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Deb,

Here is the bio for Sven or Swan Johnson.

John

Previous installments: Albert "Gust" Anderson, Charlotta Ostrand Anderson, Carl August Johnson and Hanna Hanson Johnson. This installment is about Sven Johnson, father of Carl August Johnson.

Sven Jonsson was born in Elmhult, Svenskop parish, Malmohus county on April 14, 1838. He was the son of Jons Rask and Bengta Hansdotter, and was the eighth of nine children born to Jons and Bengta. Sven's father Jons was born May 11, 1798, to Sone Lindstrom and Karna Fajersdotter. Jons birthname was Jons Sonesson, but Jons adopted the Rask last name he was given when he entered the military. Sven's mother Bengta was born on February 25, 1800, to Hans Nilsson and Elna Nilsdotter.

Children born to Jons Rask and Bengta Hansdotter were:

Hans—born February 25, 1825 in Basskop, Trane parish, Kristianstads county.  
Karna—born February 1, 1827 in Elmhult, Svenskop parish, Malmohus county.  
Sven—born May 4, 1829 in Elmhult---died July 31, 1829, not quite 3 months old.  
Bengta—born June 3, 1830 in Elmhult---died March 27, 1832.  
Bengta—born September 14, 1832 in Elmhult.  
Elna—born October 15, 1834 in Elmhult  
A stillborn daughter born on November 4, 1836 in Elmhult.  
Sven—born April 14, 1838 in Elmhult.  
Per—born October 23, 1840.

Sven lived with his parents and siblings until 1852. He moved in and out of Elmhult between 1852 and 1860. During this period he studied to be a teacher and in April, 1860, he moved to Langarod parish in Malmohus county. There he met and married Ingar Jonsdotter on October 28, 1860. Ingar, who was born on August 10, 1835 (almost 2 ½ years older than Sven) was the daughter of Jons Persson and Hanna Erlandsdotter, and the third of seven children.

Sven and Ingar had at least 11 children. They were:

1. Carl August—born August 12, 1861 in Jonstorp, Langarod parish, Malmohus county.
2. Anna—born December 6, 1862 in Strovelstorp, Kristianstad county, where Sven, Ingar and Carl August had moved in October, 1861.

3. Maria—born March 5, 1864 in Strovelstorp—died May 18, 1865 in Ekeby parish.

On July 29, 1864, Sven, Ingar and children moved to No. 1 Valleberga, Ekeby parish, Malmohus county.

4. Sven Johan—born April 29, 1865 in Ekeby—died on May 22, 1865, less than 1 month old and only 4 days after his older sister Maria.

5. Johan Victor—born March 22, 1866 in Ekeby—died February 24, 1869.

6. Sven Johan—born February 26, 1868 in Ekeby.

7. Stillborn daughter born March, 1870 in Ekeby.

8. Maria—born May 20, 1871 in Ekeby.

9. Johan Victor—born January 24, 1874 in Ekeby.

10. Mathilda—born March 10, 1876 in Ekeby.

11. Martin Fidor—born March 10, 1879—died January 29, 1883.

Of these 11 children, 5 died in infancy. You will notice the custom of naming children with the same name as those who had died previously (Maria, Sven Johan, Johan Victor).

The year 1883, was a big year for Sven, Ingar and family. Sven's parents Jons and Bengta both died in January, 1883, and Sven and Ingar's youngest child Martin also died in January, 1883. This left only 6 of their children living at this time. On March 24, 1883, Sven, Ingar, Anna, Maria, Johan Victor and Mathilda all departed Sweden for America, arriving in Argo, south of Oakland, Nebraska in the Spring of 1883. The family joined the oldest son Carl August there.

Sven had been a teacher in the public schools for 24 years in Sweden and taught elementary school in Stromberga, Ekeby parish the last years (probably since 1864 when he moved to Ekeby parish). In America he took up farming and in the Spring of 1884, the family moved to Holt County, Nebraska where he homesteaded 13 miles north of Atkinson. The 1885 Nebraska state census has Sven and Ingar living at Sand Creek, Holt, Nebraska as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, with family including Carl August, Anna, Sven Johan, Maria, Victor Johan and Mathilda. Carl August and Sven Johan did not stay long in Holt County, but returned to Oakland, Burt County, which left Sven, Ingar Johan Victor, Anna, Maria and Mathilda in Holt County. According to Elmer Johnson, son of Johan Victor, the family all took up homestead land grants (not Johan Victor) just his sisters and they all had to prove up on their grants before they could leave if they wanted to sell them, which they all did and Johan Victor bought all of them. Also according to Elmer, Sven and Ingar bought their land but Elmer did not know how much was paid. Not much, as it was all prairie then and they all had to plant trees.

Sven's home was 13 miles north from Atkinson and the road north out of Atkinson went alongside on the west side of Sven's land and it was used by freight haulers. They always camped there for resting horses, etc., because there was a big pond on Sven's land which was called the Swan Johnson pond. According to Elmer, there used to be lots of wild fowl land there and people would come up shoot. Sven did not allow hunting there and he had lots of trouble. Elmer's dad told him that a bunch of freight haulers beat Sven up one time.

Sven and Ingar continued farming in Holt County and by 1900, only Mathilda was still living with them. Carl August (farming near Oakland, Burt County) had married Hannah Hanson in September, 1890, and 4 children had been born to them by 1900. Anna, the oldest daughter married John Lindberg in January, 1897, in Tekamah, Burt County, but died in November, 1900, in Oakland. Maria married Herman Anderson in July, 1897, at the residence of his sister Anna in Oakland. Son J. Victor married Alma O. Johnson in Omaha in October, 1900. Mathilda married Peter Monson in West Point, Cuming County in March, 1902, and Sven J. married Anne Hanson (younger sister of Carl August's wife Hannah Hanson) in Omaha in April, 1904.

By 1910, Sven and Ingar had been blessed with twenty-three grandchildren, with one more to follow in 1911. Although Elmer (son of Victor & Alma) Johnson's recollection was that Ingar lived with Sven until Victor and Alma were married (1900) when she left to go to Oakland, she is listed with Sven in Sand Creek, Holt County in the 1910 U.S. Census taken on April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is probable that Ingar left about this time as Sven sold his farm near Atkinson and ventured north to Waldeck, Saskatchewan, where there was a Swedish settlement. He purchased 160 acres in 1910 or 1911 about 3 miles east and 4 miles north of Waldeck. Sven's obituary says that in 1911 or 1912 he travelled to Canada where he purchased land in Swift Current Township near Waldeck, Saskatchewan, which more or less confirms the timing. He is supposed to have lived there for about 4 years, but due to illness he had to come back to Nebraska.

Ingar died in Concord, Nebraska on October 10, 1914 at the home of her daughter Mathilda Monson. The 1920 U.S. Census lists Sven living with son Carl August, wife Hanna and children Victor, Edna, Agnes and Walter in Oakland, Nebraska. He was almost 82 years old. He lived for another 8 plus years, passing away at the home of his son Victor at Atkinson on March 29, 1929, just short of 91 years old. His son Carl August had died in 1928, so only four of his children survived him: Sven J. of Santa Ana, California; Maria Anderson of Oakland, Nebraska; Johan Victor of Atkinson; and Mathilda Monson of Wausa, Knox County, Nebraska.