

The Children of August Anderson

by Cliff Borgstrom

DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to the memory of my father, Hjalmar Borgstrom, who I loved and admired greatly; to my son Mike and daughter Nancy, so they might better understand their heritage; to my grandparents, whom I never knew and to my aunts and uncles, whom I thought were the strongest, wisest, and most determined people I ever knew. This was true. I also thought of them as being immortal. This was not true. Their feet were made of clay as are all people and with the passing of time, they have gone on to another dimension as shall we all.

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FORWARD BY AUTHOR

I have attempted to describe and give a history of the Anderson/Borgstrom family. I personally knew each of them except Carl and those who remained in Sweden. Much of the history is based on events I remember growing up, much upon questions I asked my dad, some (in Sweden) supplied by Sven-Erik, the son of Tilda. There are some opinions which the author has given in regard to family members. These opinions I believe to be true on what I have observed and they are in no way intended to "belittle anyone." These opinions are presented to help future generations understand the type of people our ancestors really were. I loved them all.

First of all, I'll try to answer a question that many of you will be wondering about. One of the first questions I asked my dad was, "Why did you leave your home and come to this country?" During the late 1800's and early 1900's, Sweden was completely Socialistic. The government owned the farms, factories, etc. My grandfather worked on a farm until he was 75. At age 75, he was allowed to retire and was given a small house to live in, a garden spot to grow food and a cow to milk. There was no future for a working man.

Most of the boys were 17 when they came to this country, mere kids. They could not speak English and they had very little money. They did not know if they would ever see their parents or their homeland again. They were not short on "guts." I know I could not have done this.

Now, lets look at history from the time they landed here until the time they departed from this earth.

1. World War I, in which my Dad served.
2. The Great Depression which wiped out the flourishing business owned by Hjalmar and Otto. The loss of jobs by employees David, Eric, Gustav and John.
3. The 12 years which followed the 1929 crash when people worked from sunup to sundown trying to make enough money to feed a family.
4. World War II, which affected their lives either directly or indirectly.

"Stress Tabs" were not on the market in those days. There were also other dilemmas suffered by the individual brothers and sisters which will be brought out in the following pages. It is amazing to me that they lived as long as they did with all that they went through. There is one thing for certain, they were all very strong-willed people.

Through the 30's, 40's and 50's, there were many Sundays and holidays when all the children except Carl, Clara and Andrew were together at our house. They had such a great time together. Each and everyone of them had an "energy streak." They would pull pranks on one another and I can still hear the ring of their "belly laughs." What a joy it was to be around them at those gatherings. I remember that if they wanted to discuss something which was a little "tinted", they spoke in Swedish, so that wives and children did not comprehend. Erik and Gustav particularly would laugh themselves into a "frenzy." I have such great memories of those gatherings.

All of the boys, though different in some ways, possessed these traits: they were all very honest, they would give you the shirt off the back if you had a need, they were hard workers (did not have much use for anyone who wasn't) and they were devoted family men.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

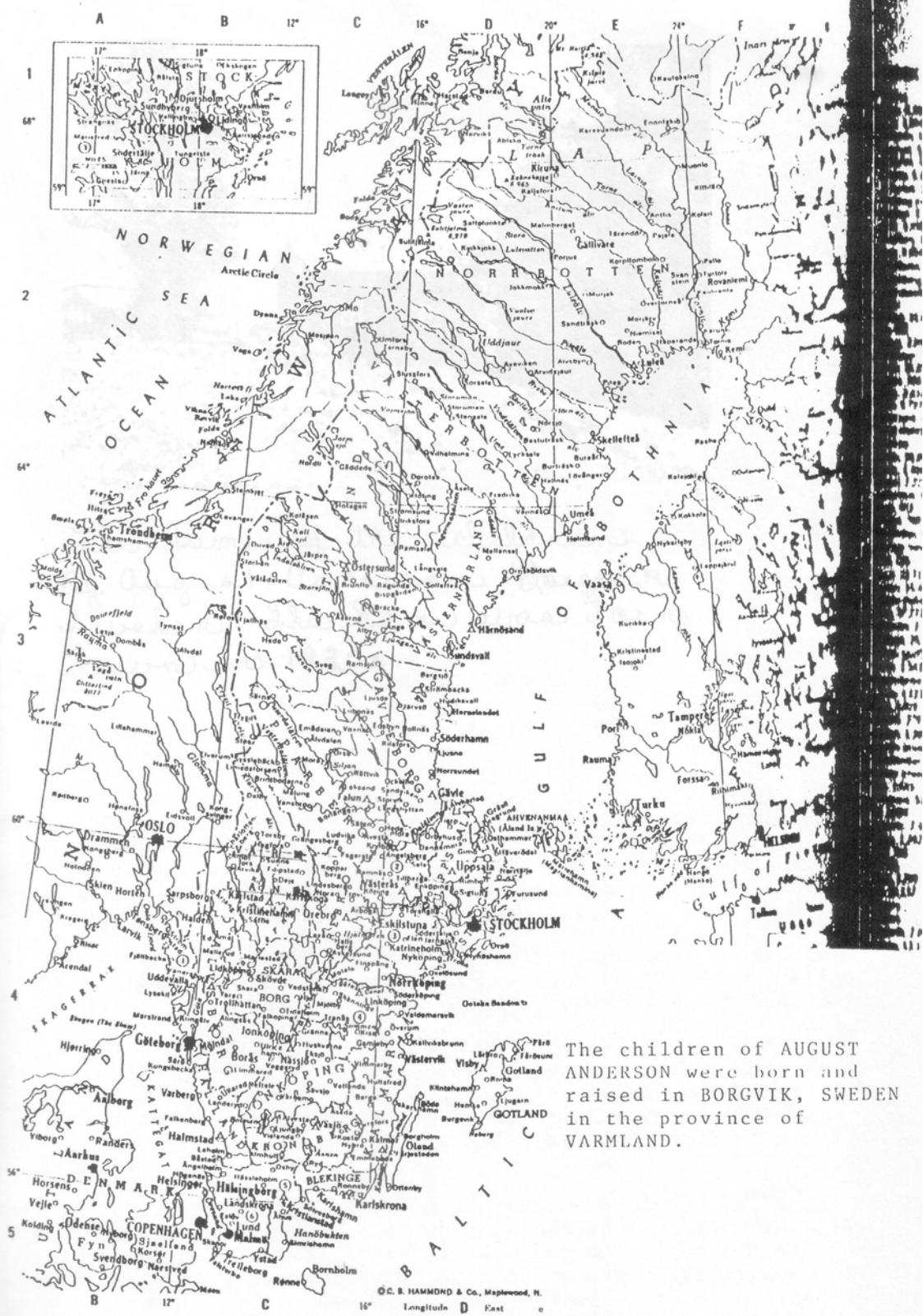
It was a common practice in Sweden to “affix a son” to the first name of the father to become the last name of the son, i.e. the son of John became Johnson, the son of Peter became Peterson and so on. However, it is not that simple because some first names are not used in this manner. Also, there is an abundance of Andersons, Johnsons, Johansons, Petersons, etc. and the children are given all together different names, i.e. Borgstrom.

It is interesting to note that the children of Otto and Alma Nystrom retained the name Nystrom.

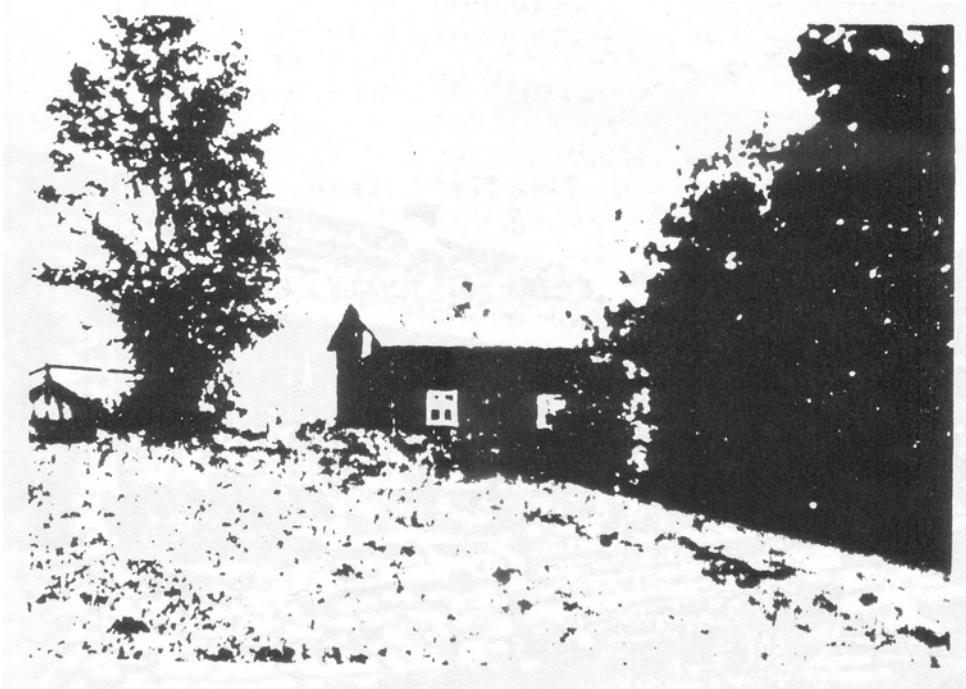
From what I have been able to research (and I'm not 100% sure on this) but the girls, Clara, Anna, Alma and Tilda, retained the name of Anderson. I suppose they figure it will be changed by marriage anyway.

It is interesting and it is most confusing.

Sven-Erik Svartmark, the son of August and Tilda Johanson, told me he wanted them to give him the name Borgstrom, but they refused.



The children of AUGUST ANDERSON were born and raised in BORGVIK, SWEDEN in the province of VARMLAND.



The Home of the children
of August Anderson Borgvik
Sweden. The home was torn
down in 1932.

The home of the children of August Anderson in Borgvik, Sweden. The home was torn down in 1932.

BORGVIK – An idyl on Lake Vanern



The old mill in Borgvik houses the much appreciated inn today.

Because of Borgvik's strategic location on the fast flowing outlet between Lake Varmeln and Borgvik Bay on Lake Vanern, the community became an important iron and milling center as early as the 16th century. The iron industry closed down in 1924. Today, Borgvik's main industry is forest products.

The story is told that King Karl XII visited here on his way to Norway and became so enamored of Borgvik that he promised to pass through here again on his way back to Stockholm. But, unfortunately his plans never materialized as he was shot, allegedly, with a button between the shoulderblades by one of his own soldiers while in battle against a few outmanned but heroic and peace loving Norwegians.

In the beginning of the 20th century, Borgvik blossomed. Industries here at that time included a foundry, a Lancashire forge, a rolling mill, a joinery, a woodpulp mill, an electric power station and, not least of all, farming.

Sinterstone buildings, still in use, remain as a memory of that time. Sinterstone is the slag left after iron ore is melted in a blast furnace, which can be used as a building material. Ore used at Borgvik yielded green hued sinterstone and that used in other parts of Sweden produced a blue toned stone.

The lower part of the mill, where the inn is located, was built in 1828. The upper half was rebuilt of sinterstone after a fire in 1870. The mill operated until 1953. After it was shut down, the old mill was renovated for use as a community center that housed a restaurant, theater and cinema, library and hobby room, among other things. At the turn of the century, 1,000 people lived in Borgvik. Iron from

Borgvik had a worldwide reputation and was even used in the Eiffel Tower, constructed for the World's Fair in Paris in 1889.

