

Maps showing division of Sweden into *landskap* (provinces), the geographical units and *län* (districts), the administrative units. (© Generalstabens Litografiska Anstalt, Stockholm 1974.)

Karl Johan Larson was born September 16, 1852 in Botten village (Ostergarden) in Julita parish, Sodermanland lan. He was the son of a farmer, Lars Olsson (born October 22, 1814 in Julita parish) and Anna Brita (Pehrsdotter) Olsson (born August 28, 1816 in Julita parish)

Mathilda Carlsdotter (Carlsson) was born June 3, 1857 in Botten village (Vastergarden) in Julita parish. She was the daughter of Carl Gustaf Jonsson (born January 23, 1831) and Fredrika Lovisa Eleonora (Berglind) Jonsson (born May 22, 1833). Both parents were born in the Julita parish.

Karl Larsson and Matilda Carlsson were married in the Julita parish on June 24, 1877. With their six children, they emigrated from Sweden to North America in 1891. In 1882, prior to their emigration, this family moved to the Floda Parish at Katrineholm, Sweden. The family emigrated from Nebraska, U.S.A. to Canada, June, 1904. The three eldest daughters remained in the U.S.A. There had been an addition of four more children since the Larson's arrival in America.

LARSON

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PARENTS AND SIBLINGS
KARL JOHAN LARSON

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LARS OLSSON

OCT 22, 1814 WHERE: JULITA SWEDEN

OCT 21, 1898 WHERE: JULITA (84 YRS. OLD)

AKS: STILL ALIVE WHEN SON K.J. WENT TO AMERICA
MARRIED AT AGE 81 YEARS

Father: _____

BORN: _____

DIED: _____

Mother: _____

BORN: _____

DIED: _____

ANNA BRITA PEHRSSON

AUG 22, 1816 WHERE: JULITA SWEDEN

DIED: OCT 25, 1835 (19 YRS. OLD)

NOV 23, 1875 WHERE: JULITA

AKS: ALL HER CHILDREN BORN IN JULITA
DIED AT AGE 59, BEFORE K.J. LARSON
LEFT FOR AMERICA

Father: _____

BORN: _____

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Mother: _____

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Father: _____

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Mother: _____

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DIED: _____

WHERE: _____

DIED: _____ to: _____

WHERE: _____

AKS: _____

CHILD'S NAME

BIRTH/PLACE

DEATH/PLACE

LAST MARRIED/SPOUSE

PEHR ERIC LARSSON

MARCH 20, 1838

JULITA SWEDEN

DEC 26, 1859

STINA SOPHIA JONSDOTTER (BORN NOV 14, 1835)

ANNA LOTTA LARSDOTTER

MARCH 1, 1842

MOVED IN 1889 TO FLEN PARISH

NOV 2, 1865

ANDERS OLSSON (BORN DEC 27, 1836)

JOHANNA LARSDOTTER

NOV. 3, 1845

JUNE 29, 1913

NOV. 14, 1867

PEHR ERIC ANDERSSON (JULY 27, 1842 - APRIL 1892)

ULRICA SOPHIA LARSDOTTER

SEPT 25, 1850

CARL JOHAN LARSSON

SEPT 16, 1852

AUG. 12, 1929

MOVED IN 1872 TO FLODA PARISH, KATRINEHOLM

MARIA LARSDOTTER

APRIL 14, 1855

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

JUNE 24, 1877
MATHILDA CARLSDOTTER

LOVISA MATHILDA LARSDOTTER

JULY 7, 1861

MAY 19, 1866 (AGE 4 YRS)

SINGLE

JULITA SWEDEN

* SEE K.J. LARSON REPORT

HE WAS THE FIFTH CHILD.

AT HIS BIRTH:

MOTHER WAS 36 YRS. OF AGE

FATHER WAS 38 YRS. OF AGE

FATHER 77 YRS OLD WHEN K.J. EMIGRATED TO U.S.A.

