁴⁷

³⁷ "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3

³⁸ "Junsele Al:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

³⁹ "Junsele Al:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

⁴⁰ "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3

⁴¹ "Junsele Al:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

⁴² "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3

⁴³ "Junsele Al:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

⁴⁴ "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3

⁴⁵ "Junsele Al:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

⁴⁶ "Eric Solomon Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYRD-PW3

⁴⁷ "Junsele Al:8 (1874–1883)", *ArkivDigital*, page 218, database image of household of Solomon Erson .

Generation 3

4. Erik Mårtensson⁴⁸. Erik was born 22 February 1789 in Dorotea, Västernorrland, Sweden
⁴⁹. Erik married Karin Mattsdotter (5) in 1811⁵⁰. Erik died on 2 August 1847 in Björna, Västerbotten, Sweden⁵¹.
5. Karin Mattsdotter⁵². Karin was born 24 February 1788 in Åsele, Västerbotten, Sweden⁵³.
Karin married Erik (4) in 1811⁵⁴. Karin died 10 March 1863⁵⁵.

⁴⁸ "Dorotea C:1 (1796–1837)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 5 April 2019), image 73 / page 138, AID: v139217.b73.s138, NAD: SE/HLA/1010031, Solomon Erson (b. 1825) and family in Västernorrland, Sweden; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows Solomon Erson(b. 1825) and his parents and witnesses / sponsors

⁴⁹ Family Tree contributors, "Salomon Ericsson", Family Tree locator KLV2-3LZ, *FamilySearch.org*, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints : April 2018

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⁵¹ "Salomon Ericsson", Family Tree locator KLV2-3LZ

⁵² "Dorotea C:1 (1796–1837)", *ArkivDigital*, page 138, database image of household of Erik Mårtensson.

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Descendants of Erik Tjernberg

Generation 1

1. Erik Solomon Tjernberg. Erik married Maria Palmquist. For more information about Erik and Maria, see the biography in the main part.

Erik and Maria had five children.

- +2. i. Eric Gothard Ternberg
- +3. ii. Anna Ternberg
- +4. iii. Ebba M. Ternberg
- +5. iv. Signe E. Ternberg
- +6. v. Dagny Elizabeth Margaret Ternberg

Generation 2

2. Eric Gothard Ternberg. Eric was born 5 May 1889⁵⁶ in Malmo, Saunders, Nebraska, United States⁵⁷. Eric married Alta Ternberg⁵⁸.

Eric had three children.

7. i. Milton Ternberg⁵⁹
8. ii. Jessie Ternberg⁶⁰
9. iii. Dean Ternberg⁶¹

⁵⁶ Family Tree contributors, "Eric Gothard Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYR6-W7J, *FamilySearch.org*, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints : April 2018

⁵⁷ "Eric Gothard Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYR6-W7J

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⁵⁹ "Eric Gothard Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYR6-W7J

⁶⁰ "Eric Gothard Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYR6-W7J

⁶¹ "Eric Gothard Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYR6-W7J

3. Anna Natalia Ternberg. Anna was born in November 1890⁶² in Pennsylvania, United States⁶³. Anna married Walter Lindberg⁶⁴.
4. Ebba M. Ternberg. Ebba was born in 1895⁶⁵ in Nebraska, United States⁶⁶.
5. Signe E. Ternberg. Signe was born in 1897⁶⁷ in Rhode Island, United States⁶⁸.
6. Dagny Elizabeth Margaret Ternberg. Dagny was born in 17 July 1901⁶⁹ in Iowa, United States⁷⁰. Dagny married Mauritz Eugene Anderson⁷¹ on 14 May 1919⁷² in Sibley, Minnesota, United States⁷³. Dagny and Mauritz had no children⁷⁴. Dagny died on 2 October 1982⁷⁵ in San Diego, California, United States⁷⁶.

⁶² Family Tree contributors, "Anna Ternberg", Family Tree locator LYR6-3V6, *FamilySearch.org*, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints : April 2018

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Questions for Further Research

Given more time, we would have liked to find more information on his mother as the only thing we could find was his mother's year of birth and where she was born. When looking for his ancestors, all we could find was information on his father but nothing on his mother. If we could have returned to the Swenson Swedish Immigration Center, we might have been able to look for extra information about his mother.

Another question for further research we have is how he came to the United States in 1884, but was enrolled in Augustana in 1883. We think that this was either an error on the person who kept record or, he enrolled in Augustana, then went back to Sweden before fully emigrating in 1884 to America.

Finally, the last thing that we wish we could do if we had more time was to find more information about what Erik did during his time at Augustana College. We know that Erik participated in Phrenokosmian Society , but nothing much beyond that. Going to Special Collections a second time will help us find out about his involvement in his society.

A record for Erik Solomon Tjernberg is in the Family tree on *FamilySearch*. The record locator is LYRD-PW3.

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