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Johan August Frost was born on 28 August 1854 in Morlunda, Sweden. His father was August Fredrik Frost, a farmer, and his mother was Johanna Nelson Frost. August Fredrik Frost died before his son was a senior in college.

J. August Frost attended Augustana College from January 1878 to 1884. Before attending Augustana College, he was a farmer just like his father. While at Augustana, he stayed in room number 49, and he received half beneficiary aid. He was supposed to graduate in 1884, yet he was not mentioned in the commencement announcement showing that he in fact did not graduate with the rest of his class. He did, in fact, graduate from the Augustana Seminary on 10 June 1886. While enrolled in Augustana College, August Frost was in the Classics courses. He ended up dropping mathematics and Latin during the academic year of 1883-84. Because he dropped these courses, it can be predicted that perhaps he was not able to graduate from the college whether he was interrupted, or it is also possible that he graduated early by taking classes at other times, or that he graduated at a later time from this institution.

After graduating from the Augustana Seminary, Frost became a Lutheran minister and was ordained on 27 June 1886 in Minneapolis, MN. During this time, he married Wilma C.
Lager of Geneseo, IL. He died on 16 February 1924. He is buried in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with his wife.

Ancestors of Johan August Frost

Generation 1

1. Johan August Frost. For more, in depth accounts about Johan, see the biography in the main part of this essay.

Generation 2

2. Fredrik August Frost. Fredrik was born on 19 September 1825 in Vastra Nas Village. Fredrik was a farmhand and married Johanna Nilsdotter. Fredrik and his whole family emigrated on 2 June 1864 from a port in Ryningsnäs, Vastranas, Mörlunda, Kalmar län (Småland), Sweden to Nordamerika.

3. Johanna Nilsdotter Frost was born on 21 October 1828 in Kvillehuit Village, Morlunda, Sweden also. Johanna married a farmhand named Fredrik August Frost and had six children by 1864.
   i. Ida Sophia Frost was born on 3 July 1850 in Morlunda, Sweden.
   ii. Johanna Lovisa Frost was born on 19 June 1852 in Morlunda, Kalmar lan (Smaland), Sweden.
   iii. Johan August Frost. See 1. above.
   iv. Carl Oskar Frost was born on 18 October 1857 in Morlunda, Sweden.

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20 "Fredrik August Frost and Family", Emibas, post 281342-281349, database of records of household of Fredrik August Frost.

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v. Nils Peter Frost was born on 7 December 1859 in Morlunda, Sweden.
vi. Gustaf Alfred Frost was born on 11 May 1862 in Morlunda, Sweden.

**Generation 3**

4. Jonas Peter Nilsson Frost was born in 1792 in Morlunda, Sweden.
5. Sara Stina Fridriksdottir was born on 21 April 1798.
   i. Carl Johan Frost was born on 16 February 1823.
   ii. Fredrik August Frost. See 2. Above.
   iii. Peter Otto Frost was born on 20 September 1828, and he was reported dead on 15 May 1831 right after the death of his younger sister.
   iv. Caroline Sophia Frost was born on 16 February 1831.
6. Nils Jonsson was born on 16 November 1803 in Morlunda, Sweden. Nils was a crofter.
7. Stina Maja Nilsdotter was born on 9 December 1797 and was 31 when her daughter Johanna Nilsdotter was born.
   i. Helena Stina Nilsdotter was born on 25 July 1826.
   iii. Nils Peter Nilsson was born on 31 July 1830.

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Descendants of Johan August Frost

Generation 1

1. Johan August Frost. Johan married Wilma C. Lager. For more information about Johan and Wilma, see the main part of this essay.

   Johan and Wilma had two daughters

   +2. i. Esther Frost.


Generation 2

2. Esther Marie Frost. Esther was born in August of 1889 in Illinois. Esther married Emil E. Johnson. Their first child was Arline Esther Margaret Johnson.

   Esther and Emil had six children.

   +4. i. Arline Esther Margaret Johnson.

   +5. ii. Marguerite Johnson.

   +6. iii. Burton R. Johnson.

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38 “Minnesota Death Records, 1866-1916,” Esther Marie Frost in entry for Arline Esther Margaret Johnson.


Generation 3

4. Arline Esther Margaret Johnson. Arline was born on 7 July 1915 in Minnesota. She died on 1 November 1915 at the age of three months. She was buried on 3 November 1915 in Roselawn Cemetery.

5. Marguerite Johnson. Marguerite was born about 1917 in Minnesota.

6. Burton R. Johnson. Burton was born about 5 October 1918 in Minnesota. Burton died about 22 November 1986. He was in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

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44 “Minnesota Death Records, 1866-1916,” Esther Marie Frost in entry for Arline Esther Margaret Johnson.
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46 “Minnesota Death Records, 1866-1916,” Esther Marie Frost in entry for Arline Esther Margaret Johnson.
7. Emil R. Johnson. Emil was born about 1922 in Minnesota\textsuperscript{51}.

8. Donald M. Johnson. Donald was born about 1924 in Minnesota\textsuperscript{52}.

9. Willis H. Johnson. Willis was born about 1926 in Minnesota\textsuperscript{53}.


Questions for Further Research

We are curious to learn more about Emil R. Johnson, Donald M. Johnson, and Willis H. Johnson. The last name Johnson is fairly common, so we have had a hard time locating these family members and their descendants.

If given more time to research, we would’ve liked to investigate further into the records of Johan August Frost and his immediate family’s immigration. We would like to know how and where they traveled during their immigration from Sweden to America.

A record for Johan August Frost is in a Family Tree on FamilySearch. The record locator for Johan August Frost is L697-VXK.
Source List


Early Registration Records (MSS 241c), Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.


https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121943849/john-august-frost : 2018


Matriculation and Attendance Records (MSS 241), Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.


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