

## REMEMBERING

When we were working on the statistics for the genealogy, I thought it would be nice to have biographical notes for each family, but this would have been quite a task and taken months to acquire, so I promised myself that I would write things I knew about my father and mother for the members of the Erickson family. Perhaps this will inspire you to write about your family while you still remember things and have the opportunity to question others.

Mother always said she was eleven years old when her mother (Christina) died. She was the oldest one at home, the others were out working. This meant she was doing the cooking, washing and other housework as well as looking after three younger children. She always remembered her mother, lying in bed watching her as she went about her tasks, and telling her she was a good little housekeeper, but she always had a dirty apron. (She always had the habit of wiping her hands on her apron.)

When and how long she went to school I don't know, but she could read and write Swedish, and she taught herself to read English by reading the newspaper. Always one to keep her hands busy, she got cracked over the knuckles by the schoolmaster, for crocheting when he thought she should be studying. She also remembered the schoolmaster reprimanding her and some of her friends because they had attended meetings held by the Baptists. Lutherans did not look too kindly on these other sects that were beginning to undermine the state religion. When she was confirmed the confirmands stood two abreast down the aisle of the church (at Åusås); they were all terrified waiting to be questioned by the Bishop who came to confirm them.

Shortly after confirmation, the young people were considered old enough to hire out for work on the big estates, where they earned their board and keep and two sets of underwear per year. She milked cows, worked in the fields, helped in the kitchen. She talked about the huge loaves of barley bread they baked to feed the horses. At night they had to weave, which she didn't care about; but spinning she loved because it was conducive to singing. When she was older she worked in a bakery, here she learned a trick I still use: of brushing the hot loaves of bread with boiling water to give the loaves a nice shine.

Mother and her girl friend, Ida Olson, came to the United States together when she was 21 (1886). She had a boy friend who helped pay her passage, but she ditched him. He had a little too much to drink, got in a fight and when she tried to stop the fight, he slapped her face. Spunky Elida said no man would ever slap her a second time, and that was the end of that romance. The ship took 21 days for the crossing, and it must have been a rough sea, as for three days they sailed just 21 miles. She was one of the few who were not seasick. In those days, passengers had to provide most of their food, and I still have the pottery cup she used for butter. One wonders how these people managed when they couldn't speak the language, but people were helpful. The boat landed at Castle Garden -- this was before the days of Ellis Island. One older gentleman was especially nice to the girls. He said that now they were in America, they shouldn't be wearing a scarf around their heads, so he bought them each a hat; mother's hat was brown with a big red rose. Then he helped them get to the train going to Chicago.

It was early evening when Mother got off the Michigan Central R. R. at Franklin St. in Michigan City. The dock workers were coming home

from work. She approached one, speaking only Swedish, asked if he knew the Palm family. He was Finnish, so he understood her well enough to help. He took her to a family living on Second Street, and after supper they took her to Palms, whom they knew through the church. People certainly were kind, no doubt they remembered their needs when they were strangers in a new land, never the less, for a young girl it took a lot of courage and trust to come such a long distance.

In a few days she had a job, working in a boarding house at the corner of 8th and Pine St. In a week or so, she said she hadn't come to America to wash dishes, so she went to Chicago where her friend Ida had gone.

There she worked in the home of a tailor, sewing. Gradually she was learning a little English, enough so that the tailor would send her by street car to the downtown area to pick up clothes for alterations, and deliver them later to some of the big department stores. The tailor and his wife were very good to their girls, encouraged them to get fashionable clothes. Elida must have cut quite a figure when she came to visit in Michigan City wearing her black beaded jacket. She had charm and much spirit and captured the heart of one sailor, who had just come off a boat in Michigan City.

Gust Erickson sailed from Manistee, Michigan on a ship carrying salt to the harbor at Michigan City. When he inquired if there was a Lutheran Church in town, he was directed to the Norwegian Church on Michigan St. close to Second St. There he met Elida and decided not to go back on the ship. Gust was born Feb. 22, 1859 in Wärö in Halland province in Sweden. He was a sailor and his seaman's book showed that at 18 he was sailing from Göteborg to England, Calais, and at one time his ship was in the Mediterranean for six weeks, because there was no wind to carry them out to sea. He always said Lake Michigan waters were the roughest he ever sailed. Exactly what date he came to Michigan City is guessing that it was 1886 or 1887. We know he was a charter member of Zion Swedish Lutheran Church in October 1887, and he served as a trustee and treasurer of the church. We know he wasn't present when they laid the corner stone of the church at Franklin and Green Street on Sept. 29, 1888, because he and Elida were at the Swedish Church in La Porte being married at that time. Mother always quipped: "I got married on Saturday, went to church on Sunday and on Monday I went to the wash tub." (This was before they had a pump, and the water had to be carried from the corner of Barker and York St.)