The death of the iron industries in West Varmland eventually struck Borgvik too, and in 1924 the iron mill closed down. Billerud took over the mill in 1920, and through the years the Company has renovated the old mill and converted Brogvik to a forest industries community. Billerud has striven as far as possible to retain the old milling town character of Borgvik.

However, rationalization of the forest industries has caused continuous thinning of the population. But because of Borgvik's propitious proximity to the industries on Lake Varnen, and because of its unique character, people have become interested in living in Borgvik again. And if plans for new building here materialize, perhaps the old milling town spirit can blossom again.

Three buildings talk of the past

Three buildings in Borgvik tell of times gone by – the estate, from 1690, the church, from 1718, and the mill, from the 18th century.

These buildings, together with the remains from the foundry and the iron producing era, ensure a place for Borgvik among preserved milling cultures.

The church was dedicated in 1718, and the tower added in 1741. The ceiling paintings, signed by Michael Carowsky in 1745, especially complement the beautiful interior. Carowsky, born in Danzig, lived in Gothenburg, where he also painted in the old Orgryte church. During a renovation in 1880, the paintings were painted over, but they were restored to their original beauty in 1949. The painting over the altar represents the Holy Trinity and the one on the ceiling depicts Christ on Judgement Day, enthroned on a rainbow with six apostles on either hand. The paintings on the south side represent Paradise, and Hell is painted on a part of the opposite side, in markedly dark colors, a way of painting Hell characteristic of the 18th century.

The mill, or the present Inn

The foundry ruins remain as a memory from a bygone era. The mill is from the 18th century and had housed the Inn since 1958. The lower floors are built of granite and the upper floors were rebuilt of sinterstone after a fire in 1870. Great care has been taken to furnish the mill in a style from earlier times. The present local administration, Billerud's Borgvik forest district, strives to preserve the community's cultural and historical value.

Excellent camping and swimming

Borgvik has a first class camping site in connection with the playing field and the Sparnas public swimming site on Borgvik Bay.

A beautiful site

Borgvik is located 15 kilometers from central Grums. Borgvik Bay is a part of Lake Vanern. The outlet for Lake Varmeln flows in Borgvik.

AUGUST ANDERSON
Aug. 6, 1845 – Jan. 22, 1940

The following description of my grandfather is based upon things my father told me and facts related by Sven-Erik who looked after him during the latter years of his life.

It goes without saying that August was a very strong person to have lived as long as he did. In 1920, Henrietta and Jessie went for a walk with him on their trip to Sweden (he was nearly 75 at the time). They stated they could not “keep up with him.”

He was a religious man of the Swedish Lutheran Faith. August was a farmer all his life working for the government co-operative farm.

My dad smoked a pipe and kept a piece of charcoal in the bottom of it. He said that kept down the moisture and made a cooler smoke. He learned this from his dad.

Dad said that grandfather told him as a boy, if you are going to drink “booze” make sure you drink enough to “throw-up”, so your body doesn’t absorb it. I believe he was teaching a double lesson here.

On Aug. 6, 1872, August married Johanna Oldsetter born July 20, 1850. August and Johanna had three sons: Andrew, Karl and John. Johanna died Aug. 15, 1882 at the age of 32. The cause of her death is unknown.

August then married Charlotte Anderson, born April 21, 1859, on Nov. 17, 1883. To them, the following children were born in this order: Matilda, Alma, Anna, Otto, Clara, Hjalmar, Erik, Gustav and David.

August raised his family in the small village of Borgvik in Varmland Province, located in southern Sweden. I have often thought, if only two of these children remained in Sweden, how terribly only August and Charlotte must have been.

Matilda looked after August and Charlotte during the latter years of their lives and corresponded with the boys in America.

Sven-Eric told me that August became senile toward the end of his life and they had to watch him closely. On one particular evening, they had to leave him alone. It was terribly cold and he wandered out, fell back in a snow drift, and couldn’t get up. I do not know how long he lay there but when they found him his legs and arms were frozen. He lived about a week after that and died Jan 22, 1940.

Charlotte died in April 1942.



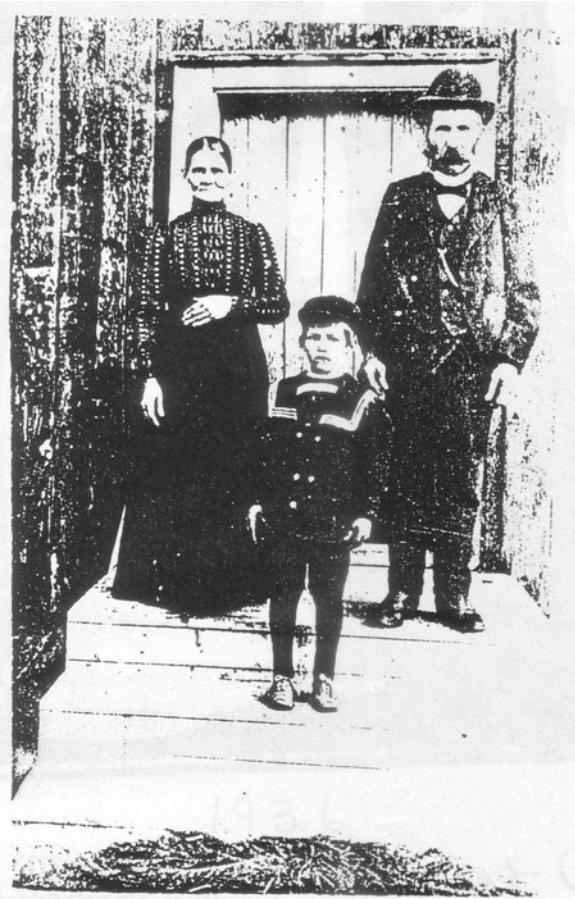
Sven-Eric at old Home-Site
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Personernas namn, stånd, embete, yrke och näring (backstuga-, inhyses- och fattighjon), nationalitet (om främmande), typer (svagsinta, blinda, döfstumma).

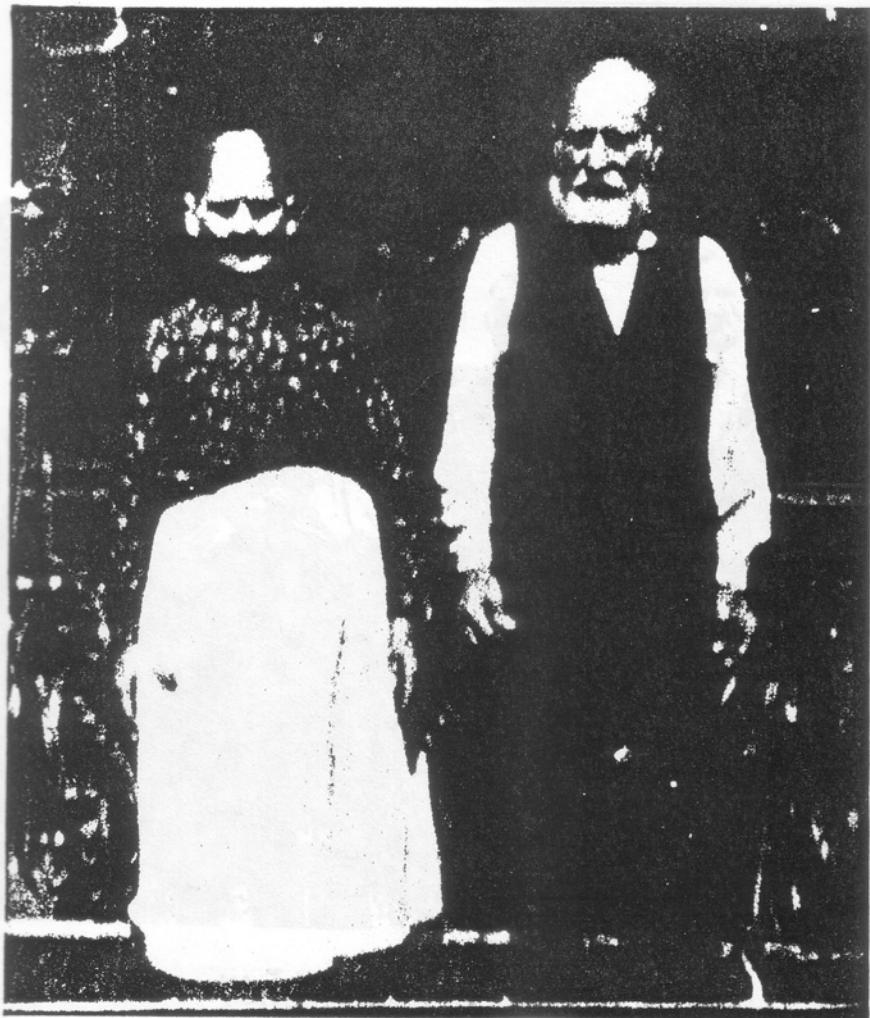


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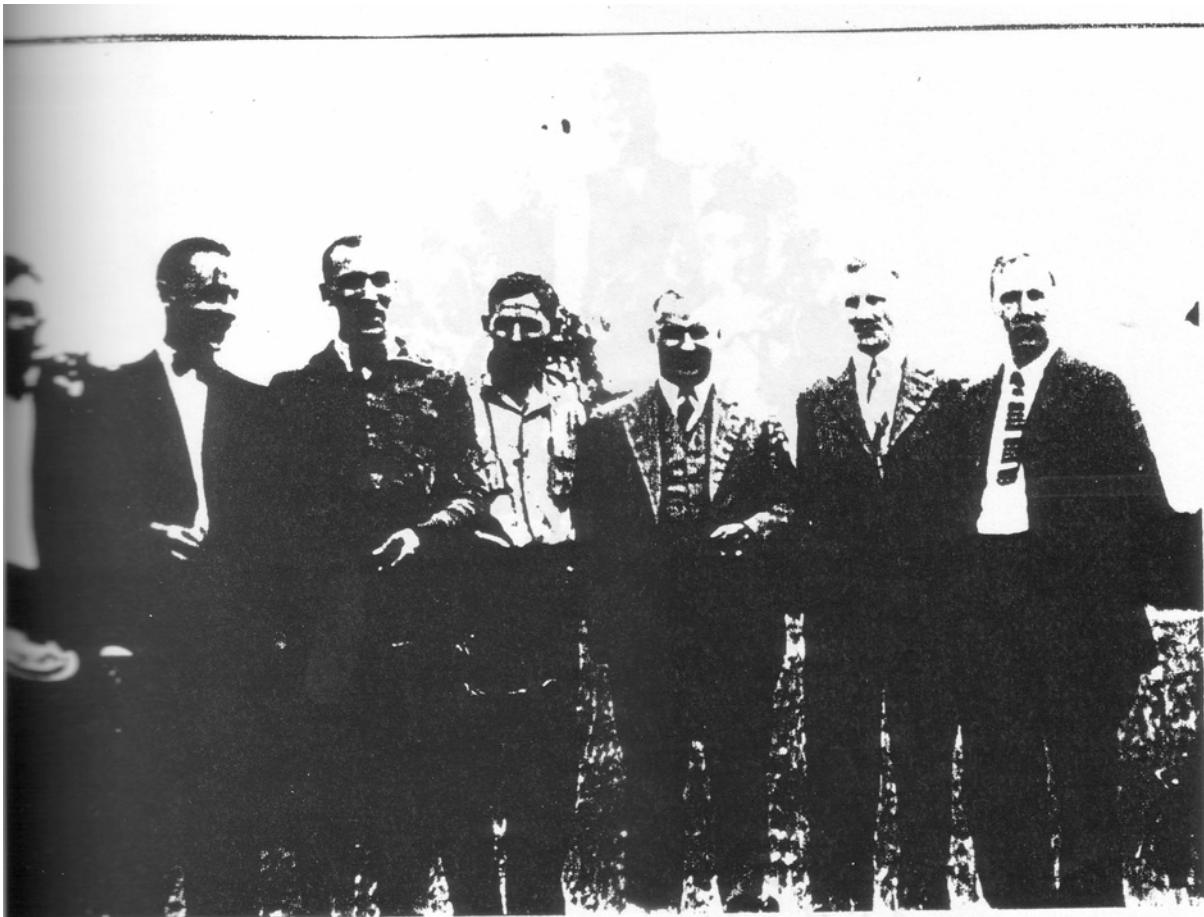


