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What happened to the Fröberg brothers?

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Carl Gustaf Fröberg (b. 21 Dec. 1848 in Haraker [U], d. 22 Feb. 1919 in Sala [U] and his wife Maria Carlotta Borlund (b. 28 Feb. 1852 in Sala, d. 12 Apr. 1935 in Sala) had ten children.

Two died young, two emigrated to the U.S.A./Canada and six stayed in Sweden building families. The first seven children were born at different places in the province of Västmanland, where Carl Gustav moved around as a worker. The last three children were born in Sala *stadsförsamling* (U) where Carl Gustaf worked in the Sala silver mine 1889-1908 and built his own house nearby. Carl Gustaf Fröberg had roots from the Falun copper mine area and Maria Borlund had roots from the Sala silver smelting-house area. My mother's mother (*mormor*), Berta Fröberg, was child number nine.

Gustaf Adolf Fröberg

Child number four, Gustaf Adolf Fröberg, was born 5 March 1879 in Kumla (U) where father Carl Gustaf worked as a farmhand at Väsby. Gustaf Adolf worked in Sala as a smith for the railway. On 23 December 1906 he married Ida Johanna Lindström born 20 Sep. 1880 in Piteå (BD). They had two sons, Gustav Ture Fröberg born 31 May 1907 in Sala *stad* and Adolf Sune Fröberg born 3 Nov. 1909 in Vittinge (U).

Gustaf Adolf left from Sala to Gothenburg on 29 April 1910, arriving in Quebec in Canada in May 1910 with the ship *Empress of Ireland*. Ida left Sweden 5 April 1911 with their two sons. The address in Canada was Winnipeg, Manitoba. Ida's son Knut Konstantin Lindström (from an earlier relationship, born 3 Jan. 1903 in Piteå), was left at home. He died 5 April 1972 in Katarina, Stockholm.



The Gustaf Adolf Fröberg family around 1915.

From the Canadian census of 1921 the family was noted as Gustaf Fröberg 41, Ida Fröberg 40, Gustaf Fröberg 14, and Adolph Fröberg 12. The address was Kingsley, Qu'Appelle in Saskatchewan. The arrival year was 1910, the occupation farmer, and the religion Lutheran.

Ida died around 1922 and Gustaf Adolf married Lena from Austria. They had two children, Doris and Donald. From the book *Hendon Highlights* published 1982 by Hendon and District Historical Association, Hendon, Saskatchewan, Doris Fröberg (Winterbottom) wrote:

"In my family there were my parents: Gus and Lena Fröberg, my brother, Donald, two half-brothers, Gus and Adolph, and myself, Doris. Father came from Sweden and my mother from Austria. Our first home in Hendon (1924) was located on the 'top of the hill' between the Hendon Hall and the old store which at that time was owned and run by Mr. and Mrs. Olson."

In 1933 Gustaf Adolf moved to British Columbia. Doris Fröberg wrote:

"Dad got laid off by the C.P.R., (Canadian Pacific Railroad) after 22 years and had also suffered the loss of a finger. Jobs were so scarce he did some bootlegging (who didn't?). Before working for the C.P.R. Dad was with a construction crew which moved around building elevators. We moved to British Columbia because Dad had sciatica and thought the warmer weather might improve his health as well as our pocket books. I've lived in British Columbia 47 years now in the Fraser Valley and wouldn't live anywhere else."

From the *Canadian Gazette* September 1933:

"List of aliens to whom certificates of naturalization under the Naturalization Act were granted by the Secretary of State of Canada during the month of September 1933: Fröberg, Gustaf Adolf, Sweden, Sept. 26 1933, Blacksmith, Residence Hendon, Sask."

