

Freeborn County, Minnesota
Queries

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Curtis Family Tues Dec 30 11:15 1997

Looking for relatives of David Porter CURTIS -- lived in Freeborn 1858-1890's. -- brother lived there also -- Seventh-Day Baptist turned Adventist preacher -- had several children.

Robert Forrest Thur Dec 18 09:04 1997

Searching for information on my great-grandparents, Peder HEMMINGSEN and his wife, Ane Marie. They farmed near Albert Lea some time after 1870 and moved to Frazee, MN some time after 1900. Children included: Catherine, May, Christian Ulrik (b. 1863), Frederic (b. 1865), Anne Johanne (b. 1868), Emma. Would like to contact other relatives.

Brad Johnson Mon Dec 08 21:26:06 1997

Searching for information on my great-grandparents, Andrew JOHNSON and wife (Christina?). She died in 1930; Andrew died in 1934. Both are buried at the old Round Prairie Lutheran Church Cemetery, southwest of Glenville, Freeborn Co., MN. Thank you for any response.

Kathy Reynolds Sat Nov 15 22:25:54 1997

I am looking for information about William Bartlett ELWELL, his wife Lane (?), and his son, Steven Bartlett Elwell. The 1900 U.S. census shows them living in Freeborn County, Geneva Township. They came to Minnesota from Iowa sometime after 1883. Steven married Amelia MERKEL of Story City, IA in Austin on October 28, 1907. He changed his middle name to Douglas and then emigrated to Canada. The census lists a sister, May O. GILLOTT and indicates that there are five other siblings not living with their parents in 1900. I'd be interested in any information about siblings as well.

Michael Keppen Mon Oct 13 16:29:16 1997

Fred RICKARD resided in Mansfield township in Freeborn Co. Minn. in 1885. Looking for descendents or researchers of the Rickard family including those in nearby Worth Co. Iowa.

George Engelhardt Mon Oct 13 19:41:06 1997

SNYDER, Fred & Nettie. In 1881 my grandfather, Fred ENGELHARDT and his two brothers arrived in Albert Lea, MN county of Freeborn from Germany. They stayed with cousins, Fred & Nettie Snyder for one year before going to Washington Territory where they homesteaded and lived out their lives in Cedonia, WA. In the late 1920's or early 1930's they visited the Engelhardt brothers in Cedonia, WA then returned to Albert Lea, MN. There seems to be no further communications made with them. Are there relatives still living in Albert Lea? I have pictures but very few names and am not sure of the spelling of Snyder. Snail mail: 3108 East Nora, Spokane, WA 99207 Appreciate any help...Thanks!

Cheryl Cummings Sat Oct 11 12:05:39 1997

Gulbrand (Gilbert) FODNESS (1854-1945) m. 1890 to Anna Marie SAMPSON (1870-1934). These are my great-grandparents. Am looking to find family and information and all connections! Anxious to share what I have. Anna Marie Sampson was born in Albert Lea, Freeborn Co., MN. She and Gilbert both died in Stephen, Marshall Co., MN. I understand there are many Fodness family members in the Albert Lea area.

Tom Hintz Sat Sep 27 19:04:18 1997

Searching for Helen Marguerite FLAHERTY nee SEEDORF. She is the daughter of Herman Seedorf, born in Wells, MN in 1914. Had a half brother Franz Hermann Otto STIEBLER listed in the Mansfield Lutheran Church records. Helen's family belonged to this same church back to her g-grandfather, J.H. Seedorf, who was a founding member. Helen married Bernard Albert Flaherty of Albert Lea in 1934. The service was Catholic and was held in Wells. They lived in Albert Lea up until 1942. The marriage was witnessed by a Thomas S. McKearny and a Anna May Flaherty. The attending priest was Rev. Leon K. Hazinski. The Flaherty family may have been from Austin, MN and/or Rock Island, IL.

Rosemary Bradford Sat Sep 27 08:02:51 1997

My father, Roy Murray REMORE (b. 29 Feb 1916, d. 11 Oct 1952) was born in Albert Lea to David Iven Remore (b. 26 Dec 1890, d. 11 Oct 1952) & Alma M. MADSON (b. 13 Jun 1892, d. 8 Nov 1987); one other child at the time, Iva, b.1914. Ivan D. Remore's occupation listed as "fireman." His parents were Elish Remore (b. New York) and Margaret MORRILL (b. Canada). Alma's parents: Albert Madson and Marie MYHRE, both born in Norway. David may have had half-siblings in Albert Lea or the surrounding area. There's a family story about the purchase/raising of a pig. Remores then moved to St.Paul (date ??) Do you know my family?