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Charlotte & August (age 91)

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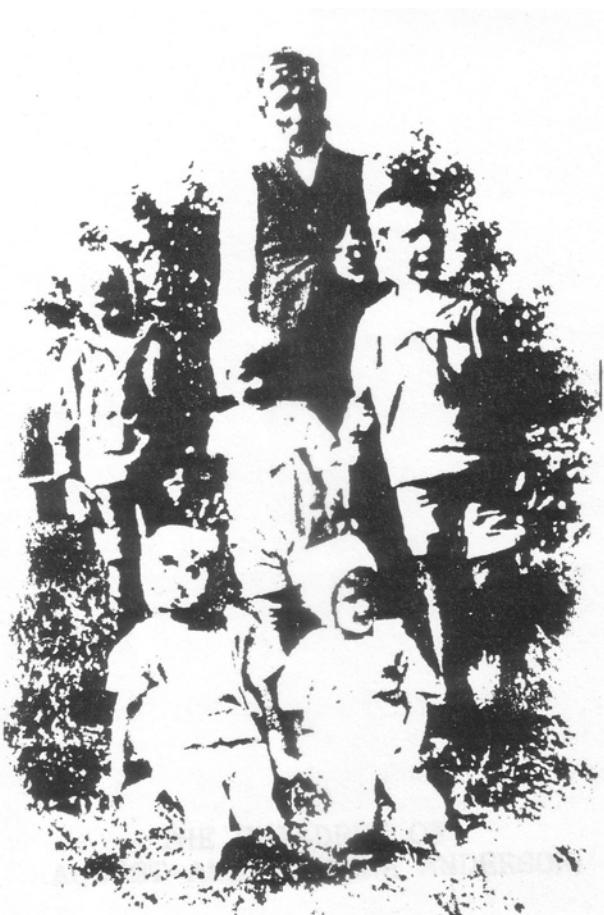


Dave Gust Eric Hjalmar Otto John Andrew

Oklahoma City - 1928

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August with Tilda
& Alma's children.
Sven-Eric standing
in center.

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THE CHILDREN OF
AUGUST AND JOHANNA ANDERSON

ANDREW BORGSTROM
APRIL 29, 1873 – FEB 24, 1960

Andrew, the oldest of the children, came to America in 1893.

Andrew was not a wanderer. He settled almost immediately in the Lindsborg, Kan. area, farmed, raised a family, and blacksmith till his death.

He married Hilda Hoglund on Jan 1, 1902. Hilda was born Dec. 9 1880 in McPherson County Kansas. She was also full-blood Swedish. To them in the following order were born six children: Myrtle, Walter, Mable, Mildred, Bernice & Lea.

Andrew was a father figure to the rest of his brothers. Some of them stayed with him and Hilda when they first arrived in the United States.

My mother and father spent their honeymoon at Andrew's farm in Lindsborg. I am told Otto and Henrietta died also.

I was 17 the first time I saw Andrew. He and I, my dad and John played pitch at John's house— how he loved to play. I got tickled about his "Yacks and Yokers."

Andrew used snuff which he referred to as "SNUZE" (I supposed the pronunciation in Sweden- I vividly remember that.)

Andrew, like John, was an excellent blacksmith, and watching him work you could really tell he enjoyed it.

Lindsborg, Kan. is called "Little Sweden." Hilda and Andrew spoke Swedish with the home. I am told the children did not learn to speak English until they started to school.

Andrew was a very strict disciplinarian (as was my dad). All that was necessary was a look to his children. He was also fun loving and played the accordion for local dances.

Dates furnished by Marge Shogren, Lindsborg, Kan. – granddaughter of Andrew.

HILDA BORGSTROM

Mrs. Hilda Borgstrom, daughter of Christina and J. O. Hoglund, was born on Dec. 9, 1880, in McPherson County and passed away at the Lindsborg Hospital, February 14, 1961 at the age of 80 years, 2 months and 5 days.

She was married to Andrew Borgstrom January 1, 1902. He preceded her in death on February 24, 1960.

She lived in the New Gottland Community almost all of her life. She was a member of the New Gottland Lutheran Church.

Survivors include four daughters: Myrtle Malm, Lindsborg, Kans.; Mabel and her husband, Elton Alexander of McPherson, Kans.; Mildred and her husband, Frank Davis of Riverside, Calif.; Bernice and her husband, H. R. Glick of Centralia, Illinois; Two sons: Walter and his wife, Esther, of Salina, Kans., and Leland and his wife, Evelyn, Wichita, Kansas.

One sister, Mrs. August L. Johnson, Lindsborg, Kansas; 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

Although she was in failing health for several years her condition was not considered critical until the last few months.

She had a great love for her home and family and was happiest when surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

It can be said, "Not the end but the beginning of a life time of beautiful memories.

Will Those Driving in the Procession kindly turn lights on for safety.

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Andrew & Hilda

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Back Row
Myrtle, Mable, Walter
Front Row
Lee, Mildred, Bernice

Back Row
Myrtle, Mable, Walter
Front Row
Lee, Mildred, Bernice

TOP PHOTO

This Photo was taken in 1920, on their way to Sweden at Karl's house. Pictured back row left to right: Clara, Henrietta, Jenny. Front row left to right: Astrid and Jessie.

BOTTOM PHOTO

Andrew on his 50th birthday with wife Hilda – 1923





Andrew's home & family in Kans.

Andrew's home & family in Kans.

Amerika- År- 1893

församling: Borgvik.

Utskrivnings- nr datum	Emigranternas namn och yrke	Hemvist	Födelsedatum	Ant- utflytt- M
1 26/1	Andersson Gustav. Hem.son	Torérud.	8/9 -70	1
4 17/2	Olsdotter. Maria. Sömmerska.	Nygård.	21/6 -70	
5 17/2	Andersd:Augusta Kristina.Hem.dott	Mosserud.	3/11-75	
6 4/3	Ljunggvist. Karl Johan Dräng.	Öfverud.	13/8 -70	1
13 6/5	Jonsdotter Elisabet. Enkan.	Brukets.	25/9 -30	
15 10/5	Eriksson Holmström Anton. Dräng.	Torerud.	4/6 -70	1
16 10/5	Holmgvist. Johan Gustav. Bruks- -arbetare.	S:a Borgvik.	30/7 -69	1
18 26/5	Löf. Anna Kajsa. Piga.	Brukets.	30/3 -73	
20 10/6	Johansson Johan Edvin. Hem.son	Starrkärr.	18/2 -71	1
21 10/6	Johansson Anders Gustav. Hem.son	Starrkärr.	6/4 -73	1
24 20/7	Olsson Emelia. Hem.dotter,	Sockenstugan.	3/12-64	
" "	Dotter-	" "	18/7 -85	
25 21/7	Alldrin Hulda. Hem.dotter.	Brukets.	18/5 -75	
26 29/7	Andersson Bror Otto. Hem.son	Wermerud.	13/8 -74	1
27 1/8	Lindberg. Elina. Hem.dotter.	N: Borgvik.	14/12-76	
28 4/8	Porat- K.A. Smed.	Brukets-	12/9 -65	1
" "	Hustrun-	" "	13/9 -64	
" "	Son.	" "	16/3 -90	1
" "	Son.	" "	2/3 -92	1
30 2/9	Läckström Anna. Piga.	Brukets-	7/10-75	
31 7/9	<u>Bergström Anders. Dräng.</u>	Wermerud.	29/4 -73	1
51 20/11	Johannesd:Hulda Natalia. Piga.	Starrkärr.	15/4 -75	

KARL BORGSTROM
OCT. 21, 1875 – DEC. 29, 1936

Karl was the second son born to August and Johanna Anderson. Karl married Jenny Anna Sandgren who was born April 14, 1876 in Sweden in . They had a son, Karl Oscar, who was born on Oct. 3, 1898 but died a month later on Nov. 6. On Aug. 14, 1899, a daughter Astrid was born to them. Karl worked as a smelter in Sweden.

In 1901, Karl, Jenny and Astrid came to America. Jenny was pregnant with Karl (Holmer) at their crossing.

Karl and Jenny had three sons born in America: Karl (Holmer), Enfred and Herbert.

Karl never ventured inland. He worked all his life at the steel mill in Roebling. This mill work became a family enterprise and all three sons worked there, as well as Jenny's father, who came to America at age 56 and began working there.

Karl kept his nose to the grind stone throughout his life. To my knowledge, he never visited any of his brothers. He was never seen by David, Gustav or Erik.

In 1920 on their way to Sweden, my dad, Joh and Jessie, Otto and Henrietta, Clara and her son stopped and visited Karl's family.

In 1926, Jenny died. Karl never remarried and died of stomach cancer 10 years later in 1936 at the age 61. Karl and Jenny are buried in Roebling, N.J.

I never say karl but from his pictures he looks a great deal like Otto.

Information and dates furnished by Bob Borgstrom, Karl's grandson, who lives in Arizona.

Amerika- År- 1901

Församling: Borgvik.

Utskrivnings- nr	Emigranternas namn och yrke	Hemvist	Födelsedatum	Antal utflytt- M
54	25/10 Borgström Karl. Smältare.	Brukets- Borgvik.	21/10-75	1
"	" Anna f Sandgren Hustru-	" " "	14/4 -76	
"	" Astrid Maria. dotter.	" " "	14/8 -99	
55	25/10 Moberg. Valfrid. Smältare.	Brukets. Borgvik.	11/12-74	1
56	1/11 Moberg. Frida Amanda. Hem dott-	Brukets- Borgvik.	14/8 -83	
57	1/11 Moberg. Vilhelm. Smältare.	Brukets- Borgvik.	4/10-75	1
58	1/11 Ström. Karl. Smältare.	Brukets- Borgvik.	13/5 -81	1

Amerika- År- 1902

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9	15/3 Andersson Karl. Hem.son.	Borgerud.	9/3 -78	1
10	17/3 Lundberg Tyra. Ägaredotter.	Öfverud.	20/8 -84	
11	17/3 Myren Anna Teresia. Ägaredotter.	Öfverud.	23/3 -82	
12	18/3 Moberg. Karl Georg. Hem.son.	Brukets.	30/4 -85	1
14	3/4 Åsman Teresia Aygelika. Hem.dott,	Brukets.	23/6 -82	
15	11/4 Hedlund Justus Agaton. Volentär	Öfverud.	15/4 -78	1
18	13/5 Granström Maria Elida. Piga.	N:Borgvik.	2/11-83	
19	13/5 Vigren Matilda. Valsarb-dotter	Brukets.	9/3 -80	
21	5/7 Andersd:Hulda Maria, Hem.dotter.	Väkelsön:	-/- -81	
22	18/7 Schönnung Mauritz.Valsare.	Brukets.	2/5 -53	1
"	" Maria f Finne. Hustru.	" "	11/1 -55	
"	" Verner son.	" "	28/9 -88	1
"	" Alfilda Maria. dotter.	" "	28/10-90	
"	" Ida Natalia. Dotter	" "	11/1 -95	
"	" Astrid Constanse dotter.	" "	28/9 -98	
25	18/7 Schönnung Bror Enfrid, Hem.son.	" "	18/4 -87	1
24	18/7 Moberg. Anna Teresia. Hustru.	Brukets,	28/1 -82	
"	" Frances Eugenia Maria dotter.	" -	-/- -00	
25	18/7 Finne Arvid. Arbetare.	Brukets.	30/3 -83	1
31	27/9 Moberg. Alfred. Valsverk.arb.	Brukets.	9/8 -77	1
32	5/10 Andersson Herman Fredrik.Vals- verks-arb.	Brukets.	1/8 -84	1
34	13/10 Bäckman Karl Johan Hem.son.	Tosérud.	31/12-80	1
61	29/12 Björkström Gust, Rikard Hem.son	Brukets.	21/8 -82	1



* Jenny, Helmer,
Astrid, Karl and
Enfred.
Herbert not shown)

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Back Row
Hjalmar Otto
Seated
John Carl.

