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Johan August Frost

Johan August Frost was born on 28 August 1854 in Morlunda, Sweden¹. His father was August Fredrik Frost, a farmer, and his mother was Johanna Nelson Frost². August Fredrik Frost died before his son was a senior in college³.

J. August Frost attended Augustana College from January 1878 to 1884⁴. Before attending Augustana College, he was a farmer just like his father⁵. While at Augustana, he stayed in room number 49, and he received half beneficiary aid⁶. He was supposed to graduate in 1884⁷, yet he was not mentioned in the commencement announcement showing that he in fact did not graduate with the rest of his class⁸. He did, in fact, graduate from the Augustana Seminary on 10 June 1886⁹. While enrolled in Augustana College, August Frost was in the Classics courses¹⁰. He ended up dropping mathematics and Latin during the academic year of 1883-84¹¹. 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, MN¹². During this time, he married Wilma C.

¹ J. August Frost Registration Card 1884, in MSS 241c Early Registration Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

² Bergendoff, Conrad. *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 38. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. The original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.

³ J. August Frost Registration Card 1884, MSS 241c Early Registration Records.

⁴ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, pg.60-70, volume bound in *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College. Special Collections. Rock Island, Illinois. J. August Frost was recorded to be attending Augustana College.

⁵ J. August Frost Registration Card 1884, MSS 241c Early Registration Records.

⁶ J. August Frost Registration Card 1884, MSS 241c Early Registration Records.

⁷ *Augustana College Catalog 1883-1884*, pg. 50-60, volume bound in *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College. Special Collections. Rock Island, Illinois. J. August Frost was recorded to be attending Augustana College.

⁸ "Augustana College" *Rock Island Argus* (Rock Island, Ill.), 13 June 1884; web archives (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn92053943/1884-06-13/ed-1/seq-4/> : November 2017); image provided by Univesity of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library, Urbana, Illinois, *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*, Library of Congress.

⁹ *Augustana Seminary Commencement Program 1884-1885*, in MSS 248 Office of the President's records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹⁰ J. August Frost Attendance Record 1883-84, in MSS 241 Matriculation and Attendance Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹¹ J. August Frost Attendance Record 1883-84, MSS 241 Matriculation and Attendance Records.

¹² Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 38.

Lager of Geneseo, IL¹³. He died on 16 February 1924¹⁴. He is buried in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with his wife¹⁵.

¹³ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 38.

¹⁴ J. August Frost. *My Church* 1924, Call Number: Aug. Inst. B8041.M9 , Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Page 111.

¹⁵ "Find A Grave Index", John August Frost, 1924; Burial, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, United States of America, Lakewood Cemetery; citing record ID 121943849 , *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121943849/john-august-frost>)

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 Village¹⁶. Fredrik was a farmhand and married Johanna Nilsson¹⁷. Fredrik and his whole family emigrated on 2 June 1864 from a port in Ryningsnäs, Vastranas, Mörlunda, Kalmar län (Småland), Sweden to Nordamerika¹⁸.

3. Johanna Nilsson Frost was born on 21 October 1828 in Kvillehult Village, Morlunda, Sweden also¹⁹. Johanna married a farmhand named Fredrik August Frost and had six children by 1864²⁰.

- i. Ida Sophia Frost was born on 3 July 1850 in Morlunda, Sweden²¹.
- ii. Johanna Lovisa Frost was born on 19 June 1852 in Morlunda, Kalmar län (Småland), Sweden²².
- iii. Johan August Frost. See 1. above.
- iv. Carl Oskar Frost was born on 18 October 1857 in Morlunda, Sweden²³.

¹⁶ "Mörlunda C:3 (1800-1827)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 18 January 2018), image 241 / page 473, AID: v40549.b241.s473, NAD: SE/VALA/00260, Fredrik August Frost (b. 1825) birth record; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image shows the birth record recorded by the parish.

¹⁷ "Morlunda AI: 13 (1827-1833)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 18 January 2018), image 203 / page 195, AID: v23623.b203, NAD: SE/VALA/00260, Jonas P. Frost (b. 1792) and family parish record; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image shows the parish records of the family of Jonas Frost.

¹⁸ "Fredrik August Frost and Family", database of records, *Emibas*, (accessed 18 January 2018), post 281342-281349; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹⁹ "Mörlunda C:4 (1828-1849)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 18 January 2018), image 13 / page 19, AID v40550.b13.s19, NAD: SE/VALA/00260, Johanna Nilsson (b. 1828), birth record: Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image shows the birth record by the parish.

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

²¹ "Fredrik August Frost and Family", *Emibas*, post 281342-281349, database of records of household of Fredrik August Frost.

²² "Fredrik August Frost and Family", *Emibas*, post 281342-281349, database of records of household of Fredrik August Frost.

²³ "Fredrik August Frost and Family", *Emibas*, post 281342-281349, database of records of household of Fredrik August Frost.

- v. Nils Peter Frost was born on 7 December 1859 in Morlunda, Sweden²⁴.
- vi. Gustaf Alfred Frost was born on 11 May 1862 in Morlunda, Sweden²⁵.

