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Scandinavians in Douglas County, OR Who Declared Their Intent 1850-1906

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The following list of Scandinavians who declared their intent of becoming U.S. citizens in Douglas County, OR from 1850 to 1906 was abstracted by Norma Austin in 1990 from Volume I of the original records to be found on microfilm in the County Clerk's Office, Douglas County, Roseburg, OR. It was extracted and published in the *Douglas County Pioneer*, Vol. 5, No.'s 1-4. The listing for Swedes and Norwegians stems from the fact that Sweden and Norway existed as a co-dominium from 1814 to 1905, each with its separate government, except that the Swedish King was the sovereign of both countries and citizens of these two entities had to abjure their allegiance to the King of Sweden and Norway. The names of the countries have been coded S= Sweden and N= Norway. If N comes before S, it is likely that the individual was Norwegian, if the reverse is true, he may be Swedish, although there is evidence that this is not always so. The list is reproduced here as copied from the *Pioneer* and researchers are urged to check the original sources for accuracy.

Page Name	Country of Nativity	Date of Intent
189. Anderson, A.G. ¹	N/S	4 Oct. 1892
173. Anderson, Alfred	N/S	13 May 1891
191. Anderson, Charles ²	N/S	7 Nov. 1892
258. Anderson, Mathilda	N/S	19 Jan. 1903
99. Anderson, W.H.3	S/N	30 May 1884
30. Augustus, Andrew⁴	Sweden	6 June 1859
275. Benson, Oluf	N/S	5 Apr. 1904
265. Berg, Julius I.	N/S	12 May 1903
85. Bowman, John	S/N	1 Nov. 1880
Bredt, Henry	Denmark	10 Nov. 1888
45. Brockdorff, George	Denmark	9 Nov. 1867
214. Bromberg, P.F.	Sweden	26 June 1897
276. Carlson, Nels	Sweden	9 Apr. 1904
253. Charlson, Christina	N/S	6 Oct. 1902
149. Christensen, Gilbert	N/S	6 Oct. 1902
248. Edin, Caterina	Sweden	4 June 1902
111. Edstrom, Charles	Sweden	29 Oct. 1885

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260. Edv	wards, Tillie, Mrs.	Sweden	16 Mar. 1903
212. Eric	ckson, Alexander	N/S	9 Mar. 1896
171. Fel	l, John	N/S	3 Apr. 1891
260. Fos	ss, Hage	N/S	2 Mar. 1903
265. Frii	nell, Eric F.	N/S	11 May 1903
264. Fri	nell, Valborg, Mrs.	N/S	11 May 1903
267. Fri	nell, Victor A.	Sweden	11 June 1903
219. Gil	bertson, Oliver G.	Norway	15 Apr. 1899
170. Gr	avesen, Jonas Martin Eli	Denmark	18 Mar. 1891
293. Ha	gen, Chris M.(Christopher)	Norway	26June 1906
165. Ha	nsen, Andrew	Denmark	28 Jan. 1891
101. Ha	nsen, Edward	Norway	8 Sept.1884
92. Ha	nnsen, Henry	N/S	16 Mar. 1883
203. Ha	nson, Helge	N/S	7 Apr. 1894
252. Ing	gebrigtson, Mary	N/S	3 Sept.1902
292. Jer	isen, Fred ⁵	Denmark	31 May 1906
148. Jol	hnson, Charley A.	N/S	18 Mar. 1890
	hnson, Peter	Denmark	4 May 1859
243. Kn	udson, John	S/N	15 Mar.1902
264. Kr	nutson, Tekla O.	N/S	2 May 1903
288. La	ndstrom, Sigurd·H.	Sweden	3 Jan. 1906
215. La	rson, Joseph	S/N	27 Apr. 1898
144. Ma	allam, Hans G.	N/S	9 Jan. 1890
185. Mo	ogensen, Hans	Denmark	23 Feb.1892
241. Ne	elson, Christina	S/N	9 Dec.1901
	elson, Hans	Denmark	30 Sept.1889
225. Ne	elson, Nicklas L.	N/S	7 May 1900
141. Oh	ilsen, Oliver R.	N/S	2 Oct. 1889
	sen, John	N/S	14 May 1890
	son, Benj.	Sweden	7 Sept. 1891
	son, Henry ⁶	Sweden	18 Jan. 1890
	son, Oscar G.	S/N	7 Aug.1902
247. Os	car, Tobias A.	N/S	20 May 1902
	ulson, J. A.	Sweden	16 May 1900
	eterson, John M.	N/S	4 Oct. 1892
	uilhaug, Didrik H.	S/N	21 Oct. 1880
	smussen, Chris	Denmark	21 May 1906
	smussen, Hans Walter	Denmark	7 Nov. 1887
	ep, Peter T.	N/S	18 Oct. 1889
	nford, Oscar	S/N	31 May 1888
	ude, Oliver O.	Sweden	1 July 1890
	derholm, A. P.	S/N	1 Apr.1885
255. Sa	ltvedt, Bandick	N/S	17 Nov. 1902

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278. Saupstad, Jens Johansen	N/S	18 July 1904
262. Sether, Gunhilde, Mrs.	N/S	24 Apr. 1903
91. Siogren, O.	Sweden	27 Oct. 1882
238. Smith, Sofia	Norway	27 Apr. 1901
224. Suther, Peter E.	Norway	2 May 1900
291. Swedblom, Emma, Mrs.	Sweden	9 Apr.1906
125. Swenning, Paul	Denmark	3 July 1888
286. Trulsen, Hans	Norway	7 Oct.1905
197. Turner, Mathilde	Denmark	24 July 1893
155. Waldahl, Nils Andrew	Norway	21 July 1890
237. Wasbom, Gustaf Emanue	l Sweden	8 Mar. 1901
137. Wensland, James	N/S	16 Sept. 1889
48. Wilson, Charles	Sweden	10 Mar. 1869
268. Wroolie, Simon A.	N/S	27 July 1903

¹ He signed his name as Andro G. Anderson.

Additional Information on Ingeborg Johannesdatter

Thanks to information supplied by Forrest Brown, Archivist with The Norwegian-American Historical Association at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, we now have additional details concerning Ingeborg Johannesdatter, who m. Pehr Larsson in the Vasa Settlement in Goodhue County, MN (see Olsson, "Early Swedish Families in Vasa, Goodhue County, MN" in SAG, XI, p. 243). Mr. Brown points out that Urland, as a place name in Norway, today is spelled Aurland, whereas Norelius used the spelling Uhrland, for some unknown reason. Mr. Brown cites Aettebok for Aurland* for the fact that Ingeborg, b. 1831, was the daughter of Johannes Olsen Ohnstad and his wife Marta Guttormsdatter Otternes. The Aettebok states that Ingeborg emigr. to America 1857, her sister Marta, b. 1846, in 1867 and her widowed father in 1875. Her sister, Kirstine, b. 1828, emigr. 1874 with her husband, Mons Olsen Ohnstad, and nine children, who all settled in Goodhue County, Ingeborg m. Pehr Larsson in the Holden (MN) Church 23 Dec. 1861. This church, founded in 1856, was the mother church of the Norwegian colony in the southwestern townships of Goodhue County. One of the daughter churches, organized in 1868, was called Urland, named for the area in Norway, from which most of the immigrants came.

² He signed his name as Carle Anderson.

³ He signed his name as Wm. H. Anderson.

⁴ He signed his name with an X, witnessed by D. W. Stacy.

⁵ He signed his name as Lars Frederick Jensen.

⁶ He signed his name as Herman Olson.

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