While Elida had been in Chicago working for two years, Gust had lived on Barker Ave. with the Nelson family. He had bought two lots at 214-216 E. Barker Ave. and had a house ready for his bride, total cost of the original house was \$800.00. This house underwent many changes and additions, adding bedrooms as needed for a growing family, later gas lights, electricity, a basement for a furnace and last it was made into a two family flat. Father worked at the car factory as a moulder when he first came to Michigan City. From about 1906 to 1910 he owned a grocery store at the south east corner of Franklin and Homer. Grocery stores in those days were a far cry from the modern day Super-Market. Those were the cracker barrel days, when most things were sold in the bulk, there were few packaged items. Farmers brought butter and eggs on the week-end and exchanged them for staples. Mother provided baked good, she made dozens of doughnuts, pies and cakes. Deliveries were made with a horse drawn cart. Too much credit to customers, with little hope of collecting, made it an unprofitable venture, so he sold the store. He went back to work at the car factory. Some years there was not much work, even at 90 cents a day. It is a wonder they could

survive, but they had a cow and chickens, always a big garden, so that Mother canned a lot. In the winter they always had a butchered pig, that provided them with lard, ham and meat balls, which were put up in crocks and glass jars, covered with lard which kept them fresh.

Father was working in the power plant at the car factory when he met his untimely death, in August 1914. He was sent to clean the switchboard and apparently the current to the main switch had not been switched off. In those days there was no such thing as workmen's compensation and the only way to collect any damages was to sue. I remember Mother went to the trial many days in Valparaiso. After five years she was granted \$5000.00 with an added \$500.00 because I was a minor. By the time the lawyer had been paid there was about \$3500.00 left. We can well marvel how we managed to live with no reliable income. Mother did dressmaking and money she received as birthday and Christmas gifts was saved for the inevitable taxes, about which she was always concerned.

In later years her eye sight was dimmed and she could no longer see to crochet and knit, she would talk about "When I was young, when I was 70 I could do this or that." Always ambitious, when she was in her 70's she was living alone in the upstairs apartment. Lots of times on a Monday noon, she couldn't wait for Marvin to come after her, and she would walk all the way to our house and be there while we were still eating lunch. She thought she had to help me with the ironing, and I always welcomed not having to mend socks.

Mother always worried that she might get sick or fall when she was alone, but the good Lord looked after her. She had been visiting at Person's, sitting on their porch, as she was leaving to go home, she slipped on on the steps and broke her hip. She was in the hospital for eleven weeks and died on Oct. 29, 1948.

I wish I knew more about Father, his early days and something about his family. We do know that he had a brother in Manistee and no doubt stayed with him when he came to America. He loved to ride bicycle and contributed to a bike path between Michigan City and La Porte. He and Uncle Palm rode their bikes to Chicago at least once; Aunt Selma had to give them rags to wrap around their worn out tires, so that they could get back home. (There were no paved roads in those days and I believe they followed the railroad tracks.) Father couldn't do enough for the church. They always celebrated Washington's birthday with a party at the church, and as his birthday also was on Feb. 22nd, the congregation always made a big fuss over him. He was well liked and sorely missed. Mother too was a diligent worker when it was time to raise money for different projects for the church.

There are brass altar vases in the church inscribed "In memory of Gust and Elida Erickson". Mother left her own memento, a beautiful communion cloth which she crocheted.

Gladys E. Haas

1979

The  
Person Family  
of  
Genealogy



The eight children of Per Tuveson and Christine Swenson who migrated to America during the 1880's and 1890,s. Back row left to right John, Selma, Christine, Alex. Front row left to right Mathilda, Emily, Mary, Elida.

Per Tuveson was married to Christina Swenson. Per jokingly would say that they had two and a half dozen children. The "Two" was the two sons: John and Alex. the "half dozen" was the six daughters-- Mathilda, Mary, Emily, Elida, Christina, and Selma.

Per was a shoemaker. He made wooden shoes with leather tops. They lived in the vicinity of Asås near Engleholm in the south of Sweden in the province of Skåne. They were poor and the children at a young age worked on the big estates. The wages were board and keep and two sets of underwear per year. In addition to working in the fields and taking care of the farm animals, the girls spent the evenings carding and spinning wool and weaving cloth.

Christina died about 1876 after a long illness. She had encouraged the children to seek a better living in the United States. She told her children that their father had often neglected his responsibilities to his children and so they should not feel obligated to care for him in his old age. He could care for himself as they had cared for themselves.

