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Augustana Seniors Fall 1884 : Carl August Blomgren

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Carl August Blomgren

Carl August Blomgren was born on 1 April 1865 in Misterhult, Sweden¹. Carl August Blomgren passed away on 29 June 1926 and is buried at the Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island, Illinois².

Blomgren then moved from Misterhult, Sweden³ where he migrated to America on 5 June, 1875⁴. When he arrived with his family, they settled in Calumet, Michigan⁵. There, Blomgren attended public school⁶. In 1880, Blomgren got confirmed by the church and in that same year he was accepted at Augustana College.

At Augustana, Blomgren studied classics⁷. 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, Massachusetts⁸. Blomgren came back to Seminary from 1887 to 1888 and was ordained

¹ "Misterhult H 1875 012". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440. Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

² "Find A Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVGY-3MXT> : 13 December 2015), Carl August Blomgren, 1926; Burial, Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America, Chippiannock Cemetery; citing record ID 131826110, *Find a Grave*, <http://www.findagrave.com>.

³ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, p. 12-13, volume *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. All the students in the senior class are listed with birthplaces and year of birth.

⁴ "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

⁵ *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, p. 12-13.

⁶ "Our New Professors", *Augustana Observer*, volume 2, number 7, (October 1904), p. 1; image copy, Augustana College (www.augustana.edu), Augustana College Library, Special Collections, Digital Projects, Augustana Observer and Rockety-I Database, (<http://edu.arcasearch.com/usilaugcd/> : accessed 21 January 2017). The article mentions Blomgrens achievements.

⁷ *Augustana College Catalog 1883-1885*, p. 10-11; volume *Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891*, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois. All the students in the senior class are listed with birthplaces and year of birth.

⁸ "Our New Professors", *Augustana Observer*, volume 2, number 7.

on 24 June, 1888⁹. His first charge after ordination was McKeesport and Braddock, Pennsylvania where he labored for two years and built a church at Braddock¹⁰.

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 become an instructor at Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary from 1898 to 1904. During his time in Philadelphia, Blomgren built the Gustavus Adolphus church in 1899¹¹. In 1904, he returned back to Augustana College Seminary until 1924¹².

Blomgren got married to Miss Sigrid Soderberg in 13 February, 1889 in Massachusetts. Together, they had three children. Soderberg passed in 1914. Blomgren then got remarried to Miss Lydia Jaderborg in 30 December 1919. Together they had two children¹³.

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.

¹⁰ "Our New Professors", *Augustana Observer*, volume 2, number 7.

¹¹ "Our New Professors", *Augustana Observer*, volume 2, number 7.

¹² "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

¹³ "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

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

2. Johan Peter Jonsson. Johan was born on 6 February 1826 in Högsby, Kalmar, Sweden¹⁴. While living in Sweden, Johan married Johanna Danielsdotter on 19 June 1868¹⁵. Johan immigrated to the United States on 5 June 1875¹⁶ and moved with his family to Calumet, Houghton, Michigan, United States¹⁷.

3. Johanna Danielsdotter. Johanna was born on 12 July 1832 in Södra Sandsjö, Kronoberg, Sweden¹⁸. Johan and Johanna had children¹⁹.

Carl August. See 1. Above.

Axel Fredrik. Axel was born on 27 September 1872 in Misterhult, Kalmar, Sweden²⁰.

Anna Sofia. Anna was born on 16 May 1864 in Misterhult, Kalmar, Sweden²¹.

¹⁴ "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

¹⁵ "Sweden Marriages, 1630-1920," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FKFP-TQS> : 8 December 2014), Johannes Jonsson and Johanna Gust. Danielsdotter, 19 Jun 1868; citing Byarum, Jönköping, Sweden, reference bk C:4; FHL microfilm 1,794,482.

¹⁶ "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

¹⁷ "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MWSC-K3J> : accessed 18 January 2017), John Peter Johnson, Calumet, Houghton, Michigan, United States; citing enumeration district ED 9, sheet 543C, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0581; FHL microfilm 1,254,581.

¹⁸ "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

¹⁹ "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

²⁰ "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

²¹ "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, Sweden²².
5. Cajsa Greta Jonsdotter. Cajsa was born on 22 September 1802 in Högsby, Kalmar, Sweden²³.

²² "Misterhult H 1875 010". Database. *Emibas*. Household Examination Roll, pg. 440.

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 Connecticut²⁴. Sigfrid married Ruth A. Gibson on 30 August 1916 in Rock Island, Illinois²⁵. Sigfrid died on 1 April 1974 in Chicago, Illinois²⁶. Sigfrid and Ruth A. Gibson had six children²⁷.

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.

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²⁶ "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1994," database, FamilySearch.

²⁷ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X3ZP-L9G> : accessed 1 February 2017), Sigfrid L Blomgren, Minneapolis (Districts 318-328), Hennepin, Minnesota, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 325, sheet 30B, line 86, family 493, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1096; FHL microfilm 2,340,831.

7. Louise H Blomgren
 8. Hugo S Blomgren
 9. Ruth P Blomgren
 10. Jacqueline A Blomgren
 11. Carlton G Blomgren
 12. Nels W Blomgren
3. Svanhild Anna Margareta Blomgren. Svanhild was born in July 1895²⁸. Svanhild married Walter D. Erikson on 1 October 1919 in Rock Island, Illinois²⁹.
 4. Mildred Hildegard Ione Blomgren. Mildred was born on 17 August 1889 in Lowell, Massachusetts³⁰. Mildred then got married to Leroy E. Blackwelder on 17 August 1927 in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina³¹. She then passed away on 2 September 1983 in Salisbury, Rowan, North Carolina³². Mildred and Leroy had one child together³³.

²⁸ "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch. (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M3WD-97B> : accessed 2 February 2017), Svanhild A Blomgren in household of Carl A Blomgren, Philadelphia city Ward 26, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 643, sheet 8B, family 165, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,468.

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³¹ "North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762-1979 ," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F89G-4SM> : 22 December 2016), Leroy E. Blackwelder and Mildred Blomgren, 17 Aug 1927; citing , Mt.Pleasant, North Carolina, United States, p. Cert 78, Office of Archives and History, Division of Archives and Records. State Archive of North Carolina and various county Register of Deeds; FHL microfilm 540,351.

³² "North Carolina Deaths, 1931-1994," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/FGW1-JLB> : 1 July 2015), Mildred Hildegard Blomgren in entry for Leroy Emerson Blackwelder, 02 Sep 1983; citing Salisbury, Rowan, North Carolina, v 36B cn 36775, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh; FHL microfilm 1,984,992.

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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.

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