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## Peter Mathias Lindberg

Peter Mathias Lindberg was born on the 24 May 1864 in Liden<sup>1</sup>, Sundsvall, Sweden<sup>2</sup> where he attended Sundsvall High School<sup>3</sup>. His father, Mathias Lindberg, was a farmer<sup>4</sup> and moved the family to Anoke, Minnesota in September of 1881.<sup>5</sup> His mother was Brita Helena Arin<sup>6</sup>, and Peter had at least three siblings; Carl Johan, Amandus Ferdinand, and Maria Augusta<sup>7</sup>. In Anoka Peter Lindberg was a member of the Swedish Lutheran Congregation of Anoka<sup>8</sup> and attended St. Ansgar Academy<sup>9</sup> before beginning studies at Augustana College and Theological

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<sup>1</sup> *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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana College Office of the Registrar.

<sup>5</sup> Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana College Office of the Registrar.

<sup>6</sup> "Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880-1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QG5Y-YJVG : 2 August 2018>), Peter Matthias in entry for Matts Lindberg, 1880 - 1891; from "Sweden Household Examination Books, 1860-1920," database and images, MyHeritage (<https://www.myheritage.com : n.d.>); citing 1880 - 1891, 108364309, Gustav Adolf A18b, various Lutheran parishes, Sweden.

<sup>7</sup> "Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880-1930," database with images, FamilySearch. Entry for Peter Matthias

<sup>8</sup> Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana College Office of the Registrar.

<sup>9</sup> Ira O. Nothstein, A.M., *My Church*, 96.

seminary in the fall term of 1882.<sup>10</sup> He graduated from Augustana College in 1886<sup>11</sup> before continuing to his theological studies in Augustana's Seminary, graduating in 1889<sup>12</sup>.

Following his graduation from Seminary, Peter Lindberg began serving as pastor in Marinette-Oconto-Peshtigo, Wisconsin and Menominee-Wallace, Michigan from 1889 to 1891.<sup>13</sup> 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,<sup>14</sup> including Hilder, Ellen, Carl, Victor, Jenny, Signe, Paul, Alvin, and Harrold.<sup>15</sup> He then returned to Augustana College to serve as professor of Christianity until 1898<sup>16</sup>, 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.<sup>17</sup> In 1916 Maria Olson died, and two years later Peter remarried to Deaconess Anna Flint on 7 December 1917, taking in her two children.<sup>18</sup> Peter Lindberg died 6 August 1918 at the age of 54 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, USA.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana college Office of the Registrar.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Ira O. Nothstein, A.M., *My Church*, 96.

<sup>14</sup> Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 85.

<sup>15</sup> "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:ML4H-8PW> : accessed 3 April 2019), Peter M Lindberg, Omaha Ward 12, Douglas, Nebraska, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 88, sheet 17B, family 275, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 844; FHL microfilm 1,374,857.

<sup>16</sup> Ira O. Nothstein, A.M., *My Church*, 96.

<sup>17</sup> Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 85.

<sup>18</sup> Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 85.

<sup>19</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 03 April 2019), memorial page for Rev Peter M. Lindberg (24 May 1864–6 Aug 1918), Find A Grave Memorial no. 140869367, citing Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, USA ; Maintained by phillipsp (contributor 47611520) .

# 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. Mathias was born 3 May 1834 in Asvivage, Ljustorp, Sweden and baptized 4 May 1834.<sup>20</sup> He was a farmer.<sup>21</sup> Mathias married Brita Helena Arin (3)<sup>22</sup>.
3. Brita Helena Arin. Brita was born 25 May 1837 and baptized 27 May 1837 in Bäckeback, Liden, Sweden.<sup>23</sup> Brita married Mathias Lindberg (2).<sup>24</sup> Mathias and Brita had children.
  - i. Peter Mathias. See 1 above.
  - ii. Carl Johan.<sup>25</sup>
  - iii. Amandus Ferdinand<sup>26</sup>
  - iv. Maria Augusta<sup>27</sup>

## Generation 3

4. Eric Svensson. Eric was born 1 March 1794.<sup>28</sup> He married Maria Matsdotter (5) 5 November 1820.<sup>29</sup> Eric died 8 Nov 1840.<sup>30</sup>
5. Maria Matsdotter. Maria was born 28 April 1798.<sup>31</sup> She married Eric Svensson (4) 5 November 1820.<sup>32</sup> Eric and Maria had children.

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<sup>20</sup> "Ljustorp C:2 (1814-1844)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 10 April 2019), image 58 / page 54, AID:v121842.b58.s54, NAD:SE/HLA/1010115, Mathias Lindberg (b. 1834); Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish record of Mathias Lindberg's birth and baptism.

