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Augustana Seniors 1884: Peter Albert Fair

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Peter Albert Fair

Peter Albert (P.A.) Fair was born on 27 July 1860 in Andover, Illinois. He is the son of Fredrika Johansdotter and Gustaf Peterson Fair. He was found in the 1880 United States Census in Rock Island, Illinois, resting spot of Augustana College. He attended Augustana College where he entered in the fall of 1878, graduated in 1884 receiving his A.B., then graduated from the seminary in 1887. He also studied in the public and parochial schools of Andover. He taught parochial school for thirteen months, singing for nine months and then three terms assistant instructor at Augustana College. Also he had charge of a congregation for fourteen months, six months charge of the catechumens, and a full course at seminary.

Then he was ordained into the holy ministry on June 26 of that year at the synodical convention in Chicago. His first charge was in San Jose, California where he served up until

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2 Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 39
3 Martin Brodd, Descendants of Johannes Swenson Brodd and Gustaf Petersson Fair book from Swenson Center
5 Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885, pg 7, volume bound in Augustana College Catalogue 1886-87, Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois, Peter Albert Fair, Andover, 1860.
7 Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 39
8 Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 39
9 Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7
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16 Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 39
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1892. After serving in California he was called upon to transfer elsewhere. He first moved to Washington, Connecticut. He continued his service there until 1985. Then in 1987, he was given the position as a manager at Upsala College. Then moved to Kenilworth, New Jersey. Where he served up until 1901.

Then he arrived in Helena, Montana, on 19 October 1901. Where he moved all over the Western part of the state until 1931.

While he spent his time in Montana he labored for the cause of home missions. Most of the time has been given to his own church in the capital of the state, he has also given interest and energy to the other places in the state where there has been a possibility for the Augustana synod to begin home mission work.

During the time he spent in Montana there had been many frequent changes in leadership in the other churches in the district. He had served as a unifying power and influence -- often under very difficult circumstances -- has done a great deal toward holding the field for the Augustana synod in the five largest cities of Western Montana, Helena, Butte, Great Falls, Anaconda, and Missoula.

Fair never married. He made a home for himself in the patronage of the St. John’s Lutheran Church.

He passed away 1 May 1931. His funeral was held on 6 May 1931. He is mourned by a brother, G.A. Fair of Moline, Illinois; a brother in law and a sister, Rev. and Mrs. C.E. Olson of Algona, Iowa; another sister, Mary O. Fair of Rockford, Illinois; a brother in law, John Brodd of Andover, Illinois; and a sister in law, Mrs. John Fair of Rockford, Illinois.
Ancestors of Peter Albert Fair

Generation 1
1. Peter Albert Fair, for more information see biography above.

Generation 2
2. Gustaf Petersson, born 22 July 1824 in Melby, Jonkopings and Gustaf lived in almésas, Sweden. He emigrated on 16 July 1854. He married Fredrika Johansdotter and was first couple to marry in Jenny Lind Chapel.
3. Fredrika Johansdotter, born 1 May 1831 in Melby, Jonkopings She married Gustaf Petersson.

Generation 3
4. Peter Larsson, born 6 January 1775 Father of Gustaf Petersson.
5. Catherine Jonsdotter, birthday inconclusive evidence due to multiple possible days. Mother of Gustaf Petersson.

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Descendants of Peter Albert Fair

Generation 1

1. Peter Albert Fair, for more information about Peter, check bio above. Peter had no descendants.  

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Questions for Further Research

One question we had for our research is when were Fredrika’s parents born. The research was inconclusive for what we found in the date of births. They were illegible in the records stating when they were born.

Another one we had was what are the ways he unified other churches and what are the names of the people he unified? This crossed our minds because this is what he did for the ending years of his life. He spent most of his time doing this because he had no family or kids to take care of himself.

In his time as a priest he moved around a lot until he finally settled in Montana. Why did he decide to move around so much? Was it personal reasons or was it a part of his beliefs.

We have created a record for Peter Albert Fair in the Family Tree on FamilySearch. The record locator is 9XY2-72B.
Source List


