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Augustana Seniors Fall 1885:

A.J. Rydén

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A. J. Rydén

Anders Johan Rydén was born 17 June 1862¹. He was a farmer before he immigrated from Ostegarden, Västergötland, Naum, Sweden to Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois². His father's name is Sven Isaksson and his mother's name is Anna Andreasdotter³. It must be noted that according to Swedish tradition Ander's last name should be Svensson along with his brothers. It is unknown as to why Ander's last name is Rydén.

Anders attended Augustana College of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois⁴. He joined the Augustana College and Theological Seminary as a junior in a classical course and graduated part of the class of 1886⁵. Rydén then attended Augustana's Seminary School from 1888 to 1889⁶. After graduation he became part of the clergy⁷. While Rydén was at Augustana he studied mathematics, English, economics, as well as Spanish⁸. Students at the school typically had a registration card yet despite a trip to the Special Collections of Augustana College one could not be obtained for Rydén

Rydén was ordained 16 June 1889 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois⁹. He married Amalia Fagerstrom 15 August 1889 in Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa and they had 9 children¹⁰. Rydén pastored in Red Oak, Iowa, 1889 to 1891, Titusville, Pennsylvania, 1891-1893, Buffalo

¹ Record of A.J Rydén, 1884, Box 11-15 Early Registration Records, 1884-1886, MSS 241, Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

² Record of A.J Rydén, 1884, MSS 241, Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

³ Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 90. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish it is also a translation.

⁴ Record of A.J Rydén, 1884, MSS 241, Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records.

⁵ 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

⁶ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

⁷ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

⁸ Augustana College Records of Class Testimonials 1884-1885, p. 130-131, MSS 241 Augustana College Office of the Registrar Records Box 2; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island Illinois.

⁹ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

¹⁰ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

Minnesota, 1893-1899¹¹. On 22 May 1912 the Wilmer Tribune wrote about Rydén, the article stated that A.J. Rydén confirmed 29 children at a church he was pastoring at “Svea Church” on 12 May at ten o’ clock¹². Rydén died 8 January 1921 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota¹³.

¹¹ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

¹² Wilmer Tribune. (Wilmer, Minnesota), 22 May, 1912, Image 3; web archives. Image provided by Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul, Minnesota, Chronicling America: Historical American Newspapers, Library of Congress; Part of a special insert about the history of Augustana College.

¹³ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

Ahnentafel of A.J. Rydén

Generation 1

1. Anders Johan Rydén. Anders was born 17 June 1862 in Naum, Sweden¹⁴.

Generation 2

2. Sven Isaksson. Sven was born 10 November 1831 in Naum, Skaraborgs Ian¹⁵.

3. Anna Andreasdotter. Anna was born 5 May 1836 in the Eling Parish¹⁶.

Generation 3

4. Isak Abramsson. Isak was born 15 September 1797¹⁷.

5. Caisa Andersdotter. Caisa was born 31 January 1802¹⁸.

6. Andreas Olofsson. Andreas was born 4 February 1788¹⁹.

7. Anna Jonsdotter. Anna was born 3 May 1798²⁰.

¹⁴ Bergendoff, *Augustana Ministerium*, 90.

¹⁵ "Naum AI: 5 (1834-1839)". Database of images. Arkivdigital (<http://www.arkivdigital.net>; accessed 18 March 2022) image 26/ page 13, AID:r5.p215478742, Sven, born 1831 - Bis (population of Sweden) 1800-1947; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College.

¹⁶ "Anna, born 1836-05-13 Bis (Population of Sweden) 1800-1947". Database of Images. Arkivdigital (<http://www.arkivdigital.net>; accessed 18 March 2022) image19/ page 29, Family record of Andreas Olofsson, Naum; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois.

¹⁷ "Naum AI:5 (1834-1839)", Arkivdigital, page13, family record of Isaac Abrahamsson.

¹⁸ "Naum AI:5 (1834-1839)", Arkivdigital, page13, family record of Isaac Abrahamsson.

¹⁹ "Anna, born 1836-05-13 Bis (Population of Sweden) 1800-1947", Arkivdigital, page 29, family record of Andreas Olofsson.

²⁰ "Anna, born 1836-05-13 Bis (Population of Sweden) 1800-1947", Arkivdigital, page 29, family record of Andreas Olofsson.

Descendants of Anders Johan Rydén

Generation 1

1. Anders Johan Rydén. Anders married Amalia Fagerstrom. For more information about

Anders and Amalia see the biography in the main part.

Anders and Amalia had nine children.

+2. Arnold Johan Rydén²¹

+3. Hildar Rydén²²

+4. Carl Victor Augustinus Rydén²³

+5. Reuben A Rydén²⁴

+6. Paul Rydén²⁵

+7. Inar Rydén²⁶

+8. Elinar R F Rydén²⁷

²¹ "Iowa Births and Christenings, 1830-1950", database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XVLX-3LM> : 13 January 2020), Arnold Johan Ryden, 1891.

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+9. Vivian Rydén²⁸

+10. Anna L M Rydén²⁹

Generation 2

2. Arnold Johan Ryden. Born 17 May 1891 in Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa³⁰.

3. Hildar Ryden. Hildar was born in Minnesota in 1893³¹.

4. Carl Victor Ryden. Carl was born 19 May 1894 and died 2 July 1956 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota³².

5. Ruben A. Ryden. Ruben was born 24 May 1896 in Buffalo, Minnesota and died 7 June 1933 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio³³.

6. Paul Ryden. Paul was born 1898 in Minnesota³⁴.

7. Inar Ryden. Inar was born in 1904 in Minnesota³⁵.

8. Einar R F Ryden. Einar was born in 1906 in Texas³⁶.

9. Vivian Ryden. Vivian was born in 1908 in Minnesota³⁷.

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10. Anna L M Ryden. Anna was born in 1912 in Minnesota³⁸.

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Questions for Further Research

Given the time we would have continued to explore Ryden's family in Sweden. We would have found the names and birth records of all of his great grandparents and looked more into his siblings and the reason behind the change of his last name.

We also would have found more about the lives and careers of his children. We have not been able to find any of his grandchildren, and only the birth year for some of his children too.

We have created a record for Anders Johan Rydén in the Family Tree on *FamilySearch*. The record locator is LRNX-GCQ.

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