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JOHN AUGUST BORGSTOM
SEP. 19, 1866 – JUNE 7, 1957

John Borgstrom came to America in 1897. He first worked in a Blacksmith shop in Kansas and then moved to Elk City, Okla. where he met and married Jessie Miller (my Mother's sister in 1903).

He then moved to Oklahoma City in 1906 and continued as a blacksmith for several years.

In the early teens he worked as a mechanic with Otto for Page Motor Co.

In 1920, John and Jessie, Otto and Henrietta, Clara and her son Buster and my dad returned to Sweden for a visit.

John had a lot of heartache in his life. He and Jessie lost a daughter, Ilda, to diphtheria in 1907. Ilda was 1 ½ yrs. old. Also, in the 20's John developed a hip condition and started taking steam baths to help the condition. He went to a steam bath and the owner forgot him and left the building. John was hospitalized for months and it left him with a stiff hip. In 1930, his wife Jessie had a stroke and died.

John and Jessie had four surviving daughters: Charlotte, Alma, Gertrude and Flossie.

John was an excellent blacksmith, metal temperer and carpenter and could devise almost anything.

John was a very devout Christian. He was the only one of the brothers who used no form of tobacco and never would you hear him use any form of curse words. I always felt he and my mother were very instrumental in influencing my dad.

John invented many things in his life, yet never applied for a patent. Had he, there is no doubt in my mind he would have become a very wealthy man. One of the things he invented was the locks used on Fruehoff trailers today. There were numerous other things such as special tools, etc. All one needed to do was tell him what was needed and the "cogs started clicking." He was quite a remarkable man.

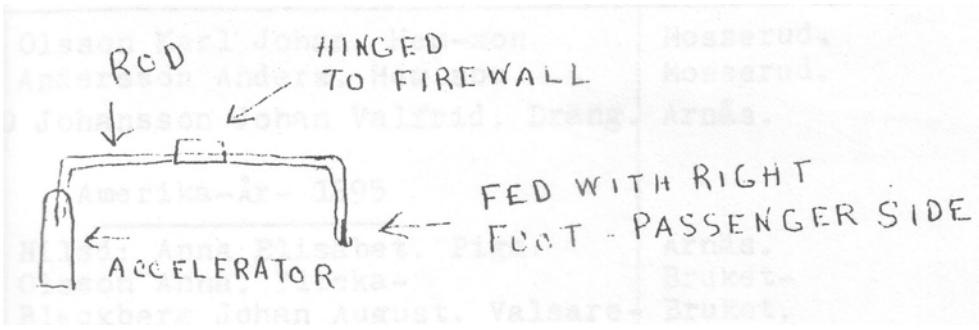
When I was a boy, 10 or 12 years of age, he made me a machine gun from a block of wood. It had wooden bullets and would shoot across the room some 12 feet or more. I treasured this but I don't know what happened to it through the years.

In the early 1940's, he lost his right thumb and first finger on a table saw. I remember it well but I don't know the exact details.

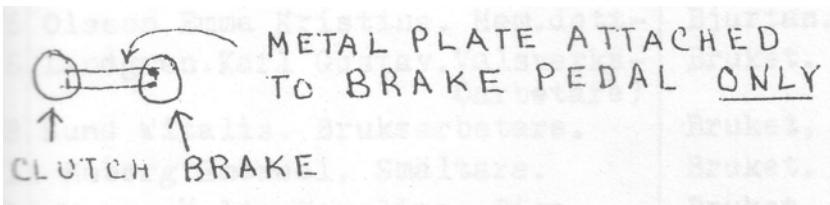
He was employed by the A & B Garage and straightened car frames, did body work and made special tools.

After the closing of the A & B Garage, he worked for a commercial trailer manufacturing Co. in Oklahoma City building the insulated trailer until his retirement.

He had great ingenuity. His right leg and hip were stiff and when he drove a car, this leg extended over into the passenger side. He devised an accelerator linkage on his 1936 Dodge where he could operate it with his stiff leg.



He could also clutch and brake with his left foot.

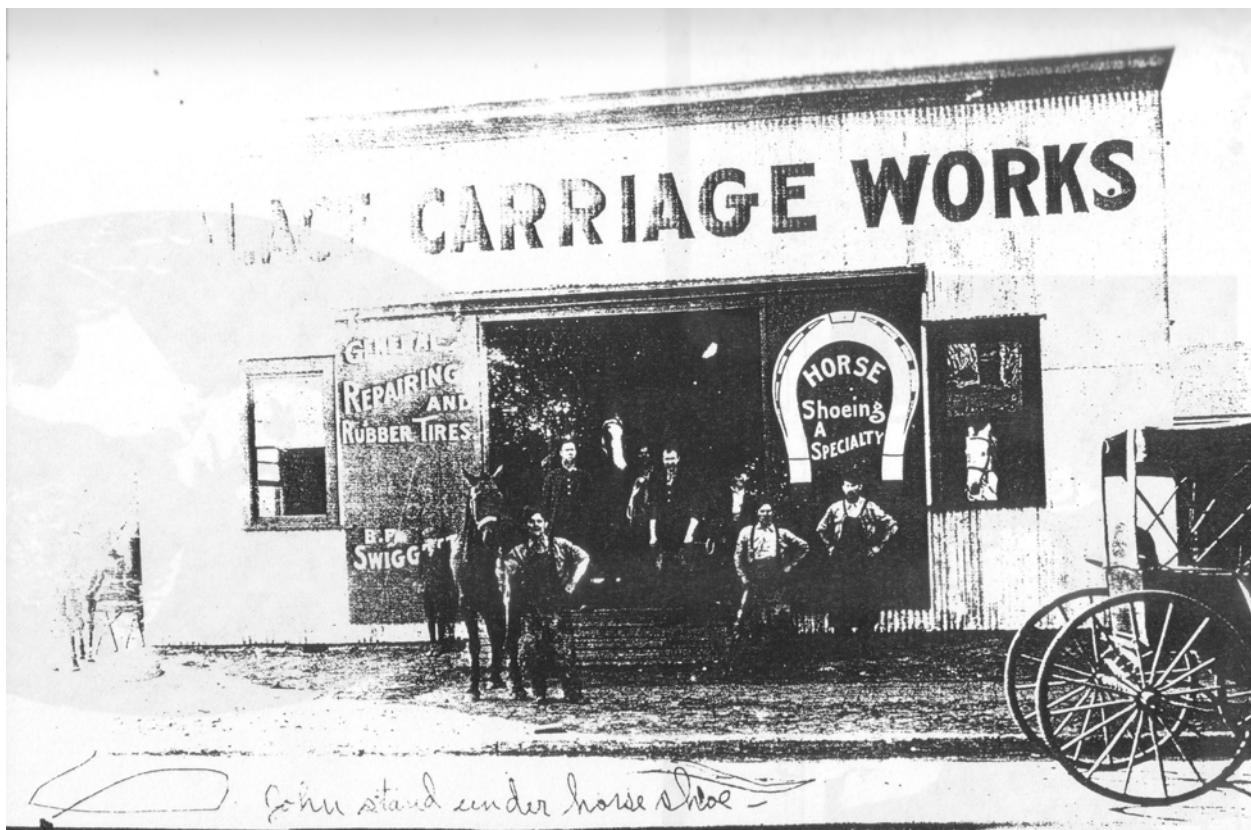


He also developed a gadget to tie his show on the right foot. He got the idea from bundle knoters on grain binders.

John remarried a lady named Ida in 1936 - everyone feels this was a mistake. They never got along. John died of a heart attack in 1957, his wife Ida left Oklahoma City and no one ever heard from her again. John is buried in Elk City, Okla.

Amerika År - 1874

Utskrivnings- nr	Emigranternas namn och yrke	Hemvist	Födelsedatum	Antal utflyttade M Kv.
3	15/3 Olsson Karl Johan. Hem-son	Mosserud.	12/5 -73	1
4	15/3 Andersson Anders. Hem.son	Mosserud.	11/11-73	1
19	19/10 Johansson Johan Valfrid. Dräng.	Arnås.	2/9 -75	1
Amerika-År- 1895				
5	5/4 Nilsd: Anna Elisabet. Piga.	Arnäs.	13/4 -76	1
7	9/6 Olsson Anna. Flicka-	Brukets-	22/4 -81	1
9	15/7 Bleckberg Johan August. Valsare-	Brukets,	8/3 -75	1
Amerika- År- 1896				
1	7/4 Olsson Johan August Dräng.	S:Borgvik.	29/6 -62	1
4	24/4 Holmberg. Karl Johan. Nyttarbet-	Brukets.	11/4 -75	1
6	6/6 Olsson Emma Kristina. Hem.dott-	Bjurtan.	10/6 -76	1
7	8/6 Landgren.Karl Gustav.Valsverks- (Qarbetare)	Brukets.	23/5 -77	1
9	15/8 Sund Witalis. Bruksarbetare.	Brukets,	21/2 -79	1
11	23/11 Moberg Emanuel. Smältare.	Brukets.	20/9 -73	1
12	29/12 Werm. Hulda Karolina. Piga.	Brukets.	12/9 -72	1
Amerika År- 1897				
2	12/3 Hagman Bernhardina. Piga	Arnäs.	20/9 -61	1
9	30/4 Gustavsd: Karolina Josefina- Mejerska.	Starrkärr.	20/1 -71	1
11	26/7 Lindberg Ester Maria. Hem.dott.	Brukets.	16/4 -80	1
12	10/12 Borgström Johan August. Dräng. Snickeriarbetare.	Brukets.	19/9 -77	1
Amerika- 1898				
2	4/2 Läckström Karl Johan.Klen-smed	Brukets.	15/9 -64	1
"	" Vilhelmina f Lindberg. Hustru.	" "	25/9 -70	1
"	" Johan Vilhelm. son.	" "	23/7 -90	1
"	" Ellen Maria. Dotter.	" "	18/7 -92	1
"	" Anna Vilhelmina. Dotter.	" "	22/7 -95	1
"	" Hilda Maria. Dotter. (Iovisa)	" "	5/12-97	1
5	1/4 Björk Lavinia. Hem.dotter	Nygård.	10/7 -79	1
9	29/4 Björkström Alma Kristina. Hem.dott.	Brukets,	10/7 -80	1
16	26/8 Holmgvist Karl Emil. Arbetare.	S:Borgvik.	6/1 -78	1
17	10/9 Olsson Hulda Kristina, Hem.dott-	Starrkärr.Hugget.	16/10-77	1
18	21/11 Schönnung Olga Otilia. Hem.dott.	Brukets.	15/3 -75	1
19	" " Schönnung. Augusta Constantina. Hem.dotter- (Syskon)	Brukets.	15/11-76	1



John stand under horse shoe



Flossie Alma Gertrude

Jessie)



25 Jan 1883 - 4 Dec 1920

Jessie



Al (1919) with big brother Otto.
John on the right.