Eugenia Parker Fri Sep 26 09:06:22 1997

Seeking information on family James KNAPPEN and wife Elizabeth GILBERT - resided in Alden, Freeport [sic] County during the 1870's. They were parents of three daughters - Neva, Edna, and Mabel - possibly one more daughter and sons unknown. Neva and Edna both married LINDQUIST brothers - Neva residing in Fergus Falls and Edna in Breckenridge. Neva married Charles Godfrey Lindquist in 1906. Any info on either KNAPPEN and/or GILBERT greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Kjell Nordqvist Sun Sep 28 18:17:20 1997

KARLSKOGA -- Does this name sound familiar to you? Karlskoga is a Swedish city (32,000 pop.) about half-way between Stockholm and Oslo. More than 5,000 people emigrated from here to America between 1849 (California gold rush) and 1935. Our Heritage Society has an emigration section in its Archives, and we are steadily working with emigrant research. If you happen to have roots here, please let us hear from you. You can contact us by e-mail or write to: Hembygdsforeningen, Torget 10, 691 31 Karlskoga, Sweden. We will be thrilled to hear the story of your emigrant ancestors and get copies of obituaries, citizenship papers, travel documents, pictures, etc. for our emigrant records. In return we are willing to send you material from our Archives that may be of interest to you.

Mary Bakeman Mon Sep 22 08:00:00 1997

Looking for clues for John B. PETTIT's ancestry. He was born ca1790 in NY or PA (censuses differ), lived in Crawford county, PA from about 1814-1850, then moved to Iowa and then to Mansfield Twp., Freeborn Co. He died in 1867 and is reportedly buried on his farm. Wife Altha IRISH, dau. of Stephen Irish. They had 6 children, 5 of whom moved west with them. Who is Manassus Pettit living in the household for one state census? How is he related?

Cathi Stallings Sat Sep 20 09:14:56 1997

Research the Chris Andrew JORGENSEN family of Carlston Township, Freeborn county. Chris was born on 02 December 1881 in Denmark. On 02 November 1911 he married Agnes Christine JOHNSON, birthdate 22 May 1892. Andrew's brother, Fred Jorgensen, came to the United States on 04 April 1904. Andrew's father is Jens Jorgensen.

Alexia Muir Fri Sep 19 04:00:00 1997

Looking for SKALA and ELAM. Frank Skala lived in Austin and the Elam family lived next door. Frank had a daughter named Elaie Skala and she married Langley Elam. The Skalas were Bohemians and are

buried in a local Bohemian cem. Frank's father may have been Joseph Skala. Any info would be appreciated. Thanks Alexia

Nicholas Weerts Sat Sep 13 23:48:49 1997

I am trying to locate anyone researching the NELSON family. I realize that this is a common name. My GGG-Grandfather- Ole Nelson and his wife Mary Rosetta GRINOLDS lived Freeborn Co. from the 1860s until their deaths. Rosetta died in 1877 while Ole remarried and died in about 1921, when he was well in his 90s. One of Ole's son's- John Charles Nelson married Nelsina Bendina ANDERSON, her parent's were Iver and Kathryn Anderson. Thanks- Nicholas Weerts

Diane M Anderson Sun Sep 7 17:21:06 1997

Searching for descendants of Epinetus and Laura (McQUIVEY) GILMORE who lived and died at Freeborn, Freeborn, Minnesota. Check out the family website at www.mcquivey.org to add your family.

Susan HOWE Sun Aug 31 12:17:22 1997

HORD/ CONNARD - Albert Lea, Freeborn Co. MN Would like to contact any family members researching the following families: Harrison HORD b. 1812 VA=Amelia CONNARD b. 1817 OH. They were married in Licking Co. OH, moved to IL and later settled in Albert Lea. Harrison and Amelia (CONNARD) HORD were the parents of Janerio, Daniel, Napoleon, Rachel, Mary and Lois HORD. Lois HORD b. 1854 in Winnebago Co. IL married Mahlon Pitman HOWE in Albert Lea, 5 Mar 1872. Their son, Ralph was my grandfather. I am: Susan HOWE, daughter of William Peck HOWE b. 1896 Albert Lea. Son of Ralph Waldo HOWE=Minnie Maud PECK. I look forward to hearing from you.