PARENTS OF MATHILDA CARLSSON LARSON

Fredrika Lovisa Eleonora Berglind was Born May 22, 1833 in the Julita Parish. Carl Gustaf Jonsson was born in the Julita parish on January 23, 1831. Carl and Fredrika were married January 14, 1855. Their children were as follows:

Carl Johan born February 2, 1855

died April 13, 1856

Mathilda born June 3, 1857

Sophia born May 15, 1860

Augusta born July 26, 1862

Wilhelmima born February 11, 1865

Carl Emil born April 7, 1867

died April 10, 1868

Robert born March 27, 1869

IN 1870 the Carl Gustaf Jonsson family still resided at Botten Ostergard, Sweden in Julita parish.

FREDRIKA was 24 years of age when she gave birth to Mathilda. Carl was 26. when the Larsons emigrated to America, Carl Jonsson would have been 60 years old and his wife 58 years.

Fredrika and Carl had two additional children : Carl Victor born August 21, 1871 August Emil born February 25, 1875

The Jonsson's had a total of nine children.

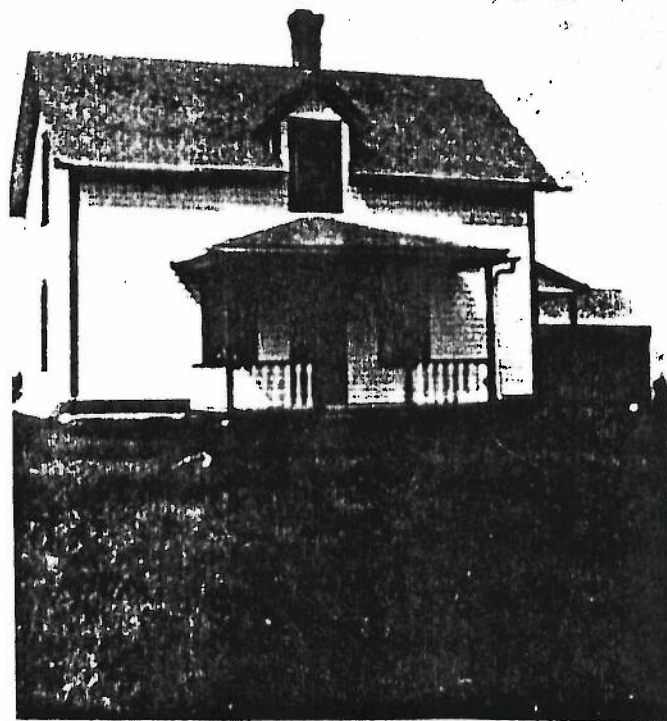
CARL GUSTAF died December 8, 1903 at the age of 72 years

Fredrica Lovisa Eleonora died June 28, 1908 at the age of 75 years.