Al (1919) with big brother Otto.

John on the right.

CHARLOTTE'S SON

ALBIN JOHNSON

NOV. 26, 1878

Little is known about Albin, other than the fact that he was an illegitimate son born to Charlotte. He was 5 years old when August married Charlotte.

When August married Charlotte, Andrew was 10 years of age, Carl 8, and John 6. John being 1 year older than Albin.

Albin landed in America on Feb. 23, 1899 (this is documented). Andrew and John were the only two here in America at that time. That year, Tilda was 15, Alma 13, Otto 8, Clara 5 and Hjalmar only 2. Obviously, he was not known to the rest of the family.

At this point in writing, my comments are based upon "hearsay" and speculation. Albin had been working in the wheat harvest in Kansas. He supposedly was carrying a large sum of money and "hopped" a freight train bound for Kansas City. He was never seen nor heard from again. The exact year this occurred is unknown but it was shortly after the turn of the century.

Otto, in later years, hired a private investigator to determine what happened to Albin, and I understand spent a large amount of money in the search, but to no avail.

Albin was never discussed in family circles and I'm sure there are several who never knew he existed.

THE CHILDREN OF
AUGUST AND CHARLOTTE ANDERSON

MATILDA ANDERSON
MARCH 26, 1884 – 1956

Matilda (Tilda) was the first born to August and Charlotte. She was very much loved and respected by the other family members. They seemed to think of her as a “second mother”. She kept them posted on the events in Sweden by correspondence. I remember my dad receiving a letter from Tilda. He handed it to brother Cole and said, “Do you want to read it?” Cole picked it up and said “Dear Al.” No one in Sweden knew dad as “Al.” He got quite a kick out of this. Tilda and her family took care of “the old folks” sharing an adjoining cabin.

Tilda married August Johanson on . August was born 1870 and worked as a smelter until he became crippled from arthritis and then worked as a gardener for the government co-op.

Tilda and August had two sons: Arne and Sven-Eric.

Tilda died 1956 and August in 1945.

Arne and Sven-Eric’s last name is SVARTMARK; the same situation as Anderson-Borgstrom.

Sven-Eric told me that Tilda hoped her brothers would come back to see her after the war. The post-war years were much better than the 30’s but unfortunately for working people, they were still very suppressed. As a result, none of the family ever again returned to their homeland – another sad and disturbing fact in the lives of this family.

Realizing all of this, I cannot express the gratitude I felt when I met Sven-Eric at Lindsborg, Kan. in April of 1990 for the first time. This was my first touch with relatives from the homeland. It bridged a lifetime gap and after I spent the day with him and his wife, I felt I had known them all of my life. It was a “Godsend” and I know he feels the same way.



Tilda, Clara, Alma

Tilda, Clara, Alma

portion of a letter
and newspaper clipping
received by Hjalmar
from Tilda - 1940

Döde.



Portion of a letter and newspaper clipping received by Hjalmar from Tilda - 1940

Kära Hjalmar
ja glödande skriva om
fars begravning
Vi bjöd alla på kaffe
med godt hembakat bröd
och när vi kom hem
från kyrkan på en
gad Smörgås och så
eftersätt och sen
kaffe och tåta.
När de hade så vi hunde
ja velle vi hiedra fars
Minne.
ja skickar Fars dödsannons
vi ska försöka skaffa så nu
ska få var sin. Låt väl detta inna ja gott

ALMA ANDERSON
Sept. 29, 1886 – 1967

Alma was the second child born to August and Charlotte.

Alma married Otto Nystrom in . Otto was a lumberjack by trade and worked for the government co-op.

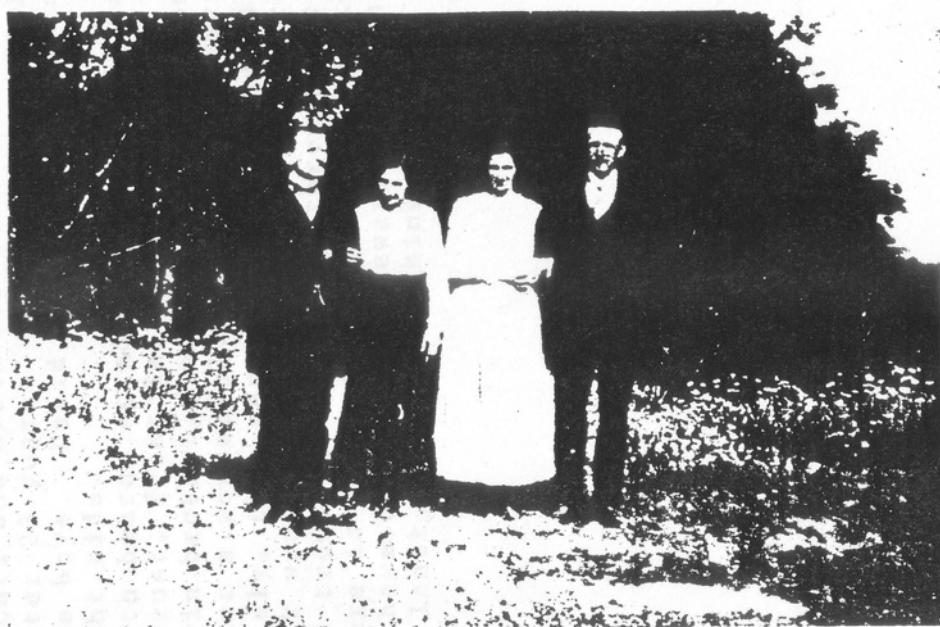
My dad worked with Otto as teenager and so did David. My dad told me that he was cutting wood with Otto and that he became too hot and lay down in a snow drift to cool off. As a result, he contacted pneumonia and almost died.

Alma and Otto remained in Sweden and had 10 children in the following order: Fritz*, Knute, Lisa, Inga*, Eric*, Majja*, Marta*, Rune, Kajsa, and Sven. Those marked with an asterisk are deceased as of this publication date.

I have not seen any of the children and did not know their named until June 1990. I had wondered about them all my life and of course, my dad never knew all of them as there were several births after his visit in 1920.

In the summer of 1989, Myrtle, Mable and Marge went to Sweden for a visit. They stayed in the homes of Lisa and Sven-Eric, Knute, Sven and Kajsa came to Lisa's home to see them. Also, Lisa's daughter and son-in-law Ise and Inge Bjornson were there.

Otto born 1885 – died 1958.



August, Tilda, Alma, Otto

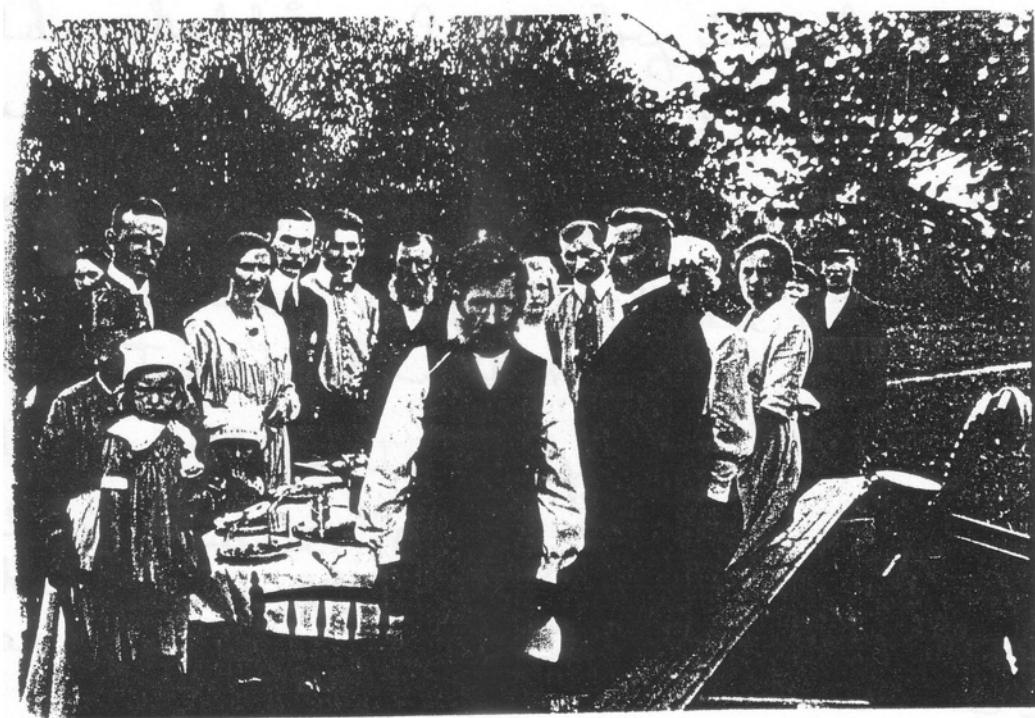
August, Tilda, Alma, Otto

SWEDEN – 1920

Readers, linger for a while on this page. This had to be the most joyful reunion this side of heaven. All family members except Andrew, Carl and Albin are here in this picture. John returns home after 23 years. Look at the joyful expression on the faces of the boys. David was 14 here, Gustav 16 – pictured in the back right side.

August, with beard, standing next to Hjalmar and Erik, Tilda and husband, August, front left. Immediately right is Uncle Larse (Charlotte's twin brother), next is Otto Nystrom (Alma's husband), then Clara. What a wonderful day this must have been!

Unfortunately, this was the last time John, Otto, Clara, Hjalmar and Erik would ever again see their parents or their homeland. This had troubled me greatly through the years. I have been taught there is a "just God." Surely on the other side of the mountain, there had to be a reward and reunion for these men and women. At least, I have to think that.



Sweden 1920

Left to Right Sitting:

Most are Alma & Otto's children, Tilda holding Arne by the hand, Gustav & David wearing caps

Second Row Left to Right:

Uncle Larse, August, Lisa (?), Clara, Charlotte, Tilda, Alma

Third Row Left to Right:

John, Jessie, Otto, Henrietta, August Johanson, Otto Nystrom, Erik – I

cannot identify the one on the end



Group photo



Lisa
Daughter
+
Her Husband

Lisa
Husband
Guest
Anderson

Knut Eric

Lisa's Daughter & Her Husband, Lisa's Husband Gust Anderson, Knut, Eric
Lisa's Home – 1989

Lisa's Home - 1989



Knut Eric

Kenneth
(Kajsa's
son)

Lisa

Knut, Eric, Kenneth (Kajsa's son), Lisa

ANNA ANDERSON
Feb. 23, 1889 – Jan. 18, 1898

Anna was the third child born to August and Charlotte, preceded by Tilda and Alma. Anna died of pneumonia Jan. 18, 1898. She was about 9 years old.

