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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 Väsky. 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.

"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: Froberg, 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 Froberg, probably Adolf Sune Froberg. 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: Donnatelli Road, Name of Municipality: Mission. Date of birth: 1879-03-05, Married: Karoline Schaeffer. Info, certified by A Froberg, 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.
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 Walfred 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. Walfred 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.

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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