Fredrika (Berglind) & Carl Jonsson





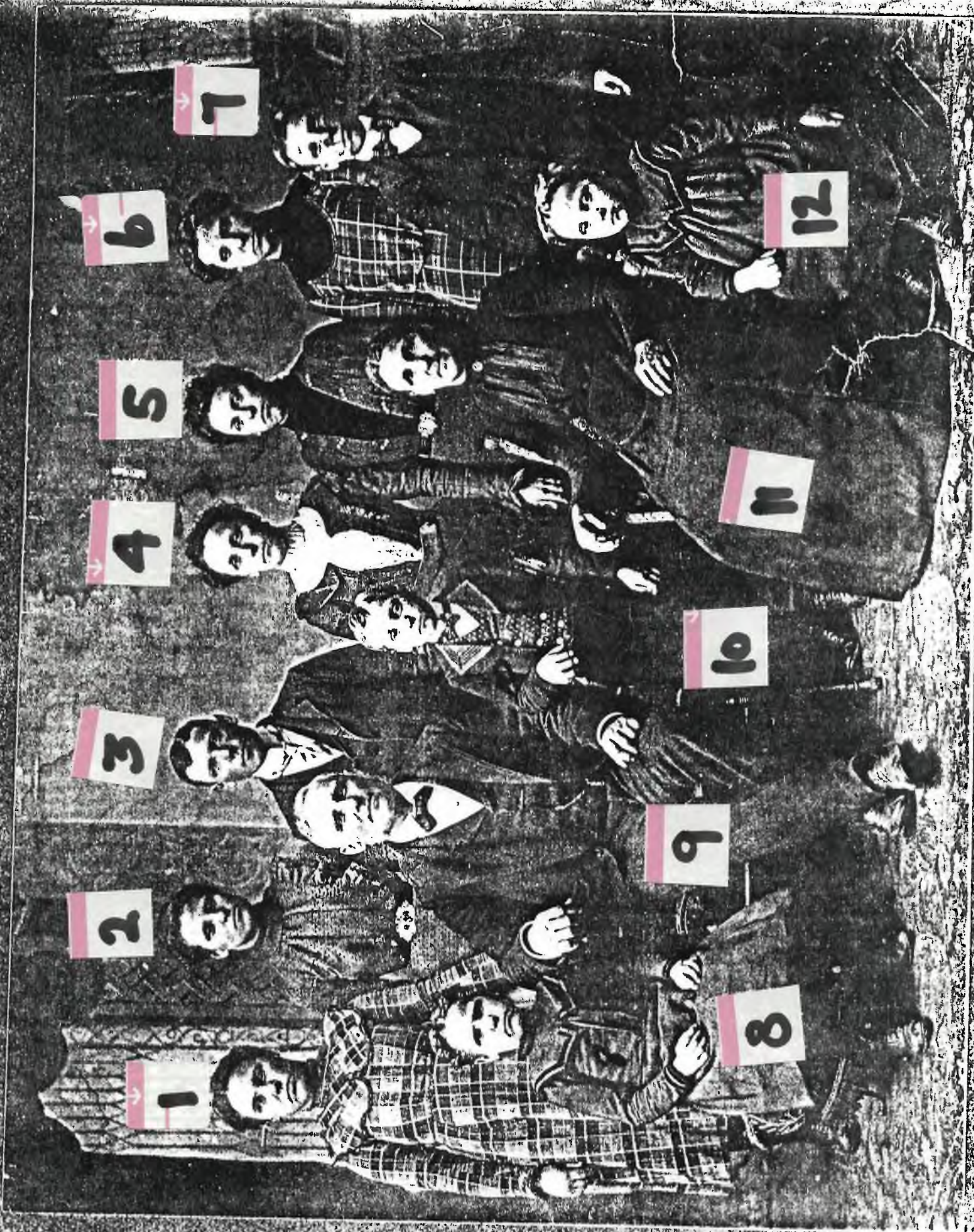
The K. J. Larson farm home near Ohaton, Alberta

NE 1/4 Section 32, Township 46, Range 18, West of the 4th Meridian
The Larson family, consisting of Karl Johan, his wife Mathilda, and their six children; Hannah, Carl Bernhard (Ben), Teckla, Hilma, Eleonora (Nora) and Kathrine (Carrie) emigrated to the United States in 1891. They left Eskilstuna (near Stockholm) in the county of Sodermanland, Sweden and settled near Newman Grove, Nebraska. There four more children were born; Carl Robert, Emma, Carl August (August) and Gerda. In 1902 Ben emigrated to the Northwest Territories, Canada, which became the Province of Alberta in 1905. Karl, Mathilda and their younger children; Nora, Carl, Emma, Carrie, August and Gerda followed in 1904. Karl claimed a homestead in the Hampton - Parkland district, northeast of Ohaton. He took the northwest corner of his quarter section of land and formed the Ohaton Private Cemetery. Anyone needing a burial plot could be laid to rest there at no cost, regardless of race or religion. Karl, Mathilda, Ben, Nora, Carrie, Carl, Emma, August and Gerda are all interred there. K.J. Larson was not a religious man but he lived by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". The family were always willing to help their neighbors and fellow man. The first year that the Larsons lived on their homestead, their residence was a "Soddy", a sod house. This however was soon replaced by a board dwelling as soddys attract insects and are very damp when it rains. Later a log house was built (the above) with the logs felled and brought from the Beaver Hill area, east of Edmonton, Alberta, by neighbours John Swanson and Andrew Rude and son Ben. Also, for those who are interested, when the Larsons came by train to Canada, they paid to have their livestock shipped by rail as well. To save money, young Carl and August rode with the livestock, thus eliminating their transportation costs.

