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## William Peter Anderson

William Peter Anderson was born on 31 October 1855, in the City of Elgin, Cook County, Illinois to Swedish immigrants John Anderson (1820-1898)<sup>1</sup> and Anna Christine Peterson Anderson (1821-1903)<sup>2 3</sup>, and died on 30 July 1928.<sup>4</sup> He was an Evangelical Lutheran born to Swedish father John Anderson, who was a farmer<sup>5</sup>. Anderson had three siblings, Andrew J Anderson (1848-1896), Anna Louisa Anderson Rovelstad (1853-1945), and Charles Justice Anderson (1855-1926).<sup>6</sup> He belonged to the Swedish Lutheran Church in Elgin.<sup>7</sup>

Anderson was a carpenter from McQueen, Illinois and studied at the Elgin Academy<sup>8</sup> before he came to Augustana College to study the Classical Course at, entering the institution in the fall term of 1877, and entered his graduating class in fall of 1883.<sup>9</sup> He received one half beneficiary aid at Augustana College.<sup>10</sup> Anderson graduated in the college department with Augustana's class of 1884, which was the largest graduating class the institution had had in many years.<sup>11</sup> He went on to the Augustana ministerium after graduation, and was ordained to the holy ministry at the synodical convention in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois on 26 June 1928.

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<sup>1</sup> *Find A Grave*, database with images (findagrave.com : accessed January 2018), memorial 91167399, William P. Anderson (1855-1928), Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin, Cook County, Illinois, United States; record created by BobH. The record includes a photograph of the gravestone.

<sup>2</sup> *Find A Grave*, memorial 91167399, William P. Anderson (1855-1928); record created by BobH.

<sup>3</sup> Permanent record card for William P. Anderson, 1883, in MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar record, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The record card has hand-written information about the student and the course he took.

<sup>4</sup> Bergendoff, Conrad. *The Augustana Ministerium A Study of the Careers of the 2,504 Pastors of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod/Church (1850-1962)*. Augustana Historic Society. 1980. Rock Island, Illinois. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.

<sup>5</sup> Permanent record card for William P. Anderson, 1883 in MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar record.

<sup>6</sup> *Find A Grave*, memorial 91167399, William P. Anderson (1855-1928); record created by BobH.

<sup>7</sup> Permanent record card for William P. Anderson, 1883 in MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar record.

<sup>8</sup> Permanent record card for William P. Anderson, 1883 in MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar record.

<sup>9</sup> *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, p.16-17, volume bound in *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. ALI the students in the senior class are listed with birthplaces and year of birth.

<sup>10</sup> Permanent record card for William P. Anderson, 1883 in MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar record.

<sup>11</sup> "Augustana College" *Rock island Argus*. (Rock Island, Ill.), 13 June 1884; web archives (<https://chronicling.america.loc.gov/lccn/> :November 2017; image provided by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library, Urbana, Illinois, *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*, Library of Congress; Part of a special insert about the history of Augustana College.

<sup>12</sup> Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

<sup>13</sup> Rev. Ira Oliver Nothstein. *My Church*. Vol. 14. Augustana Book Concern, Printers and Binders. 1924. Rock Island, Illinois.

He married Anna Larson<sup>14</sup> and had two children with her - Mildred and Carl W. Anderson (1893-1966)<sup>15</sup>. Mildred was born in Michigan and Carl was born in Vermont<sup>16</sup>. Anna Larson Anderson was the (daughter of Paul and Hanna (Johnson) Larson. She was born on 2 June 1861 in Sweden and died on 24 February 1934 in Cicero, Cook County, Illinois.<sup>17</sup> Anderson served as treasurer during his time in the New York Conference from 1890 to 1902.<sup>18</sup> He moved around quite often in his life. From 1891 to 1893, he took residence in Vermont. He lived in Waterbury, Connecticut from 1893 until 1895, where he built a church.<sup>19</sup> He moved to South Manchester, Connecticut from 1895 to 1911. From there, he relocated to Stronghurst to Gladstone Illinois from 1911 until 1918. He lived in Cicero Illinois from 1918 to 1927, where he retired in 1927 due to his health.<sup>20</sup> He underwent surgical operations at Augustana Hospital in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.<sup>21</sup> He died at the age of 72 years, 8 months, and 30 days at the Augustana Hospital in Chicago, Illinois on 30 July 1928.<sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup> He is buried on 2 August 1928<sup>24</sup> at Bluff City Cemetery in Elgin, Cook County, Illinois, United State, along with his parents, his spouse, and his son, Carl Anderson.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MJW4-8NH> : accessed 22 January 2018), William Anderson, Cicero, Cook, Illinois, United States; citing ED 55, sheet 13A, line 44, family 284, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 359; FHL microfilm 1,820,359. Accessed 22 January 2018.