OTTO ANDERSON
Feb. 19, 1891 – Nov. 23, 1955

Otto (Ott) Anderson came to the United States in 1908. I recall him telling he had some money sewn inside his coat and on the way over someone discovered it and stole it.

Otto was a natural leader (I always thought he would have made a good army officer). He also had a good personality and mixed well with the public. As the result of these traits, he always wound up with a supervisor's job.

He married Henrietta Steel in 1915. Henrietta was barren due to having the mumps. According to my dad, this could have been corrected through surgery. They chose, however, not to have children until they became financially secure. Tomorrow never came. It is my opinion that Otto regretted this in later years and substituted with great affection for his nieces and nephews. I recall that when I was a "tot", he would jingle coins in his pocket when they came to visit, reach in his pocket and give out money to all.

Otto was an avid hunter and fisherman, these being some of his favorite things to do.

I remember his having a "crooked finger" which he told me got caught in a horse halter rope. This happened at Andrew's farm where he stayed when he first came over.

He enjoyed smoking Roe-Tan Cigars as well as Lucky Strike Cigarettes. He was a heavy smoker.

The following is his work history (some dates may not be exact):

In 1908, he came to this country. The first few years are unknown. Otto wrestled in Wichita, Kan. for the Light Heavyweight Division during his early years here. He did not win but the match was called a draw.

1912-1920 Page Motor Co., Oklahoma City – Shop Supervisor
1921-1934 Co-owner of A&B Garage, Oklahoma City
1934-1940 Owned farm in Bluejacket (managed by David)
1940-1942 Owned farm in Minnesota
1942-1947 Supervisor at Tinker AFB
1947-1950 Owned farm in Big Cabin, Okla.
1950-death Owned and operated resort in Grove, Okla.

Shortly before Otto's death in 1955, he knew he was dying of cancer of the aorta and was concerned for Henrietta's welfare. He asked each of the brothers to look out for her. Ironically, she out lived all of them and died in a rest home in 1989 at the age of 97. Otto and Henrietta are buried in Grove.



Otto and
Henrietta - 1915

Otto and Henrietta – 1915

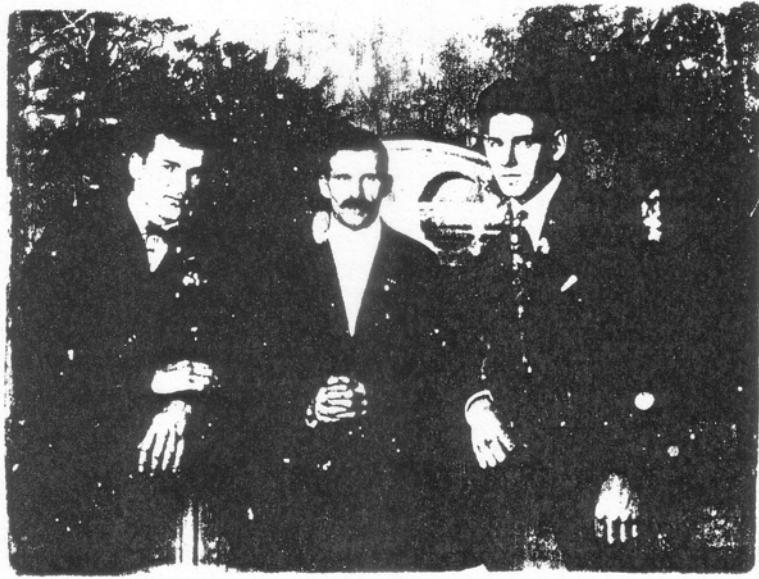


Otto & Al

1925

Otto & Al

1925



Otto John Hjalmar
1920

Otto John Hjalmar
1920

amerika -År- 1908			FÖRSAMLING:	Borgvik-	
Reg. nr.	Utskr. nr./dat.	EMIGRANTENS NAMN OCH YRKE	HEMVIST	Födelse- datum	Ant M.K
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2	14 9	Westberg Karl Verner. Smed-son.	Brukets.	27/9 -90	1
	10				
3	15 12	Lungren David. Arbetare.	Brukets.	19/4 -91	1
	10				
4	18 23	Karlsson Hanna. Sömmerska.	N:Borgvik.	11/4 -84	1
	10				
5	50 15	Kruse Axel Zakarias. Hem-son	Brukets.	6/8 -88	1
	12				

CLARA BORGSTROM
April 27, 1894 – Jan. 6, 1982

Clara came to the United States in 1910. She was loved by everyone. She was always jolly, a very positive thinker, seemed more broad minded than some of the others and had the accent. I remember one of her expressions upon being surprised was “oh, de dickens.”

Clara's first husband was Rupert Wilkerson who made electrical signs and lights. He was an electrical genius. Dad used to tell about him “hot wiring” his work bench and sending him over to pick up a tool for him. They first lived in Oklahoma City and then moved to Denver, Colo. Rupert was a very talented likable man, so all that knew him said, but had one problem, he was a thief, which no one knew. As the story goes, he was working on some light in a Catholic church in Denver and put gum on the locks of the church when he left that afternoon. That night he returned and stole gallons of Communion wine (this was during Prohibition). The authorities went to his shop at home recovered the wine and found numerous other “hot items.” He was imprisoned and then broke out of jail. Needless to say, Rupert was not discussed in family circles.

Clara and Rupert had one son named Floyd (Buster) Wilkerson.

Clara divorced Rupert and went to work as a cook for a family in Denver. This family (name unknown) was very much into the money. So much so, that they sponsored, either in part or completely, the flight of Charles Lindberg. Lindberg came to the family home and was met by Clara and Buster.

Clara later married an immigrant from Finland, Victor Holm, who came to the United States in 1904. Vic was a lead miner and he and Clara made their home in Denver until 1966. They moved to Oceanside, Calif. after Vic's retirement. Clara was an asthmatic and was on medication constantly in Denver. After moving to California, she no longer required medication.

From all reports, Clara and Victor had a happy marriage. Victor died in 1968 of an apparent heart attack. I never saw him.

Clara then married Mike Billet, whom I met after their marriage in 1970. Mike died in

Clara was the last of the living children. She died in Oceanside, Calif. on Jan. 1982 and is buried there.

Information furnished by Carl Borgstrom, Pryor, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Borgstrom, 1027 North Dewey avenue, have just returned from four months' trip abroad. They were in England, Norway and Sweden. In the last named country they visited Mr. Borgstrom's parents and sisters in the village of Borgvika whom he had not seen for twenty-three years.

The remainder of the touring party who went abroad at the same time will sail the latter part of this month. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Borgstrom and Mrs. R. G. Seymour and little son who made the trip, will be two of Mrs. Seymour's brothers, Birke and Hjalmar Borgstrom, who will accompany them back to America.

CLIPPING FROM OKLA CITY PAPER - 1920

You will note this clipping mentions Mrs. R. G. Seymour. Rupert Wilkerson married Clara under the false name of Rupert Seymour. It was some time later when she learned the truth and involved quite an amount of legal action to get this straightened out.

It is also interesting that when Clara and Otto first came to America they stayed at Andrews for a period of time. Clara became quite interested in a young man named Koons. Big brother Otto did not like Koons and ran him off. There was hard feelings between Clara and Otto over this. Otto on the other hand, became quite fond of Rupert and strongly encouraged this relationship - Could it be he ran the wrong one off?

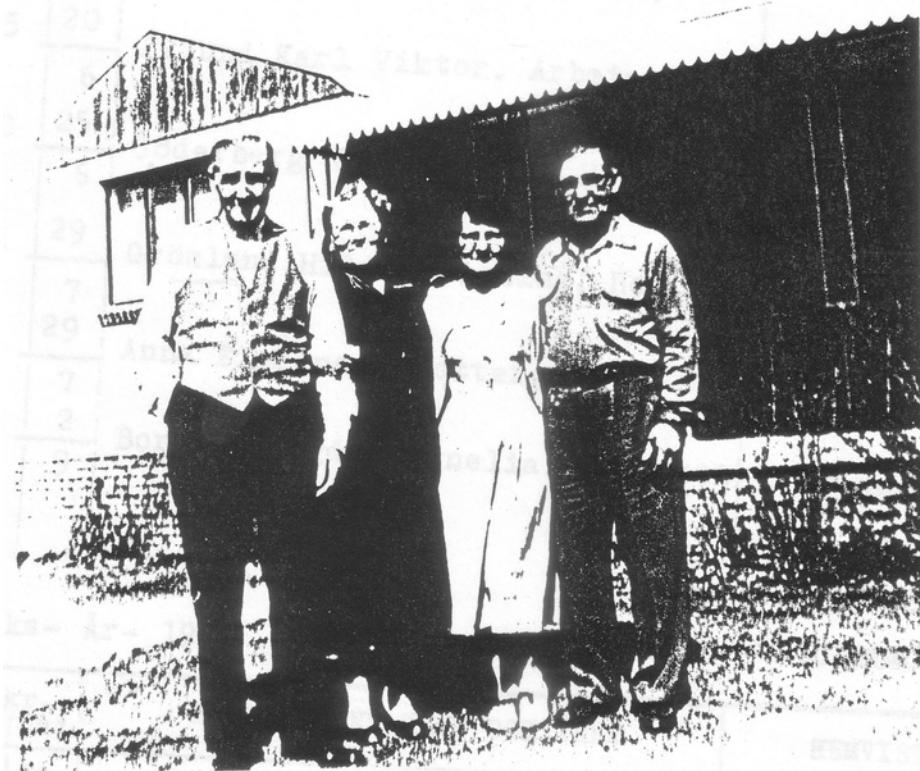


Rupert, Clara, Andrew, David

1925 or 26 - Denver

Rupert, Clara, Andrew, David

1925 or 26 - Denver



Vic, Clara, Leona, David

Vic, Clara, Leona, David

Amerika- År-1910

FÖRSAMLING: Borgvik.

Reg. nr.	Utskr. nr. dat.	EMIGRANTENS NAMN OCH YRKE	HEMVIST	Födelse- datum M	Ant M K
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2	4 4 3	Karsman Karl Hugo. Hem.son.	Starrkärr.	2/10-85	1
3	6 10 3	Nilsson Axelsson. Viktor Emanuel. (Hem.son)	Takene.	19/4 -90	1
4	25 20 6	Eklund Karl Viktor. Arbetare.	Braket.	18/7 -90	1
5	30 25 6	Söderberg Karl Gustav. Hem.son.	Braket.	16/2 -91	1
6	31 29 7	Grönlund. Hilda Kristina, Hem.dott	Braket.	15/7 -90	
7	32 29 7	Anna Florense. dotter.	Braket.	24/10-09	1
8	37 2 9	Borglund Agda Magnelia. Hem dott	Braket.	7/12-89	1

Amerika- År- 1911

FÖRSAMLING: Borgvik.

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2	8 7 4	Andersson Hilma Josefina. (lök) Hem.dotter-	Braket,	22/8 -91	1
3	21 28 7	Lindvall Kurt Bernard. son-son.	Öfverud.	7/4 -04	1
4	22 25 8	Karlsson Albin. Flötare.	N:Borgvik.	14/9 -86	1
5	23 25 8	Wahl Hedvig Charlotta. Piga.	N:Borgvik.	12/5 -87	1
6	40 16 9	Wigren Johan Adolf. Hem.son.	Braket.	27/10-91	1
7	42 12 10	Nilsson Augusta. Takene. Hem.dott	Takene.	24/2 -80	1
8	55 18 11	Westberg Bror Kristian. Hem.son.	Braket-	26/9 -94	1

HJALMAR BORGSTROM

Jan. 11, 1887 – June 4, 1960

Hjalmar Borgstrom came to the United States in 1914. He was embarrassed by his first name in this country inasmuch as no one could pronounce it, let alone spell it. Consequently, he adopted the nickname of Al because he did not have a middle name. He also took the first two letters of his name H.J. and carried his checking account and signed documents as H.J. Borgstrom.