THE LARSON FAMILY

Family picture - opposite page

- 1 JULIA KATHERINE (CARRIE) LARSON CARRUTHERS
- 2 HILMA SOPHIA LARSON GOOLER
- 3 CARL BERNHARD (BEN) LARSON
- 4 HANNAH MATHILDA LARSON GRANLUND
- 5 TECKLA WILHELMINA LARSON HANSEN
- 6 ANNA ELEONORA (NORA) LARSON BRINK
- 7 CARL ROBERT LARSON
- 8 EMMA ELIZABET LARSON
- 9 KARL JOHAN LARSON
- 10 CARL AUGUST (AUGIE) LARSON
- 11 MATHILDA CARLSSON LARSON
- 12 GERDA HELEN LARSON



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Photo probably taken about 1913

Carrie Larson Born December 15, 1889 Deceased March 13, 1967
August Larson Born May 1, 1895 Deceased June 24, 1957. Served
overseas during World War 1, 1914-1918. Rumored to have married
overseas but nothing known about the marriage.
Emma Larson Born September 2, 1893 Deceased May 23, 1957 Single
Carl Larson Born August 24, 1891 Deceased March 1, 1938 Single
All interred at Olaton Private Cemetery



GERDA HELEN LARSON

Born July 23, 1897 Newman Grove Nebraska

Deceased April 2, 1905

Youngest child Of Karl and Matilda Larson

Came to Alberta, with parents, in 1904

Died of diptheria at age eight years

Interred Ohaton Private Cemetery



HANNAH LARSON - GUSTOF GRANLUND - AUGUST 16, 1898

HANNAH LARSON - Eldest daughter of Karl and Mathilda Larson Born August 4, 1878 at Eskilstuna, Sodermanland, Sweden. Emigrated to Newman Grove, Nebraska with parents in 1891. Married Gust granlund August 16, 1898 at Newman Grove, Neb. Deceased May 5, 1959. Interred Prospect Hill Cemetery. Norfolk, Nebraska

Children, Ellen, Ray, Violet and Helen

Gust U. Granlund born January 22, 1874 deceased June 1, 1959 interred beside wife. He was a harness maker and he operated a shop where he made and sold harness.



Ben Larson, son of Karl and Matilda Larson, born August 16, 1881, Eskilstuna, Sodermanland, Sweden. Emigrated to Newman Grove, Nebraska, U.S.A. Came to Alberta 1902. Homesteaded at Ohaton in the Hampton district.
Geneva Nelson, daughter of Albert and Bell Nelson, born April 4, 1890, at Lake Preston, South Dakota. Emigrated, with parents to Alberta 1903. Died of tuberculosis March 6, 1915 at Ohaton. Interred Ohaton Private Cemetery.
Children: Robert, Mae and Hazel

CARL BERNHARD (BEN) LARSON - JULIA CARRIE EMERY MARRIED DECEMBER 24, 1917



Ben Larson Born August 16, 1881 in Sweden

Deceased April 23, 1960 at Camrose, Alberta

Julia Emery Larson Born January 29, 1883 in Minnesota, U.S.A.

Came from Plainview, Minnesota in 1902 with mother and brother
to Lake DeMay district near Camrose, Alberta

Four children: Victor, Lee, Marion and Aldon Larson

Julia passed away at Killam, Alberta January 4, 1973

Both interred Ohaton Private Cemetery, Farmed in the Lake Demay district



TECKLA Daughter of Karl and Matilda Larson Born April 23, 1884
Emil Born April 22, 1873 in Norway Emil disappeared a few years
after his wife Teckla's death January 12, 1915
Five children : Leonard, Henry, Ruben, Viola and Minnie
Teckla buried at Bethesda Lutheran Church Cemetery, North Dakota,
near Morristown S.D.