<sup>21</sup> Registration Card for Peter Mathias Lindberg, 1883, MSS 241c Augustana College Office of the Registrar.

<sup>22</sup> "Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880-1930," database with images, FamilySearch. Entry for Peter Matthias

<sup>23</sup> "Liden C:3 (1800-1842)", database of image, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 10 April 2019), image 166 / page 298, AID:v121817.b166.s298, NAD:SE/HLA/1010111, Brita Helena Arin (b. 1837); Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish record of Brita Helena Arin's birth and baptism.

<sup>24</sup> "Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880-1930," database with images, FamilySearch. Entry for Peter Matthias

<sup>25</sup> "Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880-1930," database with images, FamilySearch. Entry for Peter Matthias

<sup>26</sup> "Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880-1930," database with images, FamilySearch. Entry for Peter Matthias

<sup>27</sup> "Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880-1930," database with images, FamilySearch. Entry for Peter Matthias

<sup>28</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.com> : accessed 10 April 2019), image 48 / page 37, AID: v121829.b48.s37, NAD: SE/HLA/1010115, Eric Svensson (b. 1794), wife Maria Matsdotter, and family in Ljustorp, Sweden; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register.

<sup>29</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", *ArkivDigital*, page 37, database image of household of Eric Svensson.

<sup>30</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", *ArkivDigital*, page 37, database image of household of Eric Svensson.

<sup>31</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", *ArkivDigital*, page 37, database image of household of Eric Svensson.

<sup>32</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", *ArkivDigital*, page 37, database image of household of Eric Svensson.

- i. Martha. Martha was born 12 August 1821.<sup>33</sup>
  - ii. Ingrid Brita. Ingrid was born 22 December 1826.<sup>34</sup>
  - iii. Eric. Eric was born 23 March 1829.<sup>35</sup>
  - iv. Mathias. See 2 above.
6. Peter Arin. Peter was born 15 August 1782.<sup>36</sup> He married Helena Christina Zeler (7).<sup>37</sup>
7. Helena Christina Zeler. Helena was born 1795.<sup>38</sup> She married Peter Arin (6).<sup>39</sup> Peter and Helena had children.
- i. Maita. Maita was born 25 March 1819.<sup>40</sup>
  - ii. Maria. Maria was born 12 April 1822.<sup>41</sup>
  - iii. Jonas. Jonas was born 27 December 1829.<sup>42</sup>
  - iv. Helena. Helena was born 15 April 1833.<sup>43</sup>
  - v. Brita Helena. See 3 above.

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<sup>33</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", *ArkivDigital*, page 37, database image of household of Eric Svensson.

<sup>34</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", *ArkivDigital*, page 37, database image of household of Eric Svensson.

<sup>35</sup> "Ljustorp AI:4 (1831-1840)", *ArkivDigital*, page 37, database image of household of Eric Svensson.

<sup>36</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.com> : accessed 10 April 2019), image 263 / page 247, AID: v121802.b263.s247, NAD: SE/HLA/1010111, Peter Arin (b. 1782), wife Helena Christina Zeler, and family in Liden, Sweden; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register.

<sup>37</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", *ArkivDigital*, page 247, database image of household of Peter Arin.

<sup>38</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", *ArkivDigital*, page 247, database image of household of Peter Arin.

<sup>39</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", *ArkivDigital*, page 247, database image of household of Peter Arin.

<sup>40</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", *ArkivDigital*, page 247, database image of household of Peter Arin.

<sup>41</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", *ArkivDigital*, page 247, database image of household of Peter Arin.

<sup>42</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", *ArkivDigital*, page 247, database image of household of Peter Arin.

<sup>43</sup> "Liden AI:6 (1833-1842)", *ArkivDigital*, page 247, database image of household of Peter Arin.

# Descendents of Peter Mathias Lindberg

## Generation 1

1. Peter Mathias Lindberg and his wife Maria Charlotta Olson.<sup>44</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup>

2. Hilder. Hilder was born in 1891.<sup>46</sup>
3. Ellen. Ellen was born in 1892.<sup>47</sup>
4. Carl. Carl was born in 1895.<sup>48</sup>
5. Victor. Victor was born in 1898.<sup>49</sup>
6. Jenny. Jenny was born in 1901.<sup>50</sup>
7. Signe. Signe was born 6 January 1903 and died in 1996.<sup>51</sup>
8. Paul. Paul was born 8 July 1905 and died 12 July 1992.<sup>52</sup>
9. Alvin. Alvin was born in 1908.<sup>53</sup>
10. Harrold. Harrold was born in 1910.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>44</sup> Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 85. Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 85.

<sup>45</sup> Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 85. Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 85.

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<sup>47</sup> "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.



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