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Peter Mathias Lindberg

Peter Mathias Lindberg was born on the 24 May 1864 in Liden, Sundsvall, Sweden where he attended Sundsvall High School. His father, Mathias Lindberg, was a farmer and moved the family to Anoke, Minnesota in September of 1881. His mother was Brita Helena Arin, and Peter had at least three siblings; Carl Johan, Amandus Ferdinand, and Maria Augusta.

In Anoka Peter Lindberg was a member of the Swedish Lutheran Congregation of Anoka and attended St. Ansgar Academy before beginning studies at Augustana College and Theological

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1 Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885, p. 12-103, volume bound in Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. All the students in the senior class are listed with birthplaces and year of birth.
2 Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, Folder 9 1882 A-Z, Box 1 Early Registration Re, 1876-1891, MSS241c, Augustana Office of Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana college, Rock Island, Illinois. The registration card is a printed form with hand-written information, almost certainly filled and signed in 1883 by Peter Mathias Lindberg.
3 Ira O. Nothstein, A.M., My Church: An Illustrated Lutheran Manual (Rock Island, Illinois, Augustana Historical Society, 1918), page 96. My Church was compiled to archive the history of the Augustana Synod.
4 Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana College Office of the Registrar.
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9 Ira O. Nothstein, A.M., My Church, 96.
seminary in the fall term of 1882. He graduated from Augustana College in 1886 before continuing to his theological studies in Augustana’s Seminary, graduating in 1889.

Following his graduation from Seminary, Peter Lindberg began serving as pastor in Marinette-Oconto-Peshtigo, Wisconsin and Menominee-Wallace, Michigan from 1889 to 1891. It was during his service there that he married Maria Charlotta Olson in Menominee, Michigan on the 29 August, 1889. They had 12 children together, including Hilder, Ellen, Carl, Victor, Jenny, Signe, Paul, Alvin, and Harrold. He then returned to Augustana College to serve as professor of Christianity until 1898, when he returned to liturgical service in Omaha until 1906. It was in 1906 that his church work shifted towards administrative work within the church. In 1916 Maria Olson died, and two years later Peter remarried to Deaconess Anna Flint on 7 December 1917, taking in her two children. Peter Lindberg died 6 August 1918 at the age of 54 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, USA.

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10 Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana college Office of the Registrar.
11 Commencement Program, 1886, Folder 1 1868-1899, Box 1 Commencement Programs 1868-1936, MSS 248, Augustana College Office of the Registrar 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.
12 Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 85. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.
Ancestors of Peter Mathias Lindberg

Generation 1
1. Peter Mathias Lindberg. For more information about Peter, see the biography in the main part.

Generation 2
2. Mathias Lindberg. Matias was born 3 May 1834 in Asvivage, Ljustorp, Sweden and baptized 4 May 1834. He was a farmer. Mathias married Brita Helena Arin (3).
   i. Peter Mathias. See 1 above.
   ii. Carl Johan.
   iii. Amandus Ferdinand
   iv. Maria Augusta

Generation 3
5. Maria Matsdotter. Maria was born 28 April 1798. She married Eric Svensson (4) 5 November 1820. Eric and Maria had children.

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21 Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana College Office of the Registrar.
i. Martha. Martha was born 12 August 1821.  
ii. Ingrid Brita. Ingrid was born 22 December 1826.  
iii. Eric. Eric was born 23 March 1829.  
iv. Mathias. See 2 above.  

6. Peter Arin. Peter was born 15 August 1782. He married Helena Christina Zeler (7). 

7. Helena Christina Zeler. Helena was born 1795. She married Peter Arin (6). Peter and Helena had children. 
   i. Maita. Maita was born 25 March 1819.  
   ii. Maria. Maria was born 12 April 1822.  
   iii. Jonas. Jonas was born 27 December 1829.  
   iv. Helena. Helena was born 15 April 1833.  
   v. Brita Helena. See 3 above.  

Descendents of Peter Mathias Lindberg

Generation 1

1. Peter Mathias Lindberg and his wife Maria Charlotta Olson. For more information on Peter and Maria, see the biography in the main part.

Children of Peter and Maria. Peter and Maria had 12 children but only 9 were recorded.

2. Hilder. Hilder was born in 1891.

3. Ellen. Ellen was born in 1892.

4. Carl. Carl was born in 1895.

5. Victor. Victor was born in 1898.

6. Jenny. Jenny was born in 1901.

7. Signe. Signe was born 6 January 1903 and died in 1996.


9. Alvin. Alvin was born in 1908.


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46 "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch
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Questions for Further Research

We would like to create a focus on the lives and further descendents of Peter Mathias Lindberg, as well as creating a chart for how far Lindberg’s descendents have spread.

We would also like to further research Peter Mathias Lindberg’s work at Augustana College, and any changes he made as a prominent theological worker.

A record for Peter Mathias Lindberg is in the Family Tree on FamilySearch. The record locator is LCMH-WK3.
Source List


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

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


Find A Grave, database and images, memorial page for Rev Peter M. Lindberg, Find A Grave Memorial no. 140869367, citing Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, USA ; Maintained by phillipsp.


“United States Census,” 1910, database with images, FamilySearch, Peter M Lindberg, Omaha Ward 12, Douglas, Nebraska, United States; citing enumeration district ED 88, sheet 17B, family 275, NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 844; FHL microfilm 1,374,857.