

FAMILY HISTORY OF ZELDA MOENCK

Father--John Frederick Gustafson, born Nov. 23, 1854.

Passed away in Fort Dodge on Jan. 18, 1938; buried in Eagle Grove.

Mother--Anna Sophia Carlson, born Dec. 4, 1857.

Passed away in Eagle Grove on June 1931; buried in Eagle Grove.

They were married in Stockholm Sweden on Dec. 20, 1878.

There were eleven children born to them, three having died in infancy. Father was a mason by trade and an only child. They settled in Little Rock, Arkansas in the year 1880, where father worked on the first bridge across the Mississippi River joining Tennessee and Arkansas. He helped to lay the pillars.

They later moved to Fort Dodge where they lived for twenty seven years. There he was engaged in mason work. He helped put in the first curb and gutter and lay the first streets on Central Avenue, Fort Dodge. These were made of wooden blocks which were not a total success and in a few years block by block popped out in heavy rains. He also erected the monument of the Unknown Soldier in Oakland Cemetery--(In the year around 1900, which still stands today--1981).

They moved to Evanston, Iowa in October, 1901 where father established his own stone quarry and mined stone to be shipped out on a spur they had put in to gypsum. His hobby was growing "Ginseng Root".

He later spent most of his time cutting grave stones out of solid granite and engraving them with chisel and hammer. Many of his stone are still standing in Oakland Cemetery in Fort Dodge.

Father had two cousins that came over from Sweden and made their home with my parents until they were established. Their names were Henry and David Lind and they eventually located in Euclid, Wisconsin. They never married.

Mother had two sisters. One came over from Sweden with them, her name was Augusta. The other came back with them on one of their trips back to Sweden. Her name was Cristina. The folks made two trips back to Sweden where their first born is buried.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ZELDA MOENCK

Yunall Whitmer-- Born and died in Sweden as a baby.

Edith Ingaburg--Born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Passed away and was buried in Eagle Grove in August of 1972. She married Mervin Dixon from West Virginia, Oct. 4, 1904. He was a railroad engineer on North Western out of Eagle Grove. To them were born two children, Harold who passed away June of 1968 while mowing hte lawn. He had two children Candice and Debhora. Harold is buried in Evanston, Illinois. Arlene, passed away at three years of age from the whopping cough in April, 1916. She is buried in Eagle Grove.

Hilma Dorothea--, born Feb. 3, 1888, passed away March 17, 1963 and is buried in LaGrange, Illinois. She married James Nowotny who was from Moorland, Iowa. There were two children, Howard adn Evelyn and four grand children. James was a shoe salemand.

Minnie-- Died when she was eight years old from brain fever. She was buried in "Sweet Town" (West Fort Dodge)--the cemetery has since been destroyed and covered with buildings.

Anna Marie-- Was born in Fort Dodge on August 20, 1886; passed away on August 7, 1964 and is buried in Eagle Grove. She married John T. Johnson from Sutherland, Iowa. He was a railroad engineer on North-Western and was buried in Eagle Grove in 1939. They had two children, Ralph and Helen. Ralph is buried in Fort Dodge and Helen in Euma, Ariz,

Walter John-- was born Nov. 22, 1890 in Fort Dodge, passed away in Ark. at the age of seventy. They had seven children all living in Marion, Arkansas. He married Emma Hedeon. What was a Drainage Engineer and Surveyor, also a cotton farmer. Children's names, Louise, Viola, Ruth, Eunice, Walter (Bud) Ralph, & William.

Jennie Feressa-- was born in May in Fort Dodge and died Jan. 17, 1976. She married Martin Hanson from Minneapolis, Minn. He paseed away on March 5, 1972. They both lived in Los Angeles, California at the time of their death. He owned a milk truck line. They had two children, Ronald and Helen.

Adolph Frederick -- Born Feb. 23, 1884 in Fort Dodge, passed away April 1, 1979 in Fort Dodge. He married Elsie Kringbring in Fort Dodge, 1927. They have two children, Tom living in Minnesota and Elaine in Bettendorf. Adolph was a painter and interior decorator.

Nina Elfrieda -- was born in Fort Dodge, May 9, 1887 and died Fe. 11, 1971. She married Walter Williams who was from Callendar, Iowa in April 20, 1916. He was an insurance agent, real estate and was street commissioner of Fort Dodge. They had five children, Dick, Ronald, Virginia, Vernice and Eugene. Walter passed away and is buried in Fort Dodge at age 65.

Zelda Martina -- Born in Fort Dodge on Jan. 20, 1900. Moved with parents to Evanston, Iowa, Oct. 12, 1901. Married Rudy Moenck on March 18, 1920.