HILMA SOPHIA LARSON married FRANCIS DEWEY GOOLER October 3, 1906 in North Dakota, U.S.A. Hilma, born in Sweden, August 15, 1886, was the fourth child of Karl and Mathilda Larson. She emigrated, with her parents to America in 1891. She was employed as a housekeeper in North Dakota when she met and married Frank Gooler. He was born January 28, 1884 at Tracy, Minnesota, son of Albert and Sarah Gooler. After their marriage, Frank and Hilma moved to Minnesota. Over the years Frank was employed in various types of work. While in North Dakota, Frank operated a steam engine used to thresh and harvest the grain and to plow the fields. In Minnesota, Frank and Hilma lived at Moose Lake and then moved to Superior, Wisconsin, the other side of Lake Superior from Duluth Minnesota. They eventually made Duluth their permanent residence. For a time Frank worked on the docks loading and unloading the iron ore barges that came down the lake from northern Minnesota. He became employed at the huge grain elevator terminals on Lake Superior, where he continued until his untimely death on January 13, 1944 at age 60. Hilma followed ten years later, April 28, 1954 at age 68. They are both interred at Moose Lake. The Goolers had five children: George, Bill, Harold, Bruce and Marie.

ELNORA (NORA) LARSON - ALAN BRINK



JANUARY 3, 1909



Photo taken approximately 1916

Left to right

Cora, Jim, Jack, Margherite and Gladys

Baby Alice not yet born

Anna Elnora (Nora) Larson, daughter of Karl and Matilda Larson, was born April 5, 1888 in Sweden. She emigrated, with her parents to the United States in 1891 and to Alberta in 1904.

Allan Brink Born January 21, 1880

Deceased May 21, 1967

Allan and Nora were married January 3, 1909 and lived at Kipp and Vulcan where Allan worked for the railroad. Nora passed away February 13, 1917, nine days after giving birth to Alice, from complications. Later in 1917, Allan moved back to Oklahoma, taking all the children, except Baby Alice, who went to live with Ed and Carrie Carruthers (Nora's sister). Allan eventually remarried. After the death of his second wife he moved to Modesto, California, to be near his sons, where he passed away and is interred there.

At the time that Allan moved his family back to the U.S.A., they resided with Allan's parents. Times were very hard, so to supplement his income, Allan was a whiskey runner and boot legger. He was subsequently caught by the Revenuers and spent time in jail.

15.
CARRIE LARSON - EDWARD CARRUTHERS Married August 2, 1915

Daughter of Karl and Matilda Larson



CARRIE LARSON Born December 15, 1889 in Eskilstuna, Sweden
Deceased March 13, 1967 at Vulcan, Alberta