Susan Howe Sun Aug 31 12:06:33 1997

Would like to contact any family members researching the following families: (1) Albert Cyrus HOWE b. 1821 VT = Julia Ann BARKER b. 1821 VT. They moved from Poultney, Rutland Co. VT in 1857. Stayed about 10 years in Walworth Co. Wisconsin and then settled in Freeborn Co. MN. They and their families were in the Albert Lea/Alden area. Children of Albert and Julia (BARKER) HOWE include: Myron, Merritt, Mahlon, Barker, Louisa, Lucretia, Edmond, Alice, and Cathy. After Julia's death in 1870, Albert married Eliza Jane LaMoy Hendricks, and had 2 additional sons. I am: Susan HOWE, daughter of William Peck HOWE b. 1896 Albert Lea. Son of Ralph Waldo HOWE=Minnie Maud PECK. I look forward to hearing from you!

Anne Mary C. Cerney Chapirson Sat Aug 30 22:34:20 1997

I am looking for the family of Frank (b.1826-1829, Medovy Ujized, Bohemia, d. 1897, London, Freeborn County, MN) and Marie MUDRA (b. 1832, Syra, Bohemia, d. 1911, Cedar City, Mower County, MN) CERNY. I have info on 4 of their possibly 9 children, but am still missing info on the collateral families of WHEELER, DVORAK, and the families of their sons Joseph and John. The families, parents and grown children immigrated to St. Ansgar, Iowa and then to London, MN. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Aasha Leahy Fri Aug 29 20:09:39 1997

I am searching for a record of my great-grandmother's birth. Her name was Bertha Martha ROWE. Family history says that she was born in Howard Lake, Wright County, MN, on 12 October 1883. She is the daughter of Willard Francis ROWE and Sarah Maria EDDY who were married on 06 September 1882 in St. Paul, MN. Willard Francis ROWE died on 19 July 1909. Sarah Maria (EDDY) ROWE died on 27 November 1936 in Albert Lea, Freeborn County, MN. Bertha Martha ROWE married Ernest Joseph WILLOUGHBY on 31 December 1909 supposedly in Poughkeepsie, NY. Bertha Martha (ROWE) WILLOUGHBY died on 01 October, 1960 supposedly in Berwyn, IL. Her daughter, my grandmother, was Janice Elizabeth (WILLOUGHBY) BLAKELY. Please help me if you can. Thank you!!

Robert Solotaroff Mon Aug 4 18:28:11 1997

I am looking for any information on Earle J. STANTRY (questionable spelling - STAULTY, STAUNTY,

STANTREY, STANTEY?) who was a postmaster possibly in Alden, MN around 1918.

Cynthia Anderson Wed Jul 2 19:35:12 1997

Am researching g-grandfather, William BAXTER, who married Jennie SMITH of Freeborn County on 11-23-1873. Jennie's father was Cornelius. They lived in Lake Mills, Iowa. Any information would be appreciated. Thank you.

Jerry L. Sanner Sat Jun 28 10:26:14 1997

1870 census Freeport [sic] Co. contains Orwin RANDALL - Interested if anyone is working on this line.

pyramids Fri Jun 27 15:02:06 1997

Searching for info regarding grandfather, Jesse OGDEN, born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, Freeborn Co., 1870. Traveled to Calif. at age 12 or 13, walked all the way. Any info on ancestors from this side of family much appreciated.

Diane Jones Thu Jun 26 23:53:26 1997

Searching for Tistel ESPESETE family: Botolf GUTORMSON, wife Lussi, their children Oline, Pernille and Gutorm (Gutorm BOTOLFSON) and wife Anna, and their children Ingeborg Luss, and Anna. Emigrated in 1854 to Bancroft Twsp., Freeborn Co., Mn. I am not quite sure what last name could have been used.

Bill Richter Sat Jun 21 17:22:46 1997

Researching Frederick Carl STOLTZMAN, born 1/22/1867 - married 3/25/1897 - died 7/30/1945. Wife Pauline W. LANGE, born 1/17/1871, died 11/23/1966. Seeking information about parents of both Frederick and Pauline. They lived in Wells and Albert Lea MN. Any help is appreciated.

