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Peter Olof Hansen

Peter Olof Hansen was born in Norra Strö, Skåne, Sweden on December 18, 1861.¹ He provided his birthday as December 18² but his birth records state that he was born on December 19.³ His father's name is Ola Hansson, his mother's is Sissa Johnsdotter, and his siblings are Nils, Gunhild, and Ingar.⁴ Peter's twin sister, Ingar, passed away on July 2, 1869.⁵ When he was ten years old, Peter and his family immigrated to Knoxville, Illinois.⁶ Records were not kept for the part Peter, his mother, and his siblings emigrated from at the time.⁷

Later, Peter attended Hedding College in Abingdon, Illinois⁸. After his freshman year, he transferred and enrolled as a student at Augustana College in September 1883.⁹ Peter took a Select Classical course, meaning he was studying ministry but took a selected different pathway.

¹⁰ Peter was listed in the college catalog from Augustana College.¹¹

¹ Registration card for Peter O. Hansen, 1883, Folder 10, Box 1, Early Registration Records, MSS 241, Augustana College Office of Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The registration card is written in Peter O. Hansen's handwriting in the year of 1883.

² Registration card for Peter O. Hansen, 1883, MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records

³ "Norra Strö CI:3 (1826-1861)", databases of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 21 March 2019), image 95/page 175, AID: v100495.b95.s175, NAD: SE/LLA/13282, birth record of Pehr Hanson and his twin; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the birth record of Pehr Hanson and his twin sister, Ingar.

⁴ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 21 March 2019), image 89/page 84, AID: v100486.b89.s84, NAD:SE/LLA/13282, Ola Hansson (b. 1824), and family in Norra Strö; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photo of the parish register and shows Ola Hansson and his wife, Sissa, and his four children.

⁵ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", *ArkivDigital*, page 84, database image of household of Ola Hansson.

⁶ "Petrus Olaus Hanson", *My Church*, vol. 19, pages 138-139. *My Church* is a book that contains obituaries about past ministers.

⁷ Professional staff of the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

⁸ Class Record Book of Senior Class, 1885-1886, Box 15 Augustana College and Theological Seminary, MSS 241, Attendance Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The attendance book is printed with hand-written information by Josua Sindahl, who was the class guardian.

⁹ Class Record Book of Senior Class 1885-1886, MSS 241, Augustana College Attendance Records.

¹⁰ Registration card for Peter O. Hansen, 1883, MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

After Peter graduated on June 10, 1886,¹² he was ordained on June 24, 1888.¹³ Peter went to live in Peshtigo, Wisconsin after his graduation from Augustana College.¹⁴ He then moved to Escanaba, Michigan and then to Dahlborg, Nebraska.¹⁵ In Nebraska, Peter became a Conference Secretary before doing home mission work in Minnesota.¹⁶ In 1909, Peter became a Field Secretary at a Minnesota College.¹⁷ He then traveled more, going from Minnesota, to Colorado, to Montana, to California, back to Minnesota and then Wisconsin, and finally to Pennsylvania.¹⁸

Peter married Anna Jeppson on April 20, 1887 in Moline, Illinois, but she passed away on January 26, 1919.¹⁹ They had four children while they were together,²⁰ Luther Gerhard, Anna Paulina, and Ruben Justinus.²¹ It appears that records about the fourth child were not kept. Peter later married Hilda Nordale on June 26, 1923 in Wisconsin²² and they were together until he passed away on February 28, 1932 in Pennsylvania.²³

¹¹ *Augustana College Catalog 1886*, volume bound in *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹² Commencement Program, 1886, Folder 1 1868-1899, Box 1 Commencement Programs 1868-1936, MSS 248 Augustana College Office of the President Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Twenty-fourth annual commencement program on Thursday, June 10, 1886.

¹³ Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980, page 41; Biographical Information of Petrus Olaus Hansen, digital images, Augustana Heritage Association (<http://augustanaheritage.org/publications.php>): accessed March 2019). The *Ministerium* was put together using other sources. It was originally written in Swedish.

¹⁴ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

¹⁵ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

¹⁶ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

¹⁷ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

¹⁸ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

¹⁹ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

²⁰ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

²¹ Evangelical Lutheran Church (United States), Register Books, 1800-1946, page 18; "Records of Swedish American Churches", images of church records on microfilm; Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois; entry for Rev. P. O. Hanson and family.

²² Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

²³ Hanson, *My Church*, 138-139.