One after another the eight children came to the U.S. and settled in Michigan City and later some moved to Chicago or Rockford. In Michigan City the families lived within a two block area and the first generation of cousins grew up together and celebrated Christmas and birthdays together.

In 1979 with some families widely dispersed throughout the country and containing as many as five generations, the need to document the early years and to reunite the families was apparent. The format of the book is designed to provide space for additional biographical data and easy expansion to include other lines in individual families. That is your responsibility. This book provides a base from data from family records, Bibles, the 1900 Census manuscripts, and the records of Greenwood Cemetery.

FAMILY 1  
The Descendents of John Person

1. John Person                    b. 7 April 1855 in Tostorp, Sweden  
   d. 1924 in Michigan City, Ind.  
   Immigrated to America in 1884  
married in 1882 in Tostorp Sweden to:  
Hilda Nelsson b. 22 June 1858 in Tostorp, Sweden  
   d. 23 Dec. 1958 in Michigan City, Ind.  
   Immigrated to America in 1884  
   5 children
- 1.1 Clara Person Stephenson b.26 Nov.1885 in Michigan City, Ind.  
   d. 24 Jan.1974 in Newberg, Ore.  
married in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
Harry Stephenson b. 3 April 1886 in Michigan City, Ind  
   d.13 Oct.1950 in Michigan City, Ind.  
   3 children
- 1.11 Ruth Stephenson Carney b. 10 May 1912 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 2 July 1945 in Blue Rier Ore. to:  
Harry Carney b. 21 Aug.1904  
   no children  
address: P.O.Box 203 Dundee Ore. 97115
- 1.12 ( Harry) Robert Stephenson b. 18 Aug. 1919 in Sioux City, Iowa  
married 31 Jan.1948 in Valley Stream, N.Y. to:  
Lila JuneTants  
   3 children  
address: 204 Rockaway Parkway, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580
- 1.121 Robert William Stephenson b. 18 Oct. 1948 in Valley Stream, N.Y.  
married 28 Jan.1973 in Sumner, Wash. to:  
Alice Bortle b. 10 Aug.1947 in Sumner, Wash.  
   1 child  
address: 2734 Mountain View Drive West, Tacoma, Wash.
- 1.1211 Amanda Harriet Stephenson b. 12 Feb.1977
- 1.122 Lorraine Diane Stephenson Trotta b. 13 July 1951 in Valley Stream, N.Y.  
married 20 June 1971 in Valley Stream, N.Y. to:  
Joseph Trotta b. 25 Mar.1950 in Brooklyn, N.Y.  
   2 children  
address: 25 Paddock Street North Babylon, N.Y. 11703
- 1.1221 Joseph Robert Trotta b. 13 Mar. 1973 in North Babylon N.Y.
- 1.1222 Elizabeth Anne Trotta b. 14 Jan.1976 in North Babylon, N.Y.

1.123 Richard Alan Stephenson b. 26 Feb. 1953 in Valley Stream. N.Y.  
married 23 Oct. 1976 in Valley Stream N.Y. to:  
Linda Gebhardt b. 19 Nov. 1955  
no children  
address: 504 West Merrick Rd. Apt. 3K Lynbrook, N.Y. 11583

1.13 John Merritt Stephenson b. 30 Oct. 1915 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 2 Aug. 1945 in New York City to:  
Phyllis Rowena Gordon b. 1918 in Harrisburg, Pa.  
1 child  
address: 229 Merrybrook Dr. Havertown, Pa. 19083

1.131 Peter Gordon Stephenson b. 9 Sept. 1951 in Philadelphia, Pa.

1.2 Anna Person Nelson b. 5 Feb. 1889 in Michigan City, Ind.  
d. 17 April 1978 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 17 Oct. 1918 in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
William ( Billy) Nelson b. 1885 in Michigan City, Ind.  
d. 1951 in Michigan City, Ind.  
no children

1.3 Nancy Person b. 1884 in Michigan City, Ind.  
d. 1892 in Michigan City, Ind.

1.4 Ernest Person b. Jan 1891 in Michigan City, Ind.  
d. 19 June 1908 in Michigan City, Ind.

1.5 N. Caroline Person b. 14 March 1893 in Michigan City, Ind.  
address: 205 Belden St. Michigan City, Ind. 46360



## Family 2

## The Descendants of Mathilda Person Walters

2. Mathilda Person Walters b. 21 Oct. 1858 in Engleholm Skane Sweden  
d. 19 Mar. 1926 in Minneapolis, Minn.

married in 1881 in Tjarby Hallands Sweden to  
Andrew Walters b. 3 Dec. 1850 in Tjarby Hallands Sweden  
d. 16 Feb. 1924 in Minneapolis, Minn.  
5 children  
Immigrated together in 1889 after August