Carolyn Lowe Fri Jun 13 23:47:02 1997

Freeborn Co. Information wanted on Sivert or Sievert H. HANSON b. Oct 08, 1876 Freeborn Co. Minn. Father: H.S.HANSON b. Freeborn Co. Minn Mother: Petra HANDRICKSON b. Norway (last name may be misspelled)

April Coggins Mon May 12 08:42:03 1997

PIERCE- I am researching Pierce family of Albert Lea and surrounding area. Levi Gates Pierce m. Abigail BARNHART. Children: Lois Annette b. 1858 in WI, Jane Belle b. 1860, Levi Clarence b. 1862, James Nathan b. 1863, Albert Willis b. 1865. Jane through Albert were born in Freeborn Co. Avery Courtland b. 1870 and Ellery Whitford b. 1874, both prob. born in NE. Levi Gates Pierce supposed to have donated land for the Albert Lea cemetery. His sister, Yura Ann Pierce TAVIST is buried there. All were Seventh Day Baptists. Any information will be most appreciated.

Richard Morgan Wed Feb 12 11:50:00 1997

Looking for connection between or to Michael Fred WIDMAN b. Germany (the father of) Frederick C. WIDMAN b. Germany, most his children being born in Albert Lea, Minn. and the likely son John Ulysses WIDMAN b. Germany 6 Jan 1847 with some of his children being born in Albert Lea, Minn. Also looking for same for Clifford S. VOGEL b. 26 Oct 1906 in Deer Creek, Minn. and Earnest E. VOGEL (uncle?) b. 21 Apr 1886 in S. Dakota and half-brother Carson VOGEL b. 4 Oct 1902 (mother's name). Both families ended up in Washington state.

Linda Taylor Sat Jan 4 15:15:39 1997

Matia Olsdatter ROKVANSLYKKJEN, 22 yrs. old and her son, Olaf Casper KARLSEN, 4-1/2 left i 1/2stre Gausdal, Norway 12 October 1887 with the destination of Albert Lea, Freeborn Co., MN. Matia's husband,

Carl STENSLIEN, was already here. I have searched the 1895 Freeborn Co. census for first names and the 1900 Soundex for Minnesota for OLSON, STENSLEIN, and CARLSON/KARLSON to find this family for a friend in Norway. Any information on Matia, Carl, and Olaf Casper would be appreciated. Thank you.

 Sun Aug 11 1996

I am looking to make contact with people doing genealogy on the surname GODFREY, particularly in southern Minnesota: Martin, Faribault, Freeborn and Hennepin Counties. Some of the Godfreys in my tree are Elijah, Grover, James, John, William W., William Ernest, Dora, Herman, Byron, George, Zorah, Ellen, Melva, Alberta, Alfred, and Winnifred. I would like to share information.

 Fri Aug 9 1996

We are looking for information pertaining to the death of Samuel Charles WILDS. We think he died while living in Freeborn Co. around the early 1900's.

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John & Diane Sat 18 Dec 1999

Looking for any info on the Robert CAMPBELL family that includes Robert, Nehemiah, Catherine, Submit, Artisma, Lucia, Rodney Morris, James and Anderson. They were in the Hayward area. Robert died 1883 in Freeborn County and his wife, Belinda WOODWARD Campbell died in Freeborn County in 1882. Thank you.

Karen Lemes Sat 18 Dec 1999

I am seeking information on Ole or Charles KITTLESON, who came to Albert Lea from Norway before the Civil War, volunteered and served in the Civil War, became a banker, was the first Secretary of the Treasury of the State of Minnesota. Ole Kittleson is found in the 1878 plat map of Mansfield Twp. as well as 1895.

Michelle Kremer Mon 29 Nov 1999

I am looking for information on William BULEY and Ella ECKERT. They are my great-great-grandparents. They had six children born in Shell Rock: May (10 Dec 1880), James Peter (26 Jan 1882), Maud Lillian (6 Apr 1886), Myrtle (12 Dec 1887), Blanche (20 Jan 1891 - my great-grandmother), and another child born around 1896. Any information is appreciated.

 Tue 9 Nov 1999

I am researching the Martin RUDEN-Mary SANDERSON family. Martin was the son of Christian Gulbrandson Ruden and Mari Elensdatter HALVORSBOLLE and was born in Iowa in 1857. He moved with his parents and siblings (Gulbrand/Gilbert Ruden, Erik GILBERTSON, and Iver Gilbertson) to Bancroft, Freeborn County around 1860. Martin and Mary had two children: Mabel, who married Mark SELIGER, and Joseph. Martin died in Albert Lea in 1909; Mabel died in Albert Lea in 1975. Any

information on this family (and contact with relatives) would be greatly appreciated.

