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Carl August Blomgren was born on 1 April 1865 in Misterhult, Sweden. Carl August Blomgren passed away on 29 June 1926 and is buried at the Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island, Illinois.

Blomgren then moved from Misterhult, Sweden where he migrated to America on 5 June, 1875. When he arrived with his family, they settled in Calumet, Michigan. There, Blomgren attended public school. In 1880, Blomgren got confirmed by the church and in that same year he was accepted at Augustana College.

At Augustana, Blomgren studied classics. After graduating from Augustana College in 1865, he attended Harvard University from 1886 to 1887 and also was in charge of a church in Lowell, Massachusetts. Blomgren came back to Seminary from 1887 to 1888 and was ordained...
on 24 June, 1888. His first charge after ordination was McKeesport and Braddock, Pennsylvania where he labored for two years and built a church at Braddock.

Soon after, he began post graduate work at Yale from 1890 to 1893 and received his degree in 1893. In the year of 1894, he received a call from Philadelphia to became an instructor at Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary from 1898 to 1904. During his time in Philadelphia, Blomgren built the Gustavus Adolphus church in 1899. In 1904, he returned back to Augustana College Seminary until 1924.


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9 Conrad Bergendoff, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980) page 41. *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in Swedish, it is also a translation.


Ancestors of Carl August Blomgren

Generation 1

1. Carl August Blomgren. For more information about Carl, see the biography in the main part.

Generation 2


Axel Fredrik. Axel was born on 27 September 1872 in Misterhult, Kalmar, Sweden.

Anna Sofia. Anna was born on 16 May 1864 in Misterhult, Kalmar, Sweden.

\[14 \text{“Misterhult H 1875 010”. Database. Emibas.Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.} \]
\[16 \text{“Misterhult H 1875 010”. Database. Emibas.Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.} \]
\[18 \text{“Misterhult H 1875 010”. Database. Emibas.Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.} \]
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\[20 \text{“Misterhult H 1875 010”. Database. Emibas.Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.} \]
\[21 \text{“Misterhult H 1875 010”. Database. Emibas.Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.} \]
Generation 3

4. Jonas Hansson. Jonas was born on 24 September 1793 in Högsby, Kalmar, Sweden\textsuperscript{22}.

5. Cajsa Greta Jonsdotter. Cajsa was born on 22 September 1802 in Högsby, Kalmar, Sweden\textsuperscript{23}.

\textsuperscript{22} “Misterhult H 1875 010”. Database. Emibas. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

\textsuperscript{23} “Misterhult H 1875 010”. Database. Emibas. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.
Descendants of Carl August Blomgren

Generation 1

1. Carl August Blomgren. Carl married Sigrid Soderberg. After she passed, he then married Lydia Jaderborg. For more information about Carl, Sigrid, and Lydia, see the biography in the main part.

Carl and Sigrid had three children.

  +2. Sigfrid Luther Blomgren.
  +3. Svanhild Anna Margareta Blomgren.
  +4. Mildred Hildegard Ione Blomgren.

Carl and Lydia had two children.

  5. Elroi Carl Willhelm Blomgren.
  6. Ariel Gunnar Blomgren.

Generation 2

2. Sigfrid Luther Blomgren. Sigfrid was born on 8 April 1892 in Connecticut\textsuperscript{24}. Sigfrid married Ruth A. Gibson on 30 August 1916 in Rock Island, Illinois\textsuperscript{25}. Sigfrid died on 1 April 1974 in Chicago, Illinois\textsuperscript{26}. Sigfrid and Ruth A. Gibson had six children\textsuperscript{27}.

\textsuperscript{24} "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1994," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/Q2MN-HFDQ : 17 May 2016), Sigfrid L Blomgren, 01 Apr 1974; citing Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States, source reference ; record number ; Cook County Courthouse, Chicago; FHL microfilm.


\textsuperscript{26} "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1994," database, FamilySearch.

7. Louise H Blomgren
8. Hugo S Blomgren
9. Ruth P Blomgren
10. Jacqueline A Blomgren
11. Carlton G Blomgren
12. Nels W Blomgren


4. Mildred Hildegard Ione Blomgren. Mildred was born on 17 August 1889 in Lowell, Massachusetts. Mildred then got married to Leroy E. Blackwelder on 17 August 1927 in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. She then passed away on 2 September 1983 in Salisbury, Rowan, North Carolina. Mildred and Leroy had one child together.

13. Phyliss Blackwelder
Questions for Further Research

We wish we had more time to look into his descendants and the accuracy of information in *FamilySearch*. Using *FamilySearch*, Carl August Blomgren matched with another Carl August Blomgren which had all of his five children's information attached. If we had the time, we would have looked more into these children and would try to figure out if the children of Lydia are just hers or also biologically Carls. Also to just make sure the information is correct and add possible sources using *FamilySearch*.

Also with his descendants, we would have tried to keep searching to see if we can find living descendants today. It would be interesting to see if some of his descendants still resided in Rock Island, Illinois today. With sources like *FindAGrave* and local news papers, I think we would have a successful search in finding more his descendants.

Finally, we would have tried to look for more information regarding his ancestry. The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center helped find Carl and Sigrids parents but nothing beyond them. I believe if we possibly had more time there that we could find other information using other possible sources, like a census, to find more about their ancestors.

We created a record for Carl August Blomgren in the Family Tree in *FamilySearch*. The record locator is KLYK-YDJ.
Source List


*Augustana Observer 1902-2015.*


*Find A Grave,* memorial 131826110, Carl August Blomgren (1896-1954); record created by Karen Kruse.


*FamilySearch.*


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