2.1 Hilma Walters Kesterson b. 11 Dec. 1882 in Sweden  
d. 27 Dec. 1960

married to:  
William Franklin Kesterson b. 1883  
d. 1961  
in La Porte, Ind. 1903  
5 children

2.11 Marvin Albert Kesterson b. 16 June 1905 in Fort Wayne, Ind.  
d. 1959

married to  
Evelyn Keenan  
No Children

2.12 Mildred Viola Kesterson Burhenn b. 12 Dec. 1906 in Fort Wayne, Ind.  
married to:  
Albert Charles Burhenn Aug. 5, 1930 in Glen Dale Calif.

One Child  
Address: 314 Poinsettia Av. Corona del Mar, Calif. 92625

2.121 Robert Lee Burhenn b. 14 April 1932 in Loma Linda, Calif.  
married to:  
Regina Andrews

2.123 William Franklin Kesterson, Jr. b. 22 Oct. 1908 Fort Wayne, Ind.  
Deceased

married to:  
Mary Zent in Fort Wayne, Ind.  
3 children

2.1231 Sara Ann Kesterson Childers b. Fort Wayne, Ind.  
married to:  
Douglas Childers

2.1232 Dennis Michael Kesterson b. Fort Wayne, Ind.  
married to:  
Bonnie Innis

2.1233 William Franklin Kesterson III b. Los Angeles, Calif.  
married to Joyce

- 2.14 Wayne Kesterson b. 7 Nev. 1910 Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 married to:  
 Yvonne V. Shoner in Fort Wayne, Ind. 13 Jan. 1945  
 b.24 Mar. 1916 1 child  
 Address: 3201 Portage Blvd. Apt. 21 Fort Wayne, Ind. 46804
- 2.141 Linda Ann Kesterson b.24 Dec. 1947 in Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 d. at birth
- 2.15 Richard Owen Kesterson b. 1 June 1912 in Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 married to:  
 Kathryn Recktanus  
 4 children  
 Address: Broadway, Tucson, Arizona
- 2.151 Robert Owen Kesterson b. Tucson, Arizona  
 married to Kathy
- 2.152 John Kesterson b. Tucson, Arizona
- 2.153 Nancy Kesterson b. Tucson, Arizona
- 2.154 David Kesterson b. Tucson, Arizona  
 married to Lindsey
- 2.2 Hulda Walters b. 6 Feb. 1885 in Sweden  
 d. 20 July 1948
- 2.3 Anna Walters Bard b.23 Aug. 1887 in Sweden  
 d.17 Oct. 1949 in Minneapolis, Minn.  
 married to  
 Carl Bard in 1912 d. 10 Feb. 1953 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 No Children
- 2.4 Esther Walters b. 28 Feb. 1892 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 Address: Corona del Mar, Calif 92625  
 314 Peinsettia Ave. C/o A. C. Burhenn
- 2.5 Carl Walters b.3 Aug. 1895 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 d. 5 April 1957 Michigan City, Ind/  
 married to  
 Rose Ericson b. 21 Nov. in Greenwood Co. Kansas  
 3 Mar. 1921 d. 11 April 1976 in Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 buried in Michigan City, Ind.  
 3 children
- 2.51 James Elton Walters b. Michigan City, Ind.  
 married 1943 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 Virginia Francis Baydowicz  
 4 children  
 Address: 3319 N. 60th St., Phoenix, Arizona





- 3.2 Harry Wm. Palm b. 7 Sept.1883 in Michigan City,Ind.  
d. 16 Feb. 1920 in Ogma, Wis.  
married 29 June 1911 in Chicago  
Nina Hult b 1885  
d. 1946  
5 children
- 3.21 Harry Wm. Palm b. Jan 1912  
married 13 Aug.1939 in Scarville, Ia. to:  
Carol Solomonson  
2 children  
address: 903 5th Ave. N.E. Belmond, Iowa 50421
- 3.211 Michael William Palm b. 7 Mar.1941 in Iowa City,Ia.  
married to:  
Jannes Lyn Mc Gowan  
3 children
- 3.2111 Kari Lynn Palm b. 30 Oct 1966 in Fort Dodge, Ia.
- 3.2112 Lisa Joy Palm b. 9 May 1970 in Emmetsburg, Ia.
- 3.2113 Julie Erin Palm b. 5 June 1974 in Emmetsburg, Ia.
- 3.212 Warren James Palm b. 7 Mar.1949 in Hampton, Ia.
- 3.22 Richard Carl Palm b.1914 in Rockford,Ill.  
married 20 Nov.1948 in Clayton, Mo. to:  
Norma May Barks  
3 children  
address: 354 Calvert Webster Groves, Mo. 63119
- 3.221 Susan Marie Palm Mc Atee b. 18 June 1950 in Webster Groves, Mo.  
married to:  
Robert L. McAtee, Jr.  
no children
- 3.222 Richard Carl Palm Jr. b. 12 Jan 1952 in Webster Grove,Mo.  
married to:  
Mary Ann Krahe  
no children
- 3.223 Debra Jane Palm Thompson b. 6 Dec.1954 in Webster Groves, Mo.  
married to:  
Daniel Vance Thompson  
no Children
- 3.23 Robert Palm b. 20 July 1915 in Rockford, Ill.  
married 22 Mar.1941 in Michigan City,Ind. to:  
Doris Jane Ahlgrim b. 24 April 1915 Michigan City,Ind.  
d. 4 Feb. 1965 in Michigan City,Ind.  
2 children  
second marriage 11 July 1967 to:  
Claradelle Perhan Raz b. 17 Feb 1916  
address: 311 Trail St. Michigan City, Ind.46360









