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Augustana Seniors Fall 1885: Alfred Lind

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Johan Alfred Johansson Lind

Johan Alfred Johansson Lind was born in Tråvad, Skaraborg, Sweden on 11 March 1862¹. Lind was baptized on 12 March 1862 in Tråvad, Skaraborg, Sweden². Nilsson Johannes and the wife Inga Cajsa were the witnesses of Lind's baptism³.

Alfred Lind's father's name is Pehrsson Johannes⁴. Pehrsson was born on 13 September 1836 in Tråvad, Skaraborg, Sweden⁵. The date of his death is unknown. Alfred Lind's mother's name is Maja Stina Adersdotter⁶. She was born on 9 April 1833 in Längjum⁷. Maja Stina Adersdotter was allowed to go back to church after 13 April 1862⁸. The date of her death is unknown.

Lind had five siblings but 2 of them died at a very early age⁹. August Johansson was born on 18 January 1860 and the date of his death is unknown¹⁰. Clas was born on 12 June 1865 and died on 13 May 1866¹¹. Emma Kristina was born on 15 April 1867 and died on 31 August 1868¹². Lind arrived in the United States in the year 1880¹³. Lind attended Augustana College from 1884 and was listed in the senior class in the fall of 1885¹⁴. Despite the search in the Special

¹ "Travad (R) C:1 (1861-1894)", database images, *Arkivdigital*, (<https://app.arkivdigital.se/volume/v6915?image=9>) : accessed 15 March 2022), Image 9 (AID: v6915.b9, NAD: SE/GLA/13574 [Källa: ArkivDigital AD AB]; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

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¹⁴ Commencement Program, 1887, 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. The twenty-fifth annual commencement program for Friday, June 10th, 1887 is a small printed leaflet of four pages.

Collections of Augustana College, there was no registration card found for Alfred Lind as typically students have one.

Lind graduated from Augustana College on 10 June 1887 before attending medical school at the University of Minnesota¹⁵. Lind continued his education at the University of Minnesota between 1891 and 1899, the University of Berlin in 1894, the University of Havana in 1908, and the Central Institute in Stockholm, Sweden in 1897 and 1899¹⁶.

During his medical career, Lind found himself “restoring his fellow countrymen [Swedish Americans] who had become broken down through work and the harsh climate”¹⁷. Due to this, he wished that his patients could benefit from a warm, healthful climate. While visiting Cuba early in 1904, Lind thought Cuba had the climate he envisioned. Then, Lind permanently moved to Cuba at 264 Jesus del Monte in Havana in 1905. In 1904, Lind founded the Swedish Land and Colonization Company in hopes to make a place for other immigrants like him to assimilate into a new way of life and have a place to continue their religion, language, and traditions. The Swedish Land and Colonization Company’s headquarters were located in the Andrus Building on Nicollet Avenue in downtown Minneapolis¹⁸. He also worked as the manager of a Cuban Refrigerating Company¹⁹.

Lind died on 26 June 1924 at 11:50 a.m. in Bayate, Cuba due to heart failure²⁰. Lind body was returned to Minneapolis for burial in Lakewood Cemetery²¹. Even though he had spent 20 years in Cuba, his obituary reads as though he had been a constant resident of Minneapolis, referring to his affiliation with Swedish Hospital and Minnesota College and there is no evidence that he ever made a return trip to Minneapolis²².

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Ahnentafel of Johan Alfred Johansson Lind

Generation 1

1. Johan Alfred Johansson Lind. For more information about Lind, see the biography in the main part.

Generation 2

2. Pehrsson Johannes. Pehrsson was born on 13 September 1836 in Tråvad, Skaraborg, Sweden²³. Pehrsson was married to Maja Stina Andersdotter (3) in an unknown date and they had 4 children²⁴. The date of his death is unknown.
3. Maja Stina Andersdotter. Maja was born on 9 April 1833 in Längjum, Sweden²⁵. The date of her death is unknown. Maja and Pehrsson (2) had 4 children, but 2 of them died at a very early age (c and d)²⁶.
 - a. August Johansson. He was born on 18 January 1860 and the date of his death is unknown²⁷.
 - b. Johan Alfred Johansson Lind. See 1. above.
 - c. Clas. He was born on 12 June 1865 and died on 13 May 1866²⁸.
 - d. Emma Kristina. She was born on 15 April 1867 and died on 31 August 1868²⁹.

²³ "Längjum (R) AI:8 (1861-1868)", database images, *Arkivdigital*, (<https://app.arkivdigital.se/volume/v10059?image=269> : accessed 15 March 2022), Image 269 / Page 260 (AID: v10059.b269.s260, NAD: SE/GLA/13355 [Kalla: ArkivDigital AD AB] Johannes Pehrsson household (lines 13-16); Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

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Generation 3

6. Pehr Månsson. Pehr was born on 20 November 1825³⁰. Pehr was married to Maria (5)³¹. His death date is unknown.

7. Maria Håkansdotter. Maria was born on 12 November 1798³². Her death date is unknown. She was married to Pehr (4)³³. They had 5 children³⁴.

- a. Jonas. He was born on 12 March 1825³⁵.
- b. Carl. He was born on 13 July 1827³⁶.
- c. Maja Stina. See 3. above.
- d. Johannes. He was born on 13 September 1836³⁷.
- e. Catharina. She was born on 28 August 1840³⁸.

Generation 4

14. Håkansdotter Andersson. Håkansdotter was married to Maria (9)³⁹. Håkansdotter's date of birth and death is unknown.

15. Maria Jonsdotter. Maria's date of birth and death is unknown. She was married to Håkansdotter (8)⁴⁰. Håkansdotter and Maria had a single child⁴¹.

- a. Maria Håkansdotter. See 5. above.

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Descendants of Johan Alfred Johansson Lind

Generation 1

1. Johan Alfred Johansson Lind. For more information see the main biography above.
Alfred Lind and Hannah M. Johnson had 2 children⁴².
 - +2. i. Williams Lind
 - +3. ii. Carl J Lind

Generation 2

2. i. Williams Lind was born on 29 May 1895 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States 1895⁴³. Williams Lind was drafted into the military during World War I from 1917 - 1918⁴⁴. Williams Lind immigrated to Brazil, Rio de Janeiro on 6 February 1959⁴⁵. Williams died on 1 May 1974 in Sarasota, Sarasota, Florida, United States⁴⁶.
3. ii. Carl John Lind was born in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, the United States on 28 February 1898⁴⁷. Carl J Lind was drafted into the military Draft registration in 1917-1918⁴⁸. Carl died on 4 May 1954 in Hennepin County, Minnesota, United States.⁴⁹

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Questions for Further Research

One area we would further research if we had time would be photographs of Alfred Lind. We were able to find only one low pixel portrait of him in an article. It would be really interesting to find more pictures of him as he wasn't even in the yearly portrait of the class of 1885.

It would also be fruitful to learn more about his family. We were able to find substantial information about Lind's mother's side but we do not know much about his father's side of the family. We also didn't have enough time to know more about his children and wife. We think further research on them might be possible through the Swenson Swedish Immigration Center.

The third question, the final, and the most intriguing question we couldn't explore more was about why did Lind's children move to Brazil. We couldn't find the record card in the census after they moved but we think it's possible to find it through more research.

We have created a record for Johan Alfred Johansson Lind in the Family Tree on FamilySearch. The record locator is G6T2-8FS.

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