

CARL "CHARLES" MAGNUS ANDERSON



Carl Anderson and Anna Nilsdotter

Carl Magnus Anderson was born on September 27, 1849 in Flevik, Misterhult, Kalamar Sweden. We have his birth record from the Swedish Church records and his death certificate confirming that date. Carl was the second of four children born to Anders Magnus August Andersson and Anna Lena Mansdotter.

Thanks to some help from family and a Swedish researcher engaged by Brenda Prelog we have several records of the Anderson Family before they moved to the United States. The Swedish church records are quite detailed as ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church were

required to record births, marriages, deaths, and people who moved in and out of the parish. They were also required to perform household examinations every year. These examinations were primarily to determine people's knowledge of the catechism. From these we learn that the Anderson family lived in both Vastervik and for a short time Gladhammer.

Carl's sister Huldah Maria Augusta Andersdotter also came to the United States from Sweden after Carl and settled in Gothenburg, Nebraska. Her daughter Ida was already in Gothenburg and she came to be with her daughter.

We have found that Carl goes by Carl, Charles, Charlie, or CM Anderson in different places and documents. You may see any of those names on official documents or in this document and they are the same person.

Carl first married Anna Maria Andersdotter on April 5, 1872. They had two children, Emilia "Amanda" and Anna Amelia. Emilia died at 16 years of age from what we believe was diphtheria. Anna Maria died June 10, 1876 in Gladhammer after difficulties with childbirth. From what I understand via the Anderson family notes, Carl was in the Swedish Navy and was at sea when their second child was born. The midwife stayed in the home and then on December 31, 1876 when Carl returned he married the midwife, Anna Louisa Nilsdotter (Nelson) in Gladhammer.

The Cedar County News ran an article on December 27, 1928 for CM and Anna's 52nd anniversary in which CM details some of his life in Sweden. From here we learn that at 17

he left home to sail the ocean. In a bad storm the first night, the ship had rolled on it's side and was returned to the coast by another nearby ship. CM said that one summer on the ocean was enough. From there he was the supervisor of a privately owned canal, worked in a grist mill and later in a brewery which he did not like. The article says that in 1884 his "chum" sent him a ticket to America and he went. (Interestingly, this 1884 conflicts with the 1883 on his Petition for Naturalization)

On Carl's his naturalization petition he lists that he came to New York on the White Star Lines arriving on October 25th, 1883. He came to the United States alone, and left Anna in Sweden with the children. The passenger lists and the Swedish Emigrants registered in church books show that Anna, her sister, and the children left Gothenburg, Sweden on the Orlando on June 2, 1885. However Gene Feldman, another cousin researching, did find a Carl Anderson arriving on Oct 25, 1884 on the ship Richmond. It's possible Carl listed an incorrect date, and possible that the passenger list is a different Carl.

Carl Anderson's petition for Naturalization in Cedar County, Nebraska lists that he first lived in Kiron, Iowa for four years, then Odebolt, Iowa, for four years before moving to Hartington, Nebraska. However, we do know that the family also lived in St James, Nebraska for a while as both Minnie and Reuben are born in St James.



CM Anderson at 15 Years Old

The Iowa State Census in 1885 shows a Carl M Anderson recorded in Stockholm Township, Crawford County, Iowa. This is just outside of Kiron and one would expect that this is the same Carl Anderson.

The first Federal Census that we find the Anderson family in is the 1900 Census. Here we see them in District 0041, Precinct 12, Cedar, Nebraska. Carl lists his occupation as Stone Mason and that they own their home. CM and Anna must have considered the daughters from his first marriage as all one big family as they list that they have had 12 children with 10 living.

From here, while the Census districts change from year to year, the Anderson family lived at 505 Main Street in Hartington, Ne.

In the 1910 Federal Census we see the family in District 0039, Hartington, Ward 1, Cedar, Nebraska. This time they list that there are 10 children born and 10 living. Carl is still working as a stone mason and they still report owning their home.

