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## Biography of Anders Edward Ericsson

Anders Edward Ericsson was born on February 5, 1863 in Skede, Småland, Sweden<sup>1</sup>. Ericsson's parents were Eric Magnus Peterson and Greta Olson<sup>2</sup>. Eric Peterson was a farmer and landowner in Sweden<sup>3</sup>. Ericsson was the second youngest of six children. His siblings were Christina Sofia, Carl Johan, Gustafva Lovisa, Mathilda Charlotta, and Afrid Emanuel<sup>4</sup>. Ericsson attended a school in Upsala, Sweden in 1880 and finished at that school in 1883<sup>5</sup>. On August 10, 1883, Ericsson boarded the ship The Orlando at the Goteborg port to travel to America<sup>6</sup>. Ericsson started his schooling at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois on September 1, 1883<sup>7</sup>. He received his bachelor's degree in 1886, and attended the Augustana College Seminary from 1885

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<sup>1</sup> *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, pg. 12-13, volume bound in *Augustana College Katalog 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 birthdates.

<sup>2</sup> "Skede AI:13 (1879-1888)". Database of images. *ArkivDigital*. (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> accessed 12 January 2017). Image 222/ page 210, AID: v21808.b222.s210, NAD: SE/VALA/00331, Andreas Edvard Ericsson and family; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image is a picture of the housing record in the Skede parish from 1879 till 1888.

<sup>3</sup> Record for the Junior Class of 1883-1884. MSS #241 Box #12, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

<sup>4</sup> "Bjorko AI: 11 (1862- 1869)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*, (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> : accessed 12 January 2017), image 411/ page 398. AID: v18985.b411.s398, NAD: SE/VALA/00033, Andreas Edward Ericsson, and family; Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image is a photograph of housing records under the Bjorko parish between 1862-1869.

<sup>5</sup> Record for the Junior Class of 1883-1884 in MSS #241 Box #12.

<sup>6</sup> "Goteborgs poliskammare (-1900) EIX:23 (1883-1883)". Database of images. *Arkivdigital*. (<http://www.arkivdigital.net> accessed 12 January 2017), image 860/ page 167, AID: v479747.b860.s167, NAD: SE/GLA/12703, Andreas Edward Eriksson (533); Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This image is a copy of the records stating that Andreas Edwards Eriksson was boarding the Orlando on the 10 of August 1883.

<sup>7</sup> Commencement Programs 1868-1936 (MSS #248), Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

to 1887<sup>8</sup>.

Ericsson was ordained on June 26, 1887 in Chicago. He preached at many churches in America, including churches in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The first church that Ericsson was a pastor at was the West Sveadahl Church in Cottonwood, Minnesota. He preaches at the West Sveadahl Church from 1887 to 1894. He was then a pastor at a different Church in Minnesota in the city of Mankato from 1895 to 1904. Ericsson then moved to Yonkers, New York where he was a pastor at a church from 1904-1906. He moved again to Passaic, New Jersey and preached at a church there from 1907 to 1911. The last church that Ericsson preached at was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from the year 1912 to 1924. Anders Ericsson never married or had any children. On September 27, 1929, Anders Edward Ericsson passed away at age 66 in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois<sup>9</sup>.

The West Sveadahl Evangelical Lutheran Church, the first church Ericsson had preached at, honors their history of pastors by releasing records of their pastors and a small paragraph about them each. Anders Ericsson has been honored in the Centennial Observance. The anniversary book includes all the pastors from 1873 to 1973. In his time at the church, he was known for helping to approve a call to build a new church building. This meeting he voted at was remembered by the church because everyone wanted a new house for the church. He also helped

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<sup>8</sup> Bergendoff, Conrad, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 157; digital images, Augustana Heritage Association. (<http://augustanaheritage.org/publications.php> : accessed 12 January 2017) *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in the Swedish, it is also a translation.

<sup>9</sup> "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1994," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2MZ-4DM3> : 17 May 2016), Anders E Ericsson, 27 Sep 1929; citing Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States, source reference , record number , Cook County Courthouse, Chicago; FHL microfilm

approve a stable to be added onto the premises. These decisions Ericsson helped make will forever be remembered by the church<sup>10</sup>.

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<sup>10</sup> West Sveadah! Evangelical Lutheran Church, comp. *Centennial Observance*. 1873-1973 ed. St. James Minnesota: n.p., 1973. Print.

# Ancestors of Anders Edward Ericsson

## Generation 1

1. Anders Edward Ericsson. For more information about Anders, see biography in the main part.

## Generation 2

2. Eric Magnus Peterson. Eric was born 8 March 1827 in Sweden in the Skede parish<sup>11</sup>. Eric married Greta Olson (3). Eric died 2 February 1876<sup>12</sup>.

3. Greta Olson. Greta was born 27 March 1827 in the Navelsjo parish<sup>13</sup>. Greta married Eric (2). Eric and Greta had children.

Christina Sofia. Christina was born 12 February 1852<sup>14</sup>.

Carl Johan. Carl was born 8 August 1854<sup>15</sup>.

Gustafva Lovisa. Gustafva was born in 1856<sup>16</sup>.