Generation 3

- 4. Jonas Peter Nilsson Frost was born in 1792 in Morlunda, Sweden²⁶.
 - 5. Sara Stina Fridriksdottir was born on 21 April 1798²⁷.
 - i. Carl Johan Frost was born on 16 February 1823²⁸.
 - 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 sister²⁹.
 - iv. Caroline Sophia Frost was born on 16 February 1831³⁰.
 - 6. Nils Jonsson was born on 16 November 1803 in Morlunda, Sweden. Nils was a crofter
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- 7. Stina Maja Nilsson was born on 9 December 1797³² and was 31 when her daughter Johanna Nilsson was born³³.
 - i. Helena Stina Nilsson was born on 25 July 1826³⁴.
 - ii. Johanna Nilsson. See 3. Above.
 - iii. Nils Peter Nilsson was born on 31 July 1830³⁵.

²⁴ "Fredrik August Frost and Family", *Emibas*, post 281342-281349, database of records of household of Fredrik August Frost.

²⁵ "Fredrik August Frost and Family", *Emibas*, post 281342-281349, database of records of household of Fredrik August Frost.

²⁶ "Morlunda AI: 13 (1827-1833)", *ArkivDigital*, page 195, database of image of household of Jonas Frost.

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³⁰ "Morlunda AI: 13 (1827-1833)", *ArkivDigital*, page 195, database of image of household of Jonas Frost.

³¹ "Mörlunda AI:13 (1827-1833)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed on 18 January 2018), image 173 / page 165, AID: v23623.b173.w165, NAD: SE/VALA/00260, Johanna Nilsson (b. 1828), and her family parish record; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image is a photograph of Johanna Nilsson's family parish record and shows her parents and siblings.

³² "Mörlunda AI:13 (1827-1833)", *ArkivDigital*, page 165, database of image of parishes of Johanna Nilsson.

³³ "Mörlunda C:4 (1828-1849)", *ArkivDigital*, page 19, database image of birth record of Johanna Nilsson.

³⁴ "Mörlunda AI:13 (1827-1833)", *ArkivDigital*, page 165, database of image of parishes of Johanna Nilsson.

³⁵ "Mörlunda AI:13 (1827-1833)", *ArkivDigital*, page 165, database of image of parishes of Johanna Nilsson.

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.
- +3. ii. Ruth Miriam Ingeborg Frost.

Generation 2

2. Esther Marie Frost. Esther was born in August of 1889 in Illinois³⁶. Esther married Emil E. Johnson. Their first child was Arline Esther Margaret Johnson³⁷.

Esther and Emil had six children.

- +4. i. Arline Esther Margaret Johnson³⁸.
- +5. ii. Marguerite Johnson³⁹.
- +6. iii. Burton R. Johnson⁴⁰.

³⁶ "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch*(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9SK-TK4> : accessed 26 January 2018), John E Frost, Election District 3 Minneapolis city Ward 11, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 113, sheet 10B, family 198, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,769.

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

³⁹ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, *FamilySearch*(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X3ZJ-FCD> : accessed 26 January 2018), Emil E Johnson, Minneapolis (Districts 1-250), Hennepin, Minnesota, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 122, sheet 19A, line 15, family 399, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1093; FHL microfilm 2,340,828.

⁴⁰ "United States Census, 1930," Minnesota>Hennepin>Minneapolis. Sheet 19A. Line 15. Emil E Johnson.

+7. iv. Emil R. Johnson⁴¹.

+8. v. Donald M. Johnson⁴².

+9. vi. Willis H. Johnson⁴³.

3. Ruth Miriam Ingeborg Frost. Ruth was born 15 February 1895 in Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Generation 3

4. Arline Esther Margaret Johnson. Arline was born on 7 July 1915 in Minnesota⁴⁴. She died on 1 November 1915 at the age of three months⁴⁵. She was buried on 3 November 1915 in Roselawn Cemetery⁴⁶.

5. Marguerite Johnson. Marguerite was born about 1917 in Minnesota⁴⁷.

6. Burton R. Johnson. Burton was born about 5 October 1918 in Minnesota⁴⁸. Burton died about 22 November 1986⁴⁹. He was in the Army Air Corps during WWII⁵⁰.

⁴¹ "United States Census, 1930," Minnesota>Hennepin>Minneapolis. Sheet 19A. Line 15. Emil E Johnson.

⁴² "United States Census, 1930," Minnesota>Hennepin>Minneapolis. Sheet 19A. Line 15. Emil E Johnson.

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⁴⁴ "Minnesota Death Records, 1866-1916," Esther Marie Frost in entry for Arline Esther Margaret Johnson.

⁴⁵ "Minnesota Death Records, 1866-1916," Esther Marie Frost in entry for Arline Esther Margaret Johnson.

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⁴⁷ "United States Census, 1930," Minnesota>Hennepin>Minneapolis. Sheet 19A. Line 15. Emil E Johnson.

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7. Emil R. Johnson. Emil was born about 1922 in Minnesota⁵¹.
8. Donald M. Johnson. Donald was born about 1924 in Minnesota⁵².
9. Willis H. Johnson. Willis was born about 1926 in Minnesota⁵³.

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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.

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