The 1920 Federal Census shows them in District 0044, Hartington, Cedar, Nebraska. Carl lists himself as a laborer and they still report owning their own home.

In the 1930 Federal Census Carl and Anna are in District 0031, Hartington, Cedar, Nebraska. At this point Carl reports that he is a truck gardener, and there are newspaper articles that discuss his garden in Cedar County. At 80, this is how he provides for his family. They report that their home is worth \$2000 which puts it in the top half of the homes on the page. They also report that they do not own a radio set.



Carl and Anna at their home with Gus's Children

The Anderson family researchers uncovered some fabulous pieces of information on the buildings that CM Anderson helped to build as a mason during his time in Cedar County. I'll include them as another document but they include the Globe Clothing which was one of Hartington's oldest businesses. Another is the Saints Peter and Paul Church in Bow Valley, Nebraska. A third is a stone home built on the Wortmann Farm that is South of Bow Valley. A final identified building is the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St

Helena, Ne.

As a gardener CM Anderson was in the paper a number of times for things that included winning awards for his cucumbers, notes on his potatoes and the Hartington Herald on July 7, 1927 claims that "If anyone wants to see what a real garden looks like, he should visit Mr Anderson's garden in the east part of town."

CM Anderson also has an article in the Hartington Herald on June 2, 1927 predicting that the end of the world will come during the next war, and that war is not far away.



*Saints Peter & Paul Church, Bow Valley, NE - CM
Anderson helped build this church*

CM Anderson was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The above mentioned article states that “...there were Seventh Day preachers in Hartington at one point and Mr Anderson’s children came home talking about it. Mr Anderson went to the meetings three times and was converted and has been a member ever since.”

I have a story from Vera Genevieve Anderson Beavers who is a daughter of Gustolf Adolph Anderson and a granddaughter of CM who remember that Grandfather was a strict man. I had heard similar comments from Avis Munter Anderson’s memories as well. Vera recollects that she remembered seeing Grandfather read his Bible by lamp light at the dining room table, but he never attended Church. Grandmother took Vera with her to a Swedish Lutheran Church about a block away from the house.

CM Anderson died on December 30, 1930 after surgery from a strangulated hernia. This date is recorded on his death certificate and his headstone.

He is buried in the Hartington, Nebraska Cemetery.

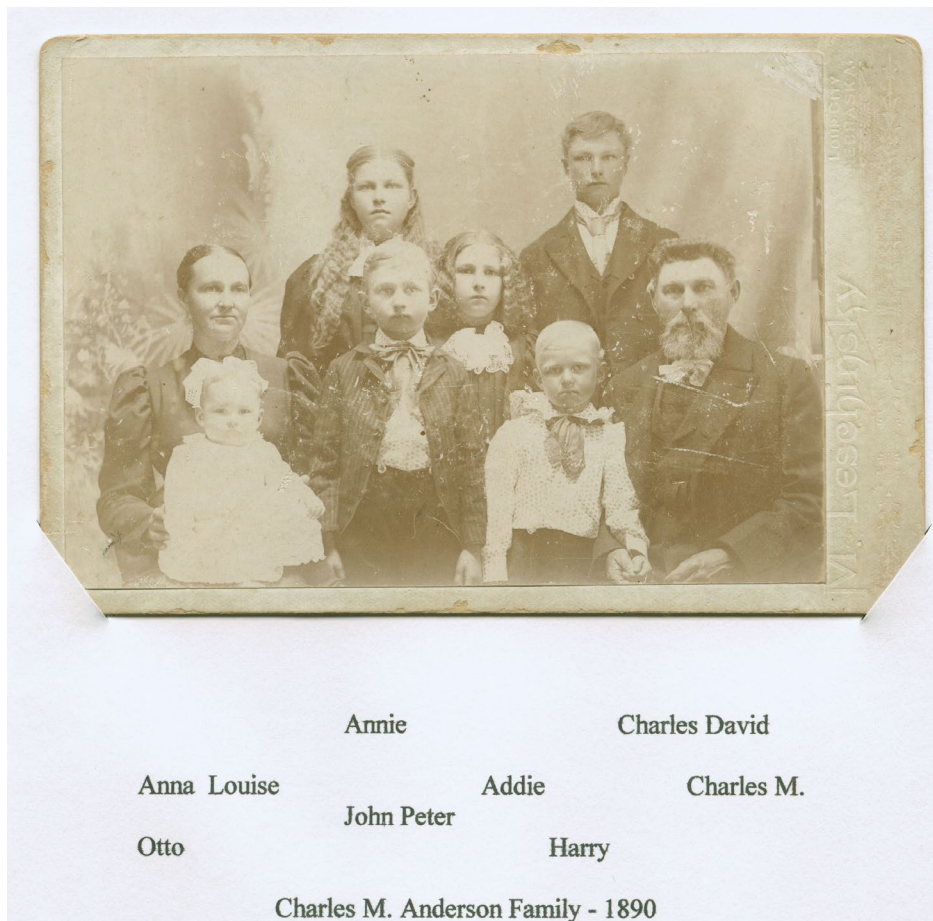
Carl Anderson is recognized as one of the Century Families in Nebraska through the Nebraska State Genealogical Society.