## FAMILY 5

## The Descendents of Elida Person Erickson

5. Elida Person Erickson b. 11 Sept. 1865 in Osås Sweden  
 d. 29 Oct. 1948 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 Immigrated to America in 1887  
 married 25 Sept. 1888 in La Porte, Ind. to:  
 Gustav Erickson b. 22 Feb. 1859 in Wäro Halland Sweden  
 d. 23 Aug. 1914 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 7 children
- 5.1 Selma b. 25 July 1889 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 d. 15 April 1892 in Michigan City, Ind.
- 5.2 Alex Ludwig b. 17 Feb. 1891 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 d. 29 Jan. 1893 in Michigan City, Ind.
- 5.3 Ida Emila Erickson Nelson b. 1 Feb. 1893 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 d. 11 Sept. 1927 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 married 2 June 1915 in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
 Frank Nelson b. 9 Mar. 1887  
 d. 6 June 1953  
 3 children
- 5.31 Margery Louise Nelson Soderberg b. 12 Mar. 1916 in La Porte county  
 married 4 Oct. 1940 in South Bend to:  
 Edgar Soderberg b. 4 Feb. 1912 in South Bend, Ind.  
 d. 27 Dec. 1972 in South Bend, Ind.  
 3 children  
 address: 751 Marquette Ave., South Bend, Ind. 46617
- 5311 Donald Nelson Soderberg b. 24 May 1941 in South Bend, Ind.  
 married 28 Dec. 1963 in Lynn, Ind. to:  
 Janice Elaine Kaufman b.  
 3 children  
 address: 1057 Woodland Hills Dr., Batavia, Ill. 60510
- 5.3111 Kristina Anne b. 29 June 1969
- 5.3112 James Edgar b. 11 May 1973
- 5.3113 John Marvin b. 14 Jan. 1975
- 5.312 Robert Edward Soderberg b. 10 Dec. 1945 in South Bend, Ind.  
 married 6 June 1970 in Anderson, Ind to:  
 Margel Anne Walker b. 10 Dec 1946  
 3 children  
 address: 50615 Mohawk Dr., Granger, Ind. 46530
- 5.3121 Scott Nelson b. 22 Oct 1972
- 5.3122 Wendy Ellen b. 7 Sept. 1975
- 5.3123 Paul Robert b. 5 July 1977

- 5.313 William Alfred Soderberg b. 2 Oct.1948  
 married 27 Dec 1976 in South Bend, Ind. to:  
 Margaret Ann Grant b.  
 address: 1360 E. Monroe, South Bend, Ind. 46615  
 no children
- 5.32 Donald Nelson b. 17 Feb.1918  
 died as an infant
- 5.33 Thelma Marie Nelson Mast b. 21 Aug.1920  
 married 26 Mar. 1942 in South Bend, Ind. to:  
 Cedric Lee Mast b.  
 3 children  
 address: 1706 Melrose Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46808
- 5.331 Linda Lee Mast Elliott b.25 Jan 1944 in Joplin, Mo.  
 married Kirby Miller 2 children  
 second marriage 24 Nov 1978 in Columbia, S.C. to:  
 (John) Jay Elliott  
 address: 15 Downing St. Columbia, S.C. 29209
- 5.3311 Matthew K. Miller b. 11 Oct 1967
- 5.3312 Jason E. Miller b. 30 Jan 1973
- 5.332 Thomas Owen Mast b. 21 June 1947 in South Bend, Ind.  
 married 30 Mar. 1974 in Guatemala City, Guatemala, C.A. to:  
 Elena Del Rosario Girón Reyna b.  
 1 child  
 address: 3128 Oswego Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46805
- 5.3321 Andrew E. Mast b. 3 Mar.1975
- 5.333 Gary Nelson Mast b.6 Nov. 1950 in Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 married 15 May 1976 in Columbia S.C. to:  
 Margaret Mac Millan b.  
 no children  
 address: 2237 Chivington Dr. Longmont, Colo. 80501
- 5.4 John Emil Erickson b.9 Oct 1894 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 married 28 Nov. 1916 in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
 Ruth Gielow b. 9 Oct. 1894  
 d. 7 Sept. 1977  
 4 children  
 address: 3912 Hampden Rd., Michigan City, Ind. 46360
- 5.41 John Gustav Erickson b. 15 June 1917 in Michigan City, Ind. d.10-08-2003  
 married 3 July 1943 in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
 Le Felle Violet Moore b. 14 Mar. 1925 in Bowling Green, Ky.  
 6 children  
 address: 6606 W Callaway Rd., Michigan City, Ind. 46360