Ancestors of Peter Olof Hansen

Generation 1

1. Peter Olof Hansen. For more information about Peter, see the biography about him in the paper.

Generation 2

2. Ola Hansson. Ola was born on 22 August 1824.²⁴ Ola emigrated from Sverrig to American, he left for his destination, Chicago, on 8 April 1869.²⁵
3. Sissa Johnsdotter. Sissa was born on 23 February 1823.²⁶ Sissa emigrated to the United States on 1 April 1870.²⁷
 - I. Ola and Sissa had four kids while they were together.
 - II. Nils Hansson. Nils was born on 2 February 1854.²⁸
 - III. Gunhild Hansson. Gunhild was born on 24 November 1856.²⁹
 - IV. Ingar Hansson. Ingar was born on 18 December 1861.³⁰
 - V. Pehr Hansson. See 1. above.

²⁴ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", *ArkivDigital*, page 84, database image of household of Ola Hansson.

²⁵ "Passenger lists for Swedish harbors", *EmiWeb*, <http://www.emiweb.com>, record for Ola Hansson, 480534; Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois. This includes the information about Ola's travels to the United States.

²⁶ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", *ArkivDigital*, page 84, database image of household of Ola Hansson.

²⁷ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", *ArkivDigital*, page 84, database image of household of Ola Hansson.

²⁸ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", *ArkivDigital*, page 84, database image of household of Ola Hansson.

²⁹ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", *ArkivDigital*, page 84, database image of household of Ola Hansson.

³⁰ "Norra Strö AI:7 (1868-1878)", *ArkivDigital*, page 84, database image of household of Ola Hansson.

Descendants of Peter Olof Hansen

Generation 1

1. Peter Olof Hansen. Peter married Anna Jeppson. For more information about Peter and Anna's marriage, see the biography in the paper.

Children of Peter and Anna.

- +2. Luther Gerhard Hanson.
- +3. Anna Paulina Hanson.
- +4. Ruben Justinus Hanson.
- +5. Joel Laurentius Hanson.

Generation 2

2. Luther Gerhard Hanson. Luther was born on 26 May 1888, in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois.³¹ He was baptised on 6 June 1888.³² He passed away on 10 March 1963 in Lexington, Fayette, Kentucky.³³ Luther married Kathleen E. Hanson.³⁴

Children of Luther and Kathleen.

- +6. Fergus L. Hanson.
- +7. Neil L. Hanson.

³¹Evangelical Lutheran Church (United States), Registrar Books, page 18, entry for Rev. P. O. Hanson and family.

³²Evangelical Lutheran Church (United States), Registrar Books, page 18, entry for Rev. P. O. Hanson and family.

³³*Kentucky, Death Records, 1852-1965*,

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³⁴"United States Census, 1930," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(https://search.ancestryinstitution.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=6224&h=86516864&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=1222 : accessed 23 April 2019), Minnesota. This includes the 1930 census of Luther G. Hanson's household.

3. Anna Paulina Hanson. Anna was born on 9 July 1891, in Escanaba, Michigan.³⁵ She was baptised on 20 July 1891.³⁶ Anna's death date is unknown. We were unable to find a spouse or children.
4. Ruben Justinus Hanson. Ruben was born on 7 August 1893, in Dahlsborg, Nebraska.³⁷ He was baptised on 20 August 1893.³⁸ Ruben's death date is unknown. We were unable to find a spouse or children.
5. Joel Laurentius Hanson. Joel was born on 18 October 1896, in Saronville, Nebraska.³⁹ Joel's death date is unknown. We were unable to find a spouse or children.

³⁵Evangelical Lutheran Church (United States), Registrar Books, page 18, entry for Rev. P. O. Hanson and family.

³⁶Evangelical Lutheran Church (United States), Registrar Books, page 18, entry for Rev. P. O. Hanson and family.

³⁷Evangelical Lutheran Church (United States), Registrar Books, page 18, entry for Rev. P. O. Hanson and family.

³⁸Evangelical Lutheran Church (United States), Registrar Books, page 18, entry for Rev. P. O. Hanson and family.

³⁹Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Register Books, 1800-1947, page 28; "Records of Swedish American Churches", images of church records on microfilm; Swenson Center for Swedish Immigration Research, Rock Island, Illinois; entry for Petrus Hanson and family.

Questions for Further Research

We would like to find out more about his children's families.

We would like to find more about Peter's parents and grandparents.

Are we able to find out more details of his life before attending from Augustana College, \such as Peter's primary education and what he did while living with his parents?

Are we able to find out more details of his life after graduating from Augustana College, such as if he lived anywhere else we did not find and what caused him to move around so much?

Are we able to find out how he met both of his wives and how the death of his first wife Anna affected him?

We have created a record for Peter Olof Hanson in the Family Tree on FamilySearch.
The record locator is G9L6-GT6.

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