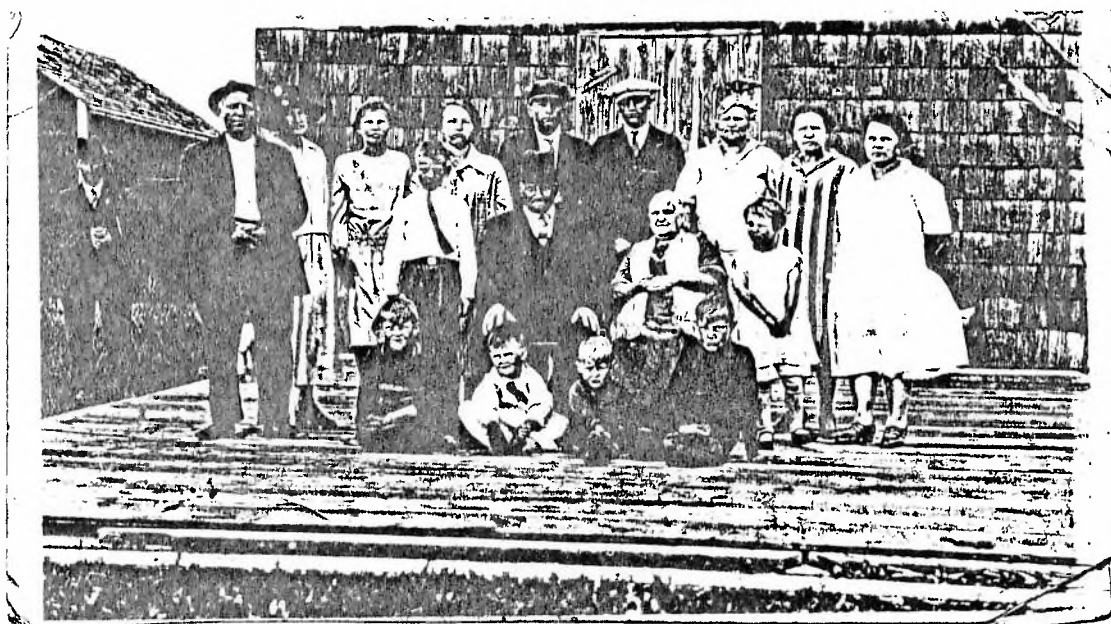
Edward Carruthers Born July 15, 1867

Came to Alberta from Nova Scotia 1904. Had previously been married with one daughter Christine. 1903, worked Coal Creek Mines, B.C. Children: Roy, Earl and Edith. Also took Carrie's sister Nora Brink's infant daughter Alice and raised her as their daughter.

The Carruthers farmed at Vulcan, Alberta for many years, then retired to Winfield, Alberta to reside near their son, Roy.

Ed passed away December 15, 1950 at Wetaskiwin. Both Ed and Carrie are interred at Ohaton Private Cemetery

KARL J. AND MATILDA LARSON



50 th Wedding Anniversary June 1927
 BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT
 Ben & Julia Larson, Hazel, Mae & Robert Larson, August Larson,
 Hilma Larson Gooler, Emma Larson, Carrie Larson Carruthers,
 MIDDLE ROW: Bruce Gooler, Karl & Matilda Larson, Marie Gooler
 FRONT ROW: Lee, Marion, Aldon & Victor Larson

THE LARSONS

From Northern Europe, Sweden , they came
To rid themselves of persecution, intolerance and shame
To a land of promise, oppertunities and good soil
They could reep a fair living from perseverance, hard work and toil
So to America, Karl and Matilda Larson came
Bringing with them five young "flickas"
Hannah, Teckla, Hilma, Nora and Carrie, by name
With this group came Ben, their only son
Headed for the U.S.A. in 1891
Coming by boat to Ellis Island and then by train
To Newman Grove, Nebraska within the Central Plain
The births of Carl and August, Emma and Gerda made a family of ten
Looking to the future, in this land of free men

Ben searching for adventure, and still quite young
Said "I'm going to Canada, seeking new opportunities, do you want to come?"
There, flowing rivers, mountains and prairies
Form what's now known as the Northwest Territories
Soon to be Alberta, Ben arrived in nineteen hundred and two
Took out a homestead, with new horizons in view
"Come to this new land", Ben to his parents wrote
Of virgin land, ample water and farming he spoke
With optomism, plans and decisions were made
To leave Newman Grove and move miles away
The older girls, now young women, and wanting to stay
Married, had children and remained in the U.S.A.
With wife, six children, and dreams galore
Karl left for Ohaton in nineteen hundred and four
By train to Wetaskiwin. 'Twas the end of the rail
With belongings on a river raft, they trvelled by oxen and trail
They claimed on a homestead in this Scandinavian centre
Where the summers are warm, but harsh is the winter
With some heartaches, and wealth not abundant, still they were rich
Always willing to lend a hand, be it with food or digging a ditch
Amongst good neighbours, family and friends
They lived in contentment until the end

The Swedish Larsons all are gone now, passed away
They are resting peacefully beneath North American clay
A hundred years have come and gone since first this family came
To settle in America, seeking prosperity, not fame
We gather here together in 1993 to honor and commemorate this family's memory
Though we may never meet again, we descendents here for fun
"Here's to the Larsons and a job well done"

*Written by
Hans Bergman*