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Rehn, Swenson, Johnson



Nora to the left, and Hilda to the right.

This photo was taken in 1946 in Austin, TX. The ladies are my grandmother's aunts, Nora and Hilda.

Hulda Eleonora [Nora] Rehn was born 1882 Feb. 14 in Barkeryd (Smål.). She moved to Jönköping Sofia from where she immigrated 1900 Nov.1, travelling from Göteborg Nov. 23 with a ticket for New York. She married in 1904 John Svensson, born 1874 in Järsnäs (Smål.).

In the 1920 Census they live at Nichols Street in Kenedy, Karnes Co., TX, and have the following children: Edith, age 14; Eric, age 12; Ruby, age 7; Irene, age 5; Annabel, age 2: and Doris, age 5 months.

According to the Texas Birth index Annabelle Estelle was born 1918 Feb. 18 in Kenedy, Karnes Co.

In the 1930 Census they live in Precinct 8 in Williamson Co., TX, and all the children are still at home. Edith is a school teacher and Eric a bank clerk. Nora died 1952 May 7 in Williamson Co., and is buried in the Hutto Lutheran Church Cemetery. John died 1969 and is buried in the same grave as Nora.

Hilda Sofia Rehn was born 1883 Oct. 17 in Barkeryd. She also moved to Jönköping, from where she immigrated 1904 Jan. 26. She left Göteborg on Mar. 2 with a ticket for New York. According to the New York passenger lists she was on her way to sister Nora, who then lived in Hutto, Williamson Co., TX.

In 1912 she married Oscar F. Johnson, born 1871 Jan. 14 in Norra Sandsjö (Smål.), and died 1952 in Williamson Co., TX. In 1920 U.S. Census Oscar and Hilda lived in Hutto, where he had a hardware store. Hilda died 1964 Mar. 2, and is buried in the same cemetery as her sister. The couple is not known to have had any children.

Nora and Hilda had a brother Karl Oscar Rehn, born 1886 Nov. 23 in Barkeryd, who immigrated in 1905 Nov. 11 from Forserum (Smål.), and travelled from Göteborg on Nov. 24 with a ticket for New York, but he really went to his sister Nora, whose husband John had sent him a ticket. Oscar married Bessie Almquist 1916 Dec. 14 in Williamson Co. She was born 1893 Sep. 29 in Texas of Swedish parents. In 1920 Oscar and Bessie also lived in Hutto, where Oscar was a farmer. They had a daughter Margret, born in 1917. Later they also had a son Charles H., born in 1922. Oscar Rehn died 1948 July 24, and his wife Bessie Otelia in 1968 Apr. 6, both in Williamson Co.

Charles is said to have married Betty Jean, born 1931 May 24, and they had a son Karl William, born 1966.

Any information on these families will be much appreciated! Ann-Christin Gåhlin, Lundaängsvägen 6, S-872 32, Sweden. E-mail: <annki_gollan@hotmail.se>

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