

My Swedish Grandfather and My Norwegian Grandmother



My Great Grandfather was born 8 August 1861

- ♦ Sorda Bleken (Farm)
- ♦ RYR Annex (Parish)
- ♦ Sorda Dals (District)
- ♦ Carlstads (Diocese)
- ♦ Alvsborg
- ♦ Sweden



Jonasson → Carlberg

My Grandfather Carl Olaf Jonasson in Sweden
Charles Olaf Carlberg in America

Emigrated to America at the age of 7 in 1869
with his mother, Mary/Maja, and
sisters Britta Marie (3) and Anna Sofia (1)

His father, Andrew/Anders had
come earlier in March 1868







Andrew Carlberg
with sons
Charles
Albert
Alfred

Albert & Alfred
Were born
In Minnesota
As was sister
Thilda Elizabeth
(Alice)



Dear Friends: I have been asked to give some Memories from the Ladies Aid and I will try to give you some memories specially from the early period.

Memories are always interesting, and as we grow older we live more and more in the past. The past seems to glow and glimmer. The impressions made on us during the time, when we were most vitally alive and most vividly observant of things around us, stand out clear and sharp. They make the most vivid pictures on the background of our mind. We may forget the dates and the years of many events, but we always remember the things that happened.

I came up here from Cannon Falls, Goodhue Co. Minnesota in 1858 and we lived in a cellar with another family and some other men for three weeks. In all we were 15 persons in that cellar. It was crowded, but it is true, where there is heart-room there is always room for the bodies.

After three weeks we moved into a little shanty which we had built. The first winter we fired with straw. When the weather was nice we filled the cellar and our little house with straw, so it would keep dry. Later on we fired with coarse grass or hay, which we twisted until it became solid like a stick of wood. These means of firing were kept up for six winters. Of course we used the same fuel for cooking and baking.

The new settlers were very intimate friends. Anyone coming in the community was received almost like a relative. We felt like one family, and assisted each other as best we could.

Letter written
At the time of
the 50th
anniversary of
the Lutheran
church in
Clinton.
Describing the
early days as
well as the
history of the
Ladies Aid.

Oldest Son, Charles



Married Alice Jenkins



in 1889

They had four children



- Verne 1890
- Earl 1893
- Lloyd 1895
- Helen 1901

Photo taken 1902



In 1907, Alice died

- Verne 17
- Earl 14
- Lloyd 12
- Helen 6

**Leaving Charles with four children
And a farm**

**Charles hired a young
Norwegian girl,
Anna Hovdlien,
to take care of his
children and his home.**

**Anna was 4 years older
than Charlie's son Verne**

Anna Hovdlien was born 8 June 1889

- ♦ Hundorp
- ♦ Gudbrandsdal, the administrative center
- ♦ Sør Fron
- ♦ Oppland
- ♦ Norway



**Anna's father Knud/Knut
inherited the farm
Hovdlia & stayed in
Norway.**

**His parents and all of his
siblings emigrated to
America beginning in 1878**

**Anna came to America in
1904 at the age of 18.**

**Her older sister Karn/Karen
had come 4 years earlier.**

**Three siblings
stayed in Norway.**



**In America, Anna lived for a
time in:**

- Westby, Wisconsin
and**
- Sutton, South Dakota
before she was hired
to take care of the home and
children of Charles Carlberg**

December 25, 1913



**Charles
and
Anna
were
married**

They had two Children



Wallace 1915
Gladyce 1919

Pictured here with

Toots 1908



**Charles with his
second family,
wife, Anna
And children
Toots
Gladyce &
Wallace/Pat.**

All One Family





Grandma & the 2 Jans

**and
Suzanne**



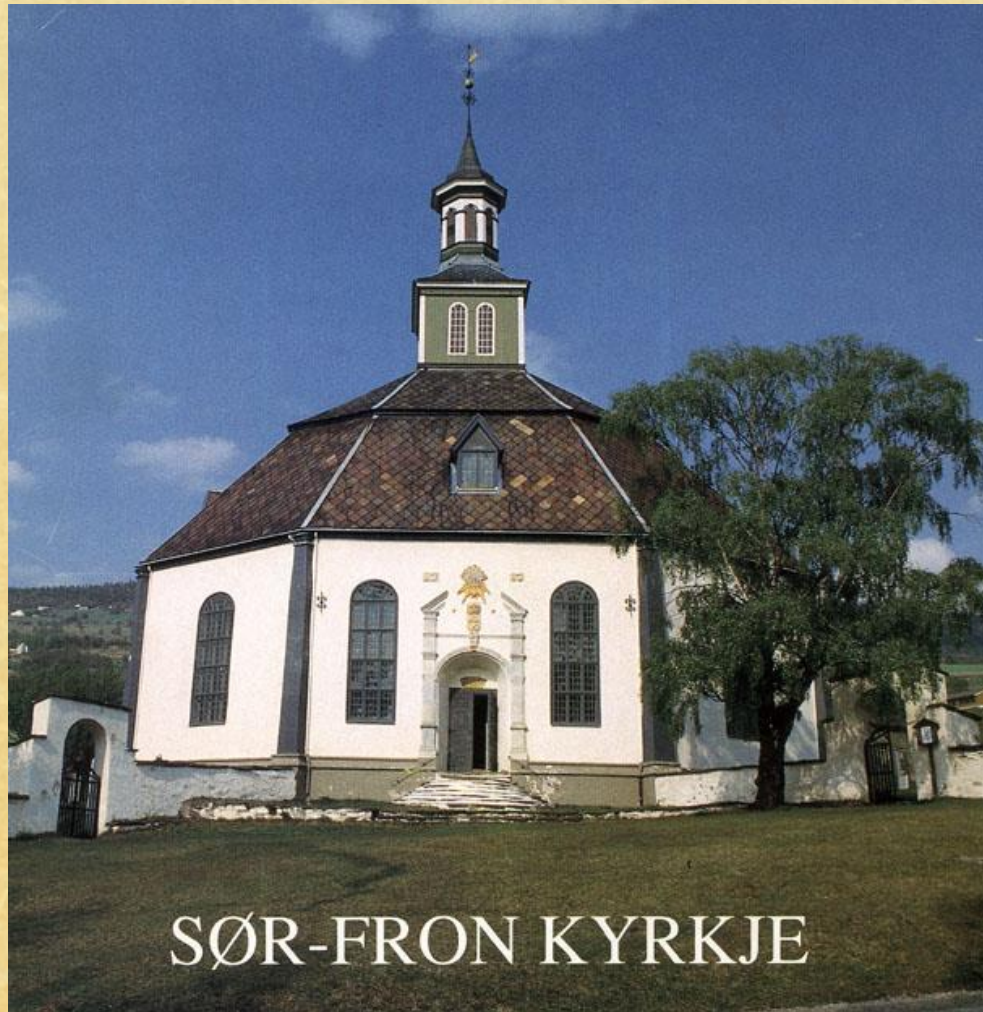
Grandma & the 2 Jans



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