- 5.411 Judith Carol Erickson Parker b. 22 April 1944 Michigan City, Ind.  
married to John Weifenbach 2 children  
second marriage 5 March 1977 in Michigan City to  
Fredrick Ray Parker b. 1 April 1951  
address: 6813 W. Magnolia Dr., Michigan City, Ind. 46360  
no children
- 5.4111 Polly Ann Weifenbach b. 6 July 1965
- 5.4112 Jason John Weifenbach b. 10 Dec. 1968 d. 6-04-1991
- 5.412 Sally Ann Erickson Albano b. 17 July 1948 Michigan City, Ind.  
married 10 Feb. 1976 in La Porte, Ind. to:  
Francis Dominic Albano b. 27 June 1943  
1 child  
address: 517 E. Barker Ave. Michigan City, Ind. 46360
- 5.4121 Anthony Michael b. 3 July 1977  
5.4122 Audrey Ann b. 10-27-1981
- 5.413 Jan Evelyn Erickson Heazner b. 21 Mar. 1956 Michigan City, Ind.  
married 22 April 1979 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.  
no children  
address: 850 E Commercial Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.
- 5.414 Paul b. 10 Oct. 1959 Michigan City, Ind.  
d. 11 Oct. 1959
- 5.415 John Winford Erickson b. 9 August 1961 Michigan City, Ind.  
address: 6606 W. Callaway Rd. Michigan City, Ind. 46360
- 5.416 James Gustave Marshall Erickson b. 15 July 1963 Michigan City, Ind.  
address: 6606 W. Callaway Rd., Michigan City, Ind. 46360
- 5.42 Kenneth Rogers Erickson b. 22 April 1919 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 22 April 1950 in South Bend, Ind.  
Parthenia Hammons  
3 children  
address: 4802 N. Johnson Rd., Michigan City, Ind. 46360
- 5.421 Linda sue Erickson Booth b. 10 Feb 1951 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 31 May 1971 to:  
Jeff Booth  
1 child
- 5.4211 Matthew Booth b. 5 Dec. 1975 in Portland, Me.

- 5.422 Nancy Diane Erickson b. 9 April 1953
- 5.423 Robert Kenneth Erickson b. 2 Aug. 1958
- 5.43 James Frederick Erickson b. 12 Sept. 1920 in Michigan City, Ind.  
address: 4260 NE 16th Ter, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33308
- 5.44 Sue Ann Erickson Richards b. 28 Nov 1935 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 7 June 1955 in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
Stanton J. Richards b. 5 Mar. 1929  
2 children  
address: 3912 Hampden Rd., Michigan City, Ind. 46360
- 5.441 Deborah Lynn Richards b. 25 April 1956 in Michigan City, Ind.
- 5.442 Gail Ann Richards b. 1 May 1961 in Winter Park, Fla.
- 5.5 Beulah Mathilda Erickson Ekstrom b. 3 Nov 1896  
married 25 Jan 1927 in Tucson, Ariz. to:  
Earl Ericson b. 8 Nov. 1895  
d. 15 Jan. 1928  
married 2 Nov. 1935 in Tucson, Ariz. to:  
Lawrence O. Ekstrom b. 16 Mar. 1895  
d. 19 Nov. 1946  
address: 108 Brookdale Ave., Michigan City, Ind. 46360
- 5.6 Hilma Leotina Erickson Peterson b. 4 June 1899 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 11 July 1923 in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
Fred Samuel Peterson b. 10 April 1898  
d. May 1978  
3 children  
address: 1114 James Ave. Rockford, Ill. 61107
- 5.61 Shirley Ann Peterson White b. 1 Oct. 1925  
married 4 Jan 1949 in Rockford, Ill. to:  
William G. White  
3 children  
address: 409 Cottage, Rockton, Ill. 61072
- 5.611 Peter Lawrence White b. 17 Jan. 1950 in Tucson, Ariz.  
address:
- 5.612 John Gustaf b. 10 May 1951 in Galesburg, Ill.  
address 353 W. 57th, No. 2401, New York, N.Y. 10019
- 5.613 Susan Velma White b. 16 Nov. 1953 in Galesburg, Ill.  
address: 453 Locust, Freeport, Ill. 61032