Carl and his first wife Anna Maria had two children with one surviving to adulthood

- **Emelia Amanda Anderson (1873-1888)**
- **Anna Amelia Anderson (1876-1966)**

Carl and Anna had 10 children with 9 surviving to adulthood.

- **Hulda Teresia Adolfini Anderson (1878-1878)**
- **Charles David Anderson (1879-1954)**
- **Gustaf Adolph Anderson (1882-1962)**
- **Svante Fabian Anderson (1882-1954)**
- **Ada Mathilda Anderson (1883-1967)**
- **John Peter Anderson (1886-1978)**
- **Harry Axle Anderson (1888-1984)**
- **Otto Magnus Anderson (1899-1969)**
- **Minnie Marie Anderson (1891-1990)**
- **Reuben Samuel Daniel Anderson (1894-1985)**



To date, this is the only family picture we have found of the family. Oddly Gust and Fabe are not included, and the youngest two hadn't been born yet, so they aren't included

ANNA LOUISA NILSDOTTER



Carolina Josefina and Anna Louisa - Sisters

Anna Louisa Nilsson (Nelson) was born on May 9, 1852 in Nilseryd under Rotsla, Frödinge, Kalmar, Sweden according to the Swedish Church records and her death certificate. Anna was one of two daughters born to Nils Borjesson and Stina Lisa Myron. Swedish research shows that Stina Lisa was Nils' second wife and that he had four children with his first wife, Maja Nilsson.

Nearly all of what I know about Anna is included above in the information on

her husband, but thanks to the notes of Vera Genevieve Anderson Beavers we do know a few things about Anna.

Vera says that Anna was a practical nurse who helped deliver many babies and cared for the sick after her own children were grown. Anna did many of the same tasks that other women in this era did as she canned and preserved food. Vera also noted that Anna always kept a small suitcase with a set of clothes under her bed and if the doctor called needing her help, they would pick Anna up and take her on calls. Vera also notes that Anna was a no nonsense woman, and she was very generous with her time and food. She always had cookies, cake, or other baked goods on hand, and the coffee pot always on the cook stove. It sounds like she loved caring for people as many people came to her for advice instead of going to the doctor. Anna never received much money for her nursing care but would be paid with meat, butter, eggs or other items. Anna also made quilts and rag rugs. She was always busy helping people, babysitting and helping out where she could.



A Young Anna Louisa

Worth noting, Anna's sister Carolina Josephina "Fina" came to America with Anna and the children. She stayed around the Woodbury County, Iowa area.

Anna died on October 16, 1935 in Hartington, Nebraska according to her death certificate and is buried in the Hartington, Nebraska Cemetery.



Swedish prayer Minnie learned from Anna Anderson and said in Swedish