<sup>15</sup> *Find A Grave*, memorial 91167399, William P. Anderson (1855-1928); record created by BobH.

<sup>16</sup> "United States Census, 1920," Illinois > Cook > Cicero, line 44, William Anderson.

<sup>17</sup> *Find A Grave*, memorial 91167399, William P. Anderson (1855-1928); record created by BobH.

<sup>18</sup> My Church. Vol 14.

<sup>19</sup> My Church. Vol 14.

<sup>20</sup> Rev. Ira Oliver Nothstein. My Church. Vol. 14. Augustana Book Concern, Printers and Binders. 1924. Rock Island, Illinois.

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<sup>22</sup> My Church. Vol 14.

<sup>23</sup> Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

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<sup>25</sup> *Find A Grave*, memorial 91167399, William P. Anderson (1855-1928); record created by BobH.

## Ancestors of William P. Anderson

### Generation 1

1. William P. Anderson. For more information about William, see the biography in the main part.

### Generation 2

2. Johan Andreasson (John Anderson). Johan was born 25 January 1820, in Nakersjö village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>26</sup> Hans was a farmer. He emigrated with his family and his wife Anna Petersdotter (3) from Björnåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden in 1854.<sup>27</sup>
3. Anna Christina Petersdotter (Anna Christina Peterson). Anna was born 3 March 1821<sup>28</sup>, in Lammåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>29</sup> She and Johan (2) had children.<sup>30</sup>
  - i. Anders Johan. Anders was born 17 February 1849, in Björnåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>31</sup>
  - ii. Anna Sofia (I). Anna was born 11 September 1850, and died later in 1850.<sup>32</sup>
  - iii. Anna Sofia (II). Anna was born 30 October 1851, in Björnåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1850-1860)", database of images, ArkivDigital, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 25 January 2018), image 12 / page 8, AID: v7445.b12.s8, NAD: SE/GLA/13476, Johan Andreasson (b. 1820), and family in Nakersjö village, Älvsborgs County: Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows Johan Andreasson as the middle child of Andreas and Maria.

<sup>27</sup> Emibas (Emigration Database). Emibas migration file ID: Skephult P 1854 001. Post 579913. Source: Household Examination Roll, p 7. Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center. Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Birth dates and places of origin of Swedish immigrants. Accessed 25 January 2018.

<sup>28</sup> Emibas (Emigration Database). Emibas migration file ID: Skephult P 1854 002. Post 579914. Source: Household Examination Roll, p 7. Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center. Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Birth dates and places of origin of Swedish immigrants. Accessed 25 January 2018.

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<sup>30</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1850-1860)", ArkivDigital, page 8, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>31</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1850-1860)", ArkivDigital, page 8, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>32</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1850-1860)", ArkivDigital, page 8, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>33</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1850-1860)", ArkivDigital, page 8, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

Anna Lovisa. Anna was born 10 December 1853, in Björnåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>34</sup>

William Peter. See 1. Above.

### Generation 3

4. Andreas Johansson. Andreas was born 11 June 1792, in in Nakersjö village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>35</sup> Andreas married Maria Svensdotter (5).<sup>36</sup>
5. Maria Svensdotter. Maria was born 31 March 1789, in Sweden.<sup>37</sup> Maria and Andreas had children.<sup>38</sup>
  - i. Stina. Stina was born 14 February 1818, in Nakersjö village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>39</sup>
  - ii. Andreas Johan. See 2. Above.
  - iii. Anders Gustav. Anders was born 15 June 1823,<sup>40</sup> in Nakersjö village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden Sweden.<sup>41</sup>
6. Peter Swenson. Peter was born 3 May 1793, in Sweden.<sup>42</sup> He married Ingjerd Nilsdotter (7).