- 5.62 Fred S. Peterson Jr. b. 15 Aug. 1929  
address: 413 E. Warren, Rockton, Ill 61072
- 5.63 Mary Elida Peterson Keefer b. 26 Sept. 1933  
married 18 Dec. 1954 in Rockford, Ill to:  
Robert C. Keefer  
3 children  
address: R.R.1 Box 294 R., McCordsville, Ind. 46055
- 5.631 Eric Thomas Keefer b. 6 Oct. 1961 in Geneva, Ill.
- 5.632 Kurt Howard b. 12 Nov. 1963 in Geneva, Ill.
- 5.633 Julie Ann b. 3 Feb. 1966 in Livonia, Mich.
- 5.7 Gladys Viola Erickson Haas b.26 April 1907  
married 26 Jan. 1941 in Michigan City to:  
George Marvin Haas b. 24 May 1904  
d. 21 Sept. 1959  
2 children  
address: 108 Brookdale Ave., Michigan City, Ind.46360
- 5.71 Marva Jane Haas Cooper b. 9 May 1936 in Michigan City, Ind.  
married 19 Mar. 1964 in Puerto Rico to:  
Charles William Cooper b. 1 Nov 1932 in Texarkana, Ark.  
2 children  
address: 102 Silver Springs Dr. Universal City, Tx. 78148
- 5.711 Linda Diane Cooper b. 20 Feb. 1965 in Puerto Rico
- 5.712 Sandra Gail Cooper b. 12 May 1968 in Tallahassee Florida
- 5.72 Mary Elizabeth Haas b. 18 March 1943 in Michigan City, Ind.  
address: School of Education, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville  
Arkansas 72801

## FAMILY 6

## The Descendents of Alex Parson

6. Alex Parson

b. 11 July 1868 in Sweden

d. date unknown

married to:

Celista Cross

b. ? d.?

1 Child

6.1 Alexander Parson

b. circa 1900

At the time of preparation of the book no one knew if Alexander were living or if he had any descendents.

## FAMILY 7

## The Descendents of Selma Person Lundquist

7. Selma Person Lundquist b. 18 Sept. 1870 in Osås Skåne Sweden  
 d. 18 June 1898 in Chicago burried in Michigan City  
 married to:  
 Axel Lundquist b. 21 Oct. 1867  
 d. 4 Mar. 1947  
 2 children
- 7.1 Herbert Lundquist b. 24 May 1893 in Chicago, Ill.  
 d. 5 April 1960 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 married 11 Jan. 1919 in Michigan City to:  
 Lydia Bintz b. 6 June 1898  
 d. 16 Feb. 1975 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 1 Child
- 7.11 Donald Lundquist b. 31 Dec. 1919 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 married 23 Aug. 1941 in Michigan City, Ind. to:  
 Charlotte Arletta Seaverns  
 5 children  
 address: R# 2 Box 173 Three Oaks, Michigan 49128
- 7.111 Donna May Lundquist Szot b. 12 May 1943 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 married 30 Nov. 1975 in Sawyer, Michigan to:  
 Edward John Szot no children  
 address: 343 Creek Rd. New Buffalo, Michigan 49117
- 7.112 Leanne Marie Lundquist b. 22 Aug 1946 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 d. 26 Dec 1948
- 7.113 Sally Anne Lundquist b. 29 Sept. 1951 in Michigan City, Ind.  
 d. 29 Oct. 1951
- 7.114 Jon Tyler Lundquist b. 12 Sept. 1960
- 7.115 Jeffery Carl Lundquist b. 28 Jan 1962

