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Peter Albert Fair

Peter Albert (P.A.) Fair was born on 27 July 1860¹ in Andover, Illinois². He is the son of Fredrika Johansdotter and Gustaf Peterson Fair.³ He was found in the 1880 United States Census in Rock Island, Illinois, resting spot of Augustana College.⁴ He attended Augustana College where he entered in the fall of 1878⁵ graduated in 1884⁶ receiving his A.B.⁷, then graduated from the seminary in 1887⁸. He also studied in the public and parochial schools of Andover.⁹ He taught parochial school for thirteen months¹⁰, singing for nine months¹¹ and then three terms assistant instructor at Augustana College¹². Also he had charge of a congregation for fourteen months¹³, six months charge of the catechumens¹⁴, and a full course at seminary¹⁵.

Then he was ordained into the holy ministry on June 26 of that year¹⁶ at the synodical convention in Chicago.¹⁷ His first charge was in San Jose, California¹⁸ where he served up until

¹ Bergendoff, Conrad. *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980) page 39

² Bergendoff, Augustana Ministerium, 39

³ Martin Brodd, *Descendants of Johannes Swenson Brodd and Gustaf Petersson Fair* book from Swenson Center

⁴ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch*

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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.

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⁷ Bergendoff, Augustana Ministerium, 39

⁸ Bergendoff, Augustana Ministerium, 39

⁹ Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7

¹⁰ Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7

¹¹ Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7

¹² Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7

¹³ Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7

¹⁴ Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7

¹⁵ Augustana College Catalog 1886-1887, pg. 7

¹⁶ Bergendoff, Augustana Ministerium, 39

¹⁷ Martin Brodd, *Descendants of Johannes Swenson Brodd and Gustaf Petersson Fair*, Swenson Center

¹⁸ Bergendoff, Augustana Ministerium, 39

1892.¹⁹ After serving in California he was called upon to transfer elsewhere. He first moved to Washington, Connecticut.²⁰ He continued his service there until 1985.²¹ The moved to Stamford, Connecticut.²² Then in 1987, he was given the position as a manager at Upsala College.²³ Then moved to Kenilworth, New Jersey.²⁴ Where he served up until 1901.²⁵

Then he arrived in Helena, Montana, on 19 October 1901.²⁶ Where he moved all over the Western part of the state until 1931.²⁷

While he spent his time in Montana he labored for the cause of home missions montana.²⁸ Most of the time has been given to his own church in the capital of the state,²⁹ 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.³⁰

During the time he spent in Montana there had been many frequent changes in leadership in the other churches in the district.³¹ He had served as a unifying power and influence³²--often under very difficult circumstances³³-- 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.³⁴

Fair never married.³⁵ He made a home for himself in the patronage of the St. John's Lutheran Church.³⁶

He passed away 1 May 1931.³⁷ His funeral was held on 6 May 1931.³⁸ He is mourned by a brother, G.A. Fair of Moline, Illinois,³⁹ a brother in law and a sister, Rev. and Mrs. C.E. Olson of Algona, Iowa,⁴⁰ another sister, Mary O. Fair of Rockford, Illinois,⁴¹ a brother in law, John Brodd of Andover, Illinois,⁴² and a sister in law, Mrs. John Fair of Rockford, Illinois.⁴³

¹⁹ Bergendoff, Augustana Ministerium, 39

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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, Jonkopings⁴⁴ and Gustaf lived in almesas, Sweden.⁴⁵ He emigrated on 16 July 1854.⁴⁶ He married Fredrika Johansdotter⁴⁷ and was first couple to marry in Jenny Lind Chapel⁴⁸
3. Fredrika Johansdotter, born 1 May 1831 in Melby, Jonkopings⁴⁹ She married Gustaf Petersson

Generation 3

4. Peter Larsson, born 6 January 1775⁵⁰ Father of Gustaf Petersson.⁵¹
5. Catherine Jonsdotter, birthday inconclusive evidence due to multiple possible days. Mother of Gustaf Petersson⁵²

⁴³ Martin Brodd, Descendants of Johannes Swenson Brodd and Gustaf Petersson Fair, Swenson Center

⁴⁴ Emibas records 01/18/2018. The Swedish EMigrant Institute and The Federation of Swedish Genealogical Studies 2005. Swenson Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL.

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⁴⁶ Emibas records, Swenson Center

⁴⁷ Emibas records, Swenson Center

⁴⁸ Personal Knowledge from Swenson Center Employee.

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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.⁵³

⁵³ Martin Brodd, Descendants of Johannes Swenson Brodd and Gustaf Petersson Fair, Swenson Center

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.

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