Hjalmar first stop after landing here was at his half-brother Carl's home. He stayed there a short while and then went on to Iowa where he worked on a farm for his cousin. He never told me a great deal about this cousin except that he treated him badly, taking advantage of him by having him work long hard hours with little pay. His cousin had a son in the first grade and Hjalmar studied the "Primer" with this son at night. This is how he learned to read the English language.

Hjalmar was not a big man – standing only 5 feet 7 ½ inches, but he had the biggest hands I have ever seen on any man and very broad shoulders. He was tremendously strong.

Hjalmar was a "work-aholic." He used to say, "Hard work never hurt anyone." Ironically, this was the main contribution to his early death. He literally worked himself to death.

Hjalmar enlisted in the U.S. Army on 29 AUG 1918 and was sent overseas to France. The war ended while he was serving in France and upon his release in 1919, he went to Oklahoma City, joining and working with his brother Otto at the Page Motor Co.

Hjalmar returned to Sweden, as previously mentioned, in 1920 for a visit and upon his return brought brother Erik back with him.

Hjalmar married Ermin Miller on July 2, 1921. Ermin was younger sister of Jessie, John's wife. To them there were born three sons: Cole, Harold and Clifford.

In 1921, Hjalmar and Otto formed the A&B Garage in Oklahoma City, employing all the brothers except Andrew and Karl. They had a very flourishing business until the 1929 crash. My dad told me in 1932 they had over \$30,000 in uncollected debts. (That was a "hunk" in those days.) He also told me that during 1932, he and Otto paid the other boys salaries from their personal checking accounts. It literally wiped them out.

In 1933, he bought a farm at Big Cabin, Okla. The next seven years were a disaster trying to fight the depression, drought and grasshoppers. Financially, things did not get better until World War II and at that time he gave up his two older sons to go to war.

Hjalmar loved farming. This is what he always wanted to do. However, he was also very skillful with his hands, being an excellent mechanic, blacksmith and carpenter.

He was not a highly educated man but was very "street-smart." He could calculate math problems very quickly in his head.

As a young man, like most of his brothers, his temper had a "short-fuse." Over what you have read so far, I think you can understand why.

He was a very strict disciplinarian, tolerating no foolishness. All he had to do to get our immediate attention was to look at us.

He was a very devoted family man. The war years were terribly hard on him, grieving and worrying for his sons' safety.

In 1940, he received a letter from Tilda saying his dad had died. I remember him sitting at the table and he began to cry. This was the first time I ever saw my dad cry. I will never forget that but in the years that followed through the war and all, I saw it several times thereafter.

Hjalmar became quite active in the Christian Church, serving as an elder the last several years of his life, which is very comforting to his family. He would say to me as a youth: "You will go to church while living under my roof. If you don't that's my fault. After you leave, if you don't that's your fault."

He and I had a very close relationship. Much of the information contained herein came from our discussions. He had a somewhat dry sense of humor. I remember we would be working at a job which was not real desirable and being a typical boy, I would start complaining. He would say, "But just think of all the fun we are having!" He always got a laugh from me.

Everyone liked and respected Al. If he had an enemy, I don't know who it was.

In July 1956, he had a heart attack. It was steadily downhill from then until his death in 1960. He died a horrible death from "hardening of the arteries" which left him unable to walk for the last several months of his life. Also, he spent the last few months reverting back to his childhood and not speaking a word of English.

Hjalmar died on June 4, 1960. He is buried in Big Cabin. Ermin joined him on June 10, 1988.

I have just recently learned that Andrew, like Al, stayed with a cousin, when he first arrived in America. I am told that one of Charlotte' brothers came to America and was killed in an accident in North Dakota. That is all the information I have, but could be an explanation for the cousin in Kansas Andrew stayed with and the cousin in Iowa tat Al stayed with.



Al & Ermin
1921

Al & Ermin

1921

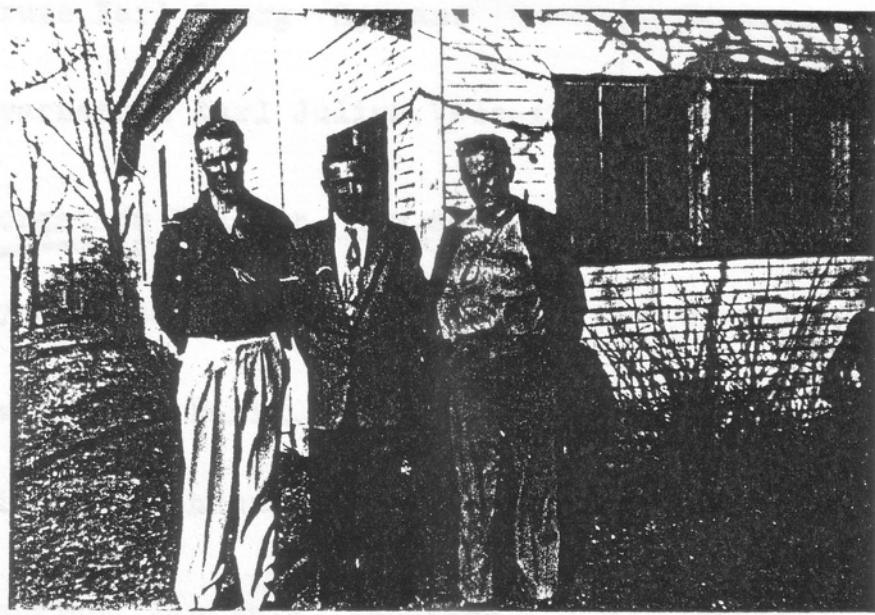


1957

Al (age 60) & Ermin

1957

Al (age 60) & Ermin



1952

Clifford, Harold, Cole

1953

Clifford, Harold, Cole

Amerika. År- 1914

FÖRSAMLING: Borgvik.

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2	12 16 5	Qvarnström Karl Julius.Vals-arb.	Bruket.	13/10-95	1
3	21 12 6	Borgström Hjalmar. Hem.son.	V:Borgvik.	11/1 -97	1
4	23 11 7	Myren Anna Teresia. Hem.dotter.	Öfverud.	23/3 -82	1
5	24 13 7	Bagge Anna Maria. Hem.dotter.	Bruket.	10/5 -91	1
6	26 27 8	Lindberg Johanna Karolina.Hem.d.	Bruket.	22/9 -93	1
7	39 13 11	Borglund Jan Erik. Arbetare.	Bruket-	11/9 -95	1

ERIC GEORGE BORGSTROM
Feb. 25, 1901 – Feb. 11, 1969

Erik (Erie) came to America in 1920. My dad brought him on his return from a visit to Sweden.

Erik was the tallest of the boys standing at 6 feet 1 inch. He had mastered the English language and had very little accent. He liked to use big words. I remember he quite often quoted, "Now from a biological standpoint..." I always thought Erik would have liked to have been a professional person. He liked to sip good whiskey and stated he loved girls – big ones, little ones, young or old. I am in no way implying he was an alcoholic or a womanizer but just that he liked them both.

Erik went to a trade school in Sweden and learned electronics. He was quite knowledgeable and skilled in that field. He was fun loving and somewhat "ornery." He was also very conservative with his money.

Erik married Bernice Holden in 1922. They had one son, Ronald. According to those who knew her, Bernice was pretty wild and quite a spendthrift. She left him in the early 30's.

Erik then married Helen Goff in 1935. They had two children: Richard and Carol Susan.

The following is a list of Erik's work history (due to the amount of moving by Gustav, Erik and Otto, some of the dates may not be exact):

1920's-1933	A&B Garage, Oklahoma City – mechanic
1933-1935	Oklahoma City - mechanic
1935-1936	Tacoma, Wash. – electrician
1937-1940	Garage with Gustav, Welch – mechanic
1940-1942	Minneapolis, Minn. – electrician
1942-1946	Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City
1947-1952	Owned farm, Big Cabin, Okla.
1952-1953	Owned store (grocery), Vinita, Okla.
1953-death	OSU, Stillwater, Okla. – electrician and maintenance

Erik died on Feb. 11, 1969 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was buried in Stillwater. His wife Helen is living in Tampa, Fla.

Amerika- År- 1916-1919- 1920- 1921.

Borgvik.

Reg. nr.	Utskr. nr.	EMIGRANTENS NAMN OCH YRKE	HEMVIST	Födelse- datum
1	5	Borglund. Ida Teresia. Hem.dotter	Bruket-	2/9 -98
2	11	Åsman Ester Naemi. Sågförmans- dotter.	Bruket.	4/6 -97
<u>Amerika År. 1919.</u>				
1	19	Eriksson Elvira Fredrika. Tjänar- rina.	Starrkärr.	18/9 -94
2	42	Lundgren Lydia. Hem.dotter.	Bruket-	25/12-00
3	43	Lundgren Oskar Henning. Hem.son	Bruket.	11/6 -02
<u>Amerika År- 1920</u>				
1	11	Garlsson f Andersd: Emmy, Hustru.	Väckelsön.	19/12-88
2	28	Kruse Fritz Emanuel. Sågare.	Bruket.	9/9 -04
3	29	Borgström Erik Georg Elektriker.	V:Borgvik.	25/2 -01
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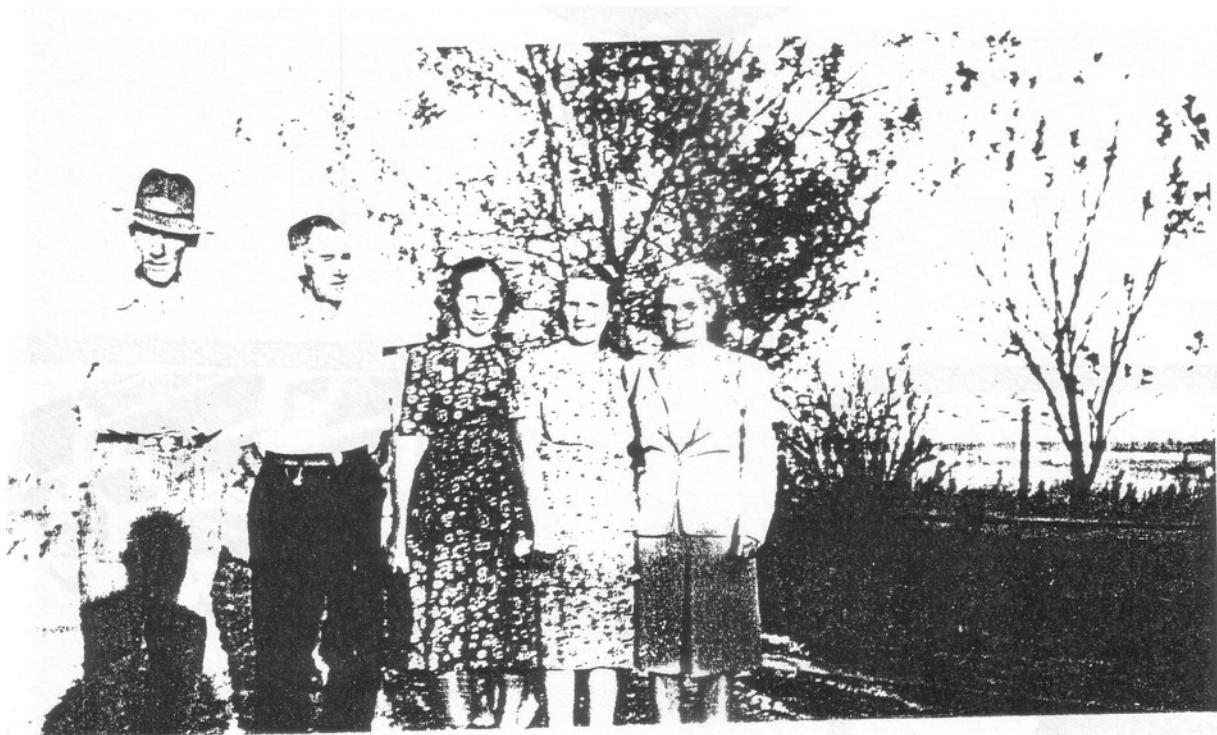
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Eric



Eric & son Ronald
1943

Eric & son Ronald
1943



Helen & son Richard
1937

Helen & son Richard
1937

GUSTAV ADOLP ANDERSON
Dec. 26, 1904 – Jan. 17, 1981

Gustav (called Gust, not Gus, by his brothers) came to the United States in 1922. He was on the same ship with actress Greta Garbo. He was also called by his brothers “the power house”. He had amazing brute strength. He would close a big machinist vise down and then bend the handle. I can remember at family gatherings he would playfully grab one of the brother’s knees in his viselock hand and they would start to dance.