## FAMILY 8

## The Descendents of Christine Person Floden

8. Christine Person Floden b. 15 Nov. 1872 in Osås Skåne Sweden  
 d. 9 Aug. 1932 in Rockford, Ill.  
 Immigrated 1884  
 married 5 Dec. 1891 in Chicago to:  
 Carl Ludwig Floden b. 2 Oct. 1865 in Sweden  
 d. 13 Aug. 1930 in Rockford, Ill.  
 4 children
- 8.1 Tuve Per Johann Floden b. 16 Nov. 1893 in Chicago, Ill.  
 d. 16 June 1970 in Rockford, Ill.  
 married 6 April 1921 in Rockford, Ill. to:  
 Lea Brown Baumgardner  
 address: 2529 Barrington Pl., Rockford, Ill. 61107  
 3 children
- 8.11 John Gordon Floden b. 26 Aug. 1922 in Rockford, Ill.  
 married 15 Nov. 1947 in Rockford, Ill. to:  
 Betty Joy Kelly  
 2 children  
 address 1731 N. Gillett, Appleton, Wis. 54911
- 8.111 Robert Edward Floden b. 17 July 1949 in Rockford, Ill.  
 married to:  
 Margret Buchmann  
 1 child  
 address:
- 8.1111 John Tuve Floden b. 25 Nov. 1978 in Lansing, Michigan
- 8.112 Mary Lea Floden b. 13 Feb. 1954 in Rockford, Ill.  
 address: 1731 N. Gillett, Appleton, Wis. 54911
- 8.12 Jill Christine Floden Deyoung b. 18 Mar. 1925 in Rockford, Ill.  
 married 21 Aug. 1948 in Rockford, Ill. to:  
 John Thomas Deyoung  
 3 children  
 address: 3066 Henhawk Rd., Troy, Michigan 48084
- 8.121 Patricia Lea Deyoung Bock b. 12 Feb. 1950 in Milwaukee, Wis.  
 married Douglas P. Bock  
 no children  
 address:
- 8.122 Nancy Ann Deyoung Foster b. 12 Feb. 1950 in Milwaukee, Wis.  
 married to:  
 David L Foster  
 address: **One child: Jennifer Ann**  
**b. 4 June 1979**
- 8.123 Jane Alta Deyoung b. 11 May 1954 in La Crosse, Wis.





- 8.314 Vickie Ann Quillen Churchill b. 14 Oct. 1947 in Beloit, Wis.  
 married to: Gary Churchill  
                                     3 children  
 address:
- 8.3141 James Patrick Churchill b. 10 Sept. 1967 in Beloit, Wis.
- 8.3142 Jennifer Ann Churchill b. 6 June 1970 in Beloit, Wis.
- 8.3143 Rexford Churchill b. 28 May 1973 in Chicago
- 8.315 Marguerite Sue Quillen Stuck b. 1 May 1949 in Beloit, Wis.  
 married to:  
                     John Stuck  
                                     2 children  
 address:
- 8.3151 Erica Kay Stuck b. 28 May 1974 in Beloit, Wis.
- 8.3152 Aaron William Stuck b. 6 Nov. 1978 in Beloit, Wis.
- 8.316 Christina Elaine Quillen Rogstad b. 6 Aug. 1952 in Beloit, Wis. (twin)  
 married to:  
                     John Rogstad  
                                     1 child  
 address
- 8.3161 Michelle Anne Rogstad b. 7 Jan. 1975 in Beloit, Wis.
- 8.317 Kathleen Eilien Quillen Anderson b. 6 Aug. 1952 in Beloit, Wis. (twin)  
 married to:  
                     Richard D. Anderson  
                                     no children  
 address:
- 8.318 Mary Jane Quillen b. 1 Mar. 1959 in Beloit, Wis.  
 address: 1167 La Salle St. Beloit, Wis. 53511
- 8.319 Peter John Quillen b. 27 Aug. 1961 in Beloit, Wis.  
 address: 1167 La Salle St. Beloit, Wis. 53511
- 8.32 Suzanne Elieen Sanders Jones b. 13 Mar. 1926 in Rockford, Ill.  
 married 3 Dec. 1953 in Evanston, Ill. to:  
                     Guy Wilson Jones  
                                     1 child  
 address: 140 Field Point Rd. Greenwich, Conn. 06830
- 8.321 Pamela Dorcas Jones Kister b. 11 Oct. 1955 in New York City  
 married to:  
                     Jerry Koster  
                                     1 child  
 address:
- 8.3211 Marcus Wilson Kister b. 3 Feb. 1978 in Dickens, Neb.



The numbers beside the names indicate two things: The number of digits indicates the number of generations-- counting the original eight immigrants as the first generation. Each individual has his own number. The number comes from his position chronologically in his family and the positions of his parents, grand parents, etc. The last digit is the individuals position in the family, the next to the last digit the parent's position, the third digit the grandparent, etc.

The children of Per followed the Swedish tradition of calling themselves the son of their father: Person. Unlike many immigrants the name Person was kept when each entered the U.S. except for Alex who took the name Parson. Because of the deaths of male descendents, there remains only one descendent with the name of Person in 1979.

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