Gustaf Adolf died 5 Sep. 1959 in Vancouver (BC). The death information is certified by his son A Fröberg, probably Adolf Sune Fröberg. The wife is now Karoline Schaeffer. From the British Columbia Registration of Death:

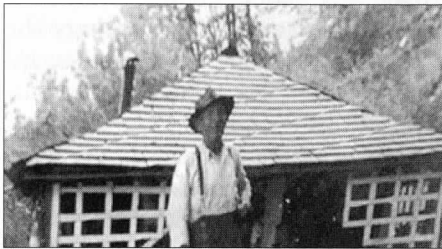
"In Province 26 years, arrived to BC 1933, age 79. In Canada 49 years, immigrated 1910. Permanent residence: City: Silverdale, Street: Donatelli Road, Name of Municipality: Mission. Date of birth: 1879-03-05, Married: Karoline Schaeffer.

Info. certified by A Fröberg, P.O. Box 287 Mission City, BC, relationship: son."

There are two photos that we think Gustaf Adolf sent home but we are not sure. Does anyone recognize them? See next page.



Photo, possibly sent home by Gustaf Adolf. On the back is says "to the mine."



Photo, possibly sent home by Gustaf Adolf.

August Valfrid Fröberg

Child number ten, August Valfrid Fröberg, was born 1894-10-18 in Sala *stadsförsamling* (U) in Nybergs hage, the house that his father had built close to the mine. Valfrid was recorded with his parents as a stone worker until 1923 when he received permission to emigrate. He left Gothenburg 19 June 1923 on the ship *Stockholm* of the Swedish American Line and arrived at Ellis Island 1 July 1923. The address for Valfrid was Runo Ehlin in Ashtabula near Cleveland who had emigrated together with two other Sala boys the year before.

From the U.S.A. census 1930, situation 1st April, a Walford Froberg is noted in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, in the household of Adolph and Mary Sunstrum. They were born in Sweden and their three children were born in Illinois. Walford was a roomer, 35 years old (born 1894), birthplace Sweden, immigrated 1924

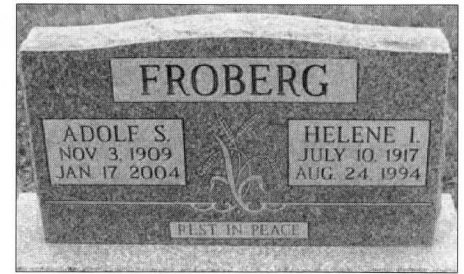
(should be 1923), and was employed as a construction worker.

From Illinois Death Index "a Walfred Froberg died 4 July 1932 at Lisle, Du Page County, Illinois. He was 37 years old, born in Sweden, father and mother unknown, profession cement laborer. Information came from Emil Sundström. Injury causing death: was struck by an automobile while walking across Ogden Avenue, not at a crossing. Manner of injury was skull fracture causing sudden death. He was buried July 7 1932 at the Lisle Cemetery, Ogden Avenue, Du Page County, Illinois."

The first name Valfrid, Walford, Walfred differs but the family name and other information makes me believe it is the same person.



August Valfrid Fröberg before immigration (probably).



Adolf S. and Helene I. Froberg grave in Foam Lake Cemetery, Foam Lake, Wynyard Census Division, Saskatchewan, Canada. [Findagrave].

Adolf S. Froberg obituary

Saskatoon Star Phoenix on 20 Jan 2004.

FROBERG Adolf Sune of Porteous Lodge, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at the age of 94 years. Dad was born in Sweden on November 3, 1909, to Gustaf and Ida Froberg, immigrating to Saskatchewan with his parents at an early age. He lived at various locations in Saskatchewan: Sheho, Milden, and Buckland Siding near Prince Albert before moving to Mission BC in the early forties where he resided until 1995. At that time he returned to Saskatchewan to be near his family: son Abe (Mary) Froberg of Saskatoon (SK), granddaughters Marnie (David) of Vancouver (BC) and Darlene of Medicine Hat (AB), daughter Joyce (Stan) Finch of Saskatoon (SK), grandsons Scott (Rhonda) Young of White Rock (BC) and Brent Young (Dawning) of Richmond (BC.).

If anyone could fill in the gaps and add information about the two brothers' lives in North America I would be very grateful.

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