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<sup>34</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1850-1860)", ArkivDigital, page 8, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>35</sup> "Skephult C:2 (1786-1860)", database of images, ArkivDigital, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 25 January 2018), image 82 / page 155, AID: v7449.b82.s155, NAD: SE/GLA/13476, Johan Andreasson (b. 1820), and family in Nakersjö village, Älvsborgs County: Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original birth record of Johan Andreasson and shows Johan Andreasson as the middle child of Andreas and Maria.

<sup>36</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", database of images, ArkivDigital, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 25 January 2018), image 25 / page 36, AID: v7440.b25.s39, NAD: SE/GLA/13476, Johan Andreasson (b. 1820), and family in Nakersjö village, Älvsborgs County: Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The image is a photograph of the original parish register and shows Johan Andreasson as the middle child of Andreas and Maria.

<sup>37</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 36, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>38</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 36, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>39</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 36, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>40</sup> Emibas (Emigration Database). Emibas migration file ID: Skephult P 1854 003. Post 579915. Source: Household Examination Roll, p 7. Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center. Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Birth dates and places of origin of Swedish immigrants. Accessed 25 January 2018.

<sup>41</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 36, database image of household of Andreas Johansson.

<sup>42</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 75, database image of household of Peter Swenson.

7. Ingjerd Nilsdotter. Ingjerd was born 8 May 1790, in Sweden.<sup>43</sup> Ingjerd and Peter (6) had children.<sup>44</sup>
- i. Anna Christina (Stina) and Anna Johanna (twins). Anna and Anna were born 3 March 1821, in Lammåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>45</sup>
  - ii. Nils. Nils was born 6 May 1823, in Lammåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>46</sup>
  - iii. Andreas Andreasson. Andreas was born 1 October 1814, in Sweden. He was recorded as an illegitimate son, most likely of Ingjerd.<sup>47</sup>
  - iv. Inja. Inja was born 14 April 1825, in Lammåsen village, Älvsborgs County, Västergötland Province, Sweden.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 75, database image of household of Peter Swenson.

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<sup>46</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 75, database image of household of Peter Swenson.

<sup>47</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 75, database image of household of Peter Swenson.

<sup>48</sup> "Skephult AI:3 (1820-1826)", ArkivDigital, page 75, database image of household of Peter Swenson.

## Descendants of William P. Anderson

### Generation 1

1. William Peter Anderson. William married Anna Christina Petersdotter (Peterson). For more information about William and Anna, see the biography in the main part.

William and Anna had two children.

- +2.     i. Carl W. Anderson<sup>49</sup>
- +3.     ii. Mildred Anderson<sup>50</sup>

### Generation 2

2. Carl William Anderson. Carl was born 28 November 1892, in Proctor, Vermont, United States.<sup>51</sup> He died 17 January 1966, in Monee, Will County, Illinois, United States. He married Helen Norreh Lyons.

Helen Norreh Lyons was born on 29 September 1897.<sup>52</sup> She died on 26 April 1955.<sup>53</sup>

Carl and Helen had a child.

- +4.     i. Dorothy Jane Anderson.<sup>54</sup>
3. Mildred Anderson. We were not able to find further information in the Census', therefore we think that Mildred may have died soon after her birth.

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<sup>49</sup> "My Church. Vol 14."

<sup>50</sup> "My Church. Vol 14."

<sup>51</sup> "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJW4-8N8> : accessed 26 January 2018), Carl W Anderson in household of William Anderson, Cicero, Cook, Illinois, United States; citing ED 55, sheet 13A, line 47, family 284, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 359; FHL microfilm 1,820,359.

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### Generation 3

4. <Living Anderson>.<sup>55</sup>

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### **Questions for Further Research**

Our first question is concerning Mildred Anderson. She was listed as a daughter of William Anderson in a section in My Church concerning departed pastors, but she wasn't listed in any other sources - namely in the censuses we checked. We would like to know if she was adopted or when she was born. We think she died early, and if she did, we would like to know the cause of death.

Our second question is regarding Dorothy Jane Anderson. We were unable to find any evidence of whether she was still alive or not. Considering she was born in 1927, we aren't very confident that she is still with us, but we were unable to confirm or deny that she is.

Our final question is also concerning Dorothy Jane Anderson. We were also unable to find information concerning further descendants of William and Dorothy Anderson. We didn't find any marriage licenses or children of Dorothy, but we were also unable to exhaust all our resources due to a lack of time.

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