Mathilda Charlotta. Mathilda was born 14 June 1859<sup>17</sup>.

Alfrid Emanuel. Alfrid was born 4 April 1867<sup>18</sup>.

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<sup>11</sup>“Skede AI:13 (1879-1888)”, *ArkivDigital*, page 210, database image of household of Andreas Ericsson.

<sup>12</sup>“Bjorko AI: 11 (1862- 1869)”, *ArkivDigital*, database image of household record of Andreas Ericsson.

<sup>13</sup>“Skede AI:13 (1879-1888)”, *ArkivDigital*, page 210, database image of household of Andreas Ericsson.

<sup>14</sup>“Bjorko AI: 11 (1862- 1869)”, *ArkivDigital*, database image of household record of Andreas Ericsson.

<sup>15</sup>“Bjorko AI: 11 (1862- 1869)”, *ArkivDigital*, database image of household record of Andreas Ericsson.

<sup>16</sup>“Bjorko AI: 11 (1862- 1869)”, *ArkivDigital*, database image of household record of Andreas Ericsson.

<sup>17</sup>“Bjorko AI: 11 (1862- 1869)”, *ArkivDigital*, database image of household record of Andreas Ericsson.

<sup>18</sup>“Bjorko AI: 11 (1862- 1869)”, *ArkivDigital*, database image of household record of Andreas Ericsson.

### Generation 3

4. Peter Ericsson Frisk. Peter was born 30 December 1790 in the Alseda parish in Sweden<sup>19</sup>.

Peter married Anna (5).

5. Anna Cathrina Magnidotter. Anna was born 26 August 1796<sup>20</sup>. Anna Married Peter (4).

Peter and Anna had children.

Maria Christina. Maria was born 30 June 1816<sup>21</sup>.

Lena Sophia. Lena was born in 1818<sup>22</sup>.

Anna Gretha. Anna was born 5 January 1821<sup>23</sup>.

Clara Fredica. Clara was born 28 August 1824<sup>24</sup>.

Carl Johan. Carl was born 24 September 1829<sup>25</sup>.

6. Greta Olson's father could not be found in records.

7. Greta Olson's mother could not be found in records.

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<sup>19</sup>"Skede AI:6 (1827-1832)", database of images, *ArkivDigital*. ([http:// www.arkivdigital.net](http://www.arkivdigital.net) : accessed 19 January 2017), image 29/ page 17, AID: v21801.b29.s17, NAD: SE/VALA/00331, Peter Ericson Frisk, wife Anna Cathrina Magnidotter, and family in Skede. This image is a photograph of housing record in Skede parish between 1827 and 1832.

<sup>20</sup>"Skede AI:6 (1827-1832)", *ArkivDigital*, page 17, database image of Household of Peter Ericson Frisk .

<sup>21</sup>"Skede AI:6 (1827-1832)", *ArkivDigital*, page 17, database image of Household of Peter Ericson Frisk .

<sup>22</sup> "Skede AI:6 (1827-1832)", *ArkivDigital*, page 17, database image of Household of Peter Ericson Frisk .

<sup>23</sup>"Skede AI:6 (1827-1832)", *ArkivDigital*, page 17, database image of Household of Peter Ericson Frisk .

<sup>24</sup>"Skede AI:6 (1827-1832)", *ArkivDigital*, page 17, database image of Household of Peter Ericson Frisk .

<sup>25</sup>"Skede AI:6 (1827-1832)", *ArkivDigital*, page 17, database image of Household of Peter Ericson Frisk .

## Descendants of Anders Edward Ericsson

### Generation 1

1. Anders Edward Ericsson was born 5 February 1836, in Skede, Småland, Sweden<sup>26</sup>, and died 27 September 1929 in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois<sup>27</sup>. Andreas never married and did not have any children<sup>28</sup>.

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<sup>26</sup> *Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885*, pg. 12-13, Augustana College, Special Collections, Rock Island, Illinois.

<sup>27</sup> "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1994," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2MZ-4DM3> : 17 May 2016), Cook County Courthouse, Chicago; FHL microfilm

<sup>28</sup> Bergendoff, Conrad, *The Augustana Ministerium* (Rock Island, Illinois: Augustana Historical Society, 1980), page 157; digital images, Augustana Heritage Association. (<http://augustanaheritage.org/publications.php> : accessed 12 January 2017) *The Ministerium* was compiled from other sources. It is a transcription. When the original sources were in the Swedish, it is also a translation.



## Questions for Further Research

We would like to know who were Greta Olson's parents? We could not find Greta Olson's parents in the time we were researching and we would really like to find out more information about her parents.

We would like to research what happened to Anders Edward Ericsson? From 1924 to 1929, we lost track of Ericsson and would like to know what he did during that time before his death in 1929.

It would be interesting to find out what specific churches did Anders Edward Ericsson preach at? Ericsson moved to a lot of different states to work at churches, but we never got the names of the churches due to running out of time.

Another question we wondered is if Anders Edward Ericsson ever visited Sweden after moving to the America? With more time, we would like to check records to find out if Ericsson ever went back to Sweden to visit his family.

We have created a record for Ander Edward Ericsson in the Family Tree on *FamilySearch*. The record locator is LRZG-19N.

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