Gustav was an excellent machinist, having learned this trade from his father-in-law, Johnny Johnson. He could make almost anything on a lathe to perfection. He was also an excellent mechanic. As a young man, he played the accordion. He laughed a lot and was fun loving and somewhat “ornery.”

Gustav had a dry sense of humor and said several things which the family laughed over for years. Here are a few: A salesman came to the A&B Garage and tried to sell Gust something as he was working away on a car. The salesman asked if he was interested and he replied, “I wouldn’t even think about it!”

Another event in the A&B Garage happened when he had difficulty trying to start a customer’s car. Otto asked him if he had tried to crank it. He replied, “I cranked it till I boiled the water in the radiator.” He once described a lady he had talked to who had loose dentures, as sounding like a typewriter. In 1960, he had a heart attack and had stopped smoking. I asked how he was doing and he said, “I would like to have a cigarette at least 3 feet long.”

Gustav and Otto were naturalized in this country under the family name of Anderson. All of the others were naturalized under the name of Borgstrom which was bestowed upon them by the priest of the Lutheran Church after they completed their confirmation class. Anderson was a very common name so the priest changed their names to Borgstrom. The immigration authorities gave them their choice of keeping the name Borgstrom or going back to the family name of Anderson.

Gustav married Kathie Johnson, who was ½ Swedish and ½ German, in September 1928. They had two children: Frances (Kathie) and Robert.

Gustav, Erik and Otto remained close to each other in geographical area throughout their lives. For much of their lives, they did not stay in one place long.

The following is a list of Gustav’s work history and area where he lived (the dates may not be exact):

1920's-1933	A&B Garage, Oklahoma City – mechanic
1933-1934	Houston – machinist
1935-1936	Tacoma, Wash. – machinist
1937-1941	Welch, Okla. – mechanic
1942-1943	Chicago – tool and die maker
1944-1945	Owned farm – Minnesota
1945-1947	Tinker AFB – machinist
1948-1950	Owned farm, Big Cabin
1951-retirement	Pryor – machinist, John Deere

It appeared to me that Gustav, Erik and Otto in the earlier years of their lives were searching for something which they didn't find until the last few years of their lives.

Gustav died of a heart attack on Jan. 17, 1981 and is buried in Pryor, Okla.



Cathy

Katie

Bob Anderson

Cathy, Katie and Bob Anderson

DAVID HAROLD BORGSTROM
Feb. 9, 1906 – March 29, 1981

David (Dav, as his brothers called him) came to the United States in October of 1923. I recall him telling about going to the delicatessen upon his arrival here. He would pick up food in one hand and extend the other hand out with coins in it, trusting that people would make correct change. He first went to Lindsborg, Kan. and stayed and worked with Andrew, the oldest of the boys.

He once told me that he and Andrew were “batching” in Colorado. They leased 800 acres in Byers, Colo. from 1923 until 1927. Andrew made a raisin pie but did not put any filling in it. He laughed and said it was like B.B.’s.

David was not a big man but like my dad, he was built “like a gorilla.” I visited him on his farm in Minnesota in 1950. For fun, he would take the crank of his Fordson tractor, spin in and lift the front wheels of the tractor off the ground – amazing!

David worked as a mechanic in the A&B Garage from 1927 until 1933. He then worked in Austin, Texas with Gustav and Johnny Johnson in a machine shop for a year or so. In 1934, he and his family moved to Bluejacket where he operated a farm. In 1940, he moved to Taylor Falls, Minn. where he owned and operated a dairy. He remained there until 1977. He then moved to Grove, Okla. to look after Henrietta, Otto’s widow, until his death in 1981.

David married Leona Steele on Sept. 15, 1930. They had two sons: Carl and Kenneth.

David was like my dad in many ways including appearance. He became a father substitute for my two brothers and me.

As a younger man he had a violent temper but this mellowed through the years. He was fun loving, laughed a lot and was a positive thinker. He was extremely hard working. He was easy to get acquainted with and easy to become attached to. He always had a twinkle in his eye. People liked to be around him. He spoke with a heavy accent and was very liberal in his thinking.

David died of a heart attack on March 29, 1981 and is buried in Grove, Okla.

David’s wife, Leona, is living in Taylor Falls, Minn.

Dates furnished by Carl Borgstrom, son of David, Pryor, Okla.

A&B GARAGE

This photo was made in the flourishing days of the garage – 1926. Shown are co-owners Otto and Al and Bookkeeper Mrs. Hill.

During these days, Otto and Al drove big cars, owned nice homes, and each had a colored maid.

The A&B provided full service: complete motor rebuilding, repair, upholstery, body work and storage.

Unfortunately these good times didn't last long – when the "crash" came in 1929, they continued to give credit to Doctors, Lawyers, etc., thinking times would get better – they didn't!



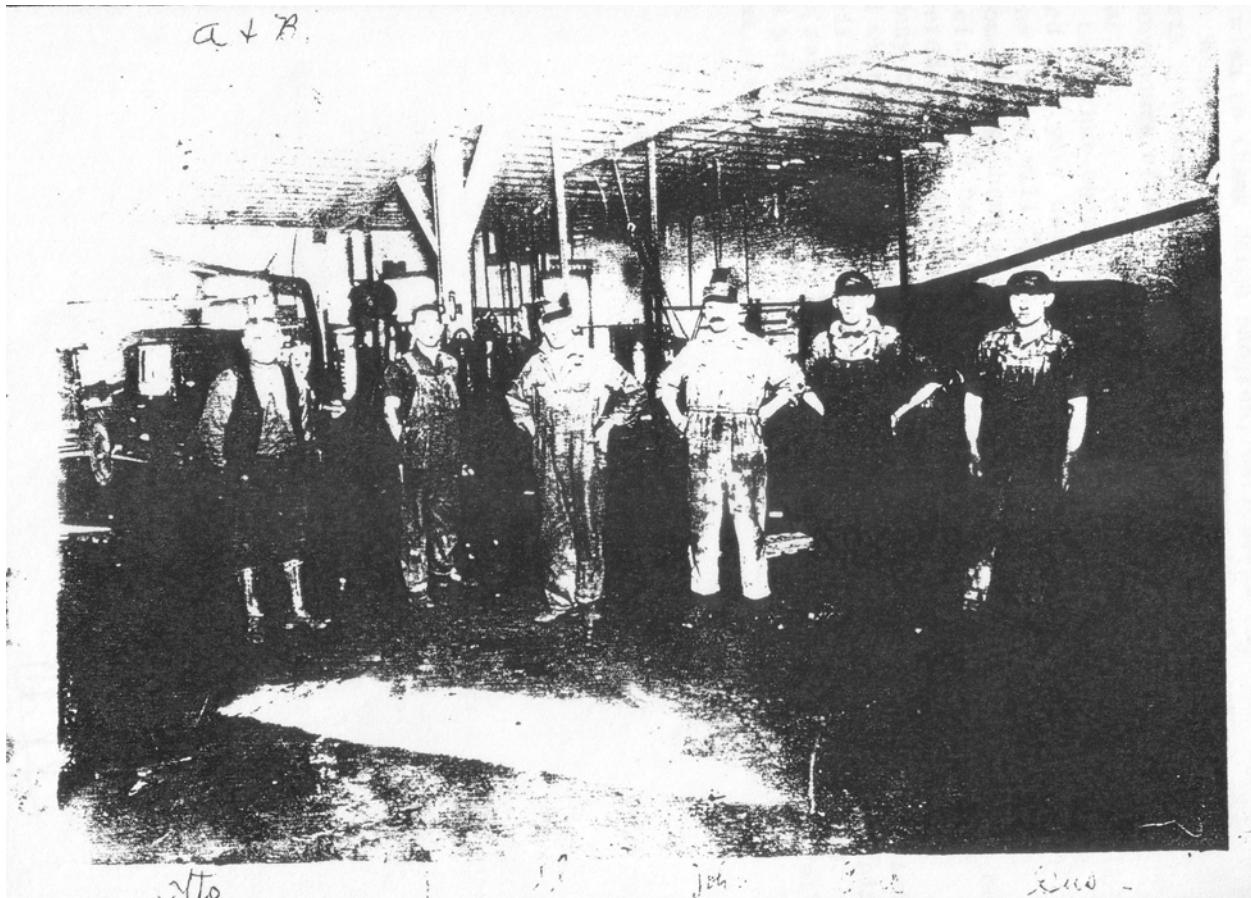
Otto, Al and Mrs. Hill.



David & Leona
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This photo of the A&B Garage was also made in 1926. Shown left to right: Otto, Rimer (their painter), Al, John, Erik, and Gustav. Brother David joined them a year later in 1927.



CONCLUSION

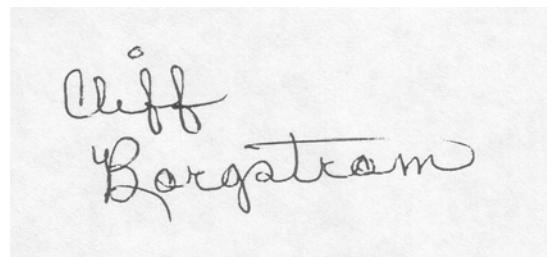
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Many hours of work have gone into the preparation of this publication.

I hope that those of you of the third generation do not feel slighted that your names have not been mentioned. It is my wish that one of you will "pick up" where I have left off.

Some things have been told that some may feel should have been left out. I have tried to present the facts and it should be remembered "there are skeletons in everyone's closets."

Many times, in family gatherings my Dad and his brothers stated what a grand and glorious country we live in. Each of them, in their own way, definitely made a contribution to America. This was to say, with all the heart-aches and suffering they endured. It was worth it – and if you have pulled a "tour of duty overseas" I think you will agree.

A handwritten signature in cursive script. The name "Cliff" is written above "Borgstrom". The "o" in "Borgstrom" has a horizontal line through it. The signature is written on a light-colored rectangular background.