David Donovan Fri 5 Nov 1999

Looking for any death records for Daniel DONOVAN who died in Freeborn County in the 1950's. He was the owner of Donlea Feed and Coal Co. He was born in Waseca County, MN in 1874 and was married to Catherine DINEEN. They had three children, Joseph, Leo, and Jim.

 Mon 16 Aug 1999

Marriage, Birth, Death -- Looking for any information on Emmanuel FARNLOF's family, wife was Hilda GUNDERSON, daughter, Stella, and son, Clarence -- in Freeborn County around 1900-1920.

Bill Newsom Thu 29 Jul 1999

I am seeking the Daniel CARPENTER family of Geneva, Freeborn County. Daniel was 38 in 1860 and his wife, Judah, was 30. They were farmers from New York and came to Minnesota with a stop-over in Wisconsin. Their children are: William J., Sarah, Amelia, Alice, Florence S., Francis, Clara, Clarence E., Warron, and Iona. Thank you for any help.

Brian Paulson Sun 25 Jul 1999

I am searching for the parents of my great-grandmother, Josephine Christina PAULSON. She raised a family north of Canby on the way to Madison in Yellow Medicine County.

I believe she was born in Freeman Township, Freeborn County in 1873. She is listed in the 1880 census in Cerro Gordo, Lac Qui Parle County on the same page as Ole Paulson and Pauline Paulson along with a few other Paulsons. In the 1870 census the only names from that group that are still on the same census page are Ole and Pauline in Freeman Township, Freeborn County.

I estimate that her birthdate was in 1873 because of my grandfather's birth certificate, Josephine's marriage certificate, and her divorce certificate. The LDS Internet site says Josephine was born in 1875 to Bernt and Thea Paulson in Freeman Township, Freeborn County. So the question is: Was she born to Ole or Bernt in 1873 or 1875? Any assistance would be appreciated.

Ruby Coleman Tue 20 Jul 1999

Seeking information on Adelbert (Dell) MILLER, b. 1847, NY; living in 1870 in Freeborn County (PO Alden). He was the son of Jedediah and Caroline (BORDEN) Miller. His wife's name was Frances. I need to know if they had children.

Denis Taft Fri 9 July 1999

I am looking for the birth year of John WRIGHT, born in Freeborn County, the son of Bartholomew and Jane (TULLY) Wright. One source said he was born 14 Dec 1880 but that conflicts with the birthdate of a sister who was born 28 June 1880. Another source said he was the oldest of all his siblings. His parents married in 1877. I am guessing that his birthdate may have been 14 Dec 1878 and that would fit with all of his six or seven siblings. Does anyone have the 1885 Minnesota census for Freeborn County and could corroborate the birth year for members of the Bartholomew Wright family?

Jim Fredrickson Sun 4 Jul 1999

I would like information about my great-grandparents, Nub and Bertha FREDRICKSON of Freeborn County. I know that they had at least 11 children, one of whom was my grandfather, Nicholi Fredrickson, who was born in Gordonsville, Freeborn County on 5 April 1883. He died in Burke County, ND in 1965.

 Fri 2 Jul 1999

Seeking information about Evert HEEMSBERGEN, son of Gerrit Heemsbergen and Geertruida VELTJESGRAAF (VELTIESGRAFF), and his wife Marie MEINDERTSMA, daughter of William Meindertsma and Alberdena SCHIPPERS. Evert was born in Veenendaal, Holland in 1899; Marie was born in Marion County, Iowa in 1905. They married in Otley, Marion County, Iowa 2 March 1928. They had

six sons and two daughters before 1947, after which they moved to Hollandale, Freeborn County, Minn. to farm and raise their children. Eventually, Evert and Marie moved to Albert Lea where they both died -- he on 19 Aug 1980 and she on 29 Jan 1988. I am especially interested in locating where and when Evert obtained his U.S. citizenship (he was a naturalized citizen when he died) although any information on the Heemsbergens would be appreciated. Please indicate a surname in the subject line when you reply.

Denis Taft Sat 26 Jun 1999

I am continuing to work on the NOLAN family as my wife's grandmother was a Nolan from Freeborn County and I would like to hear from others who must have a lot more information than I have.

Descendants of John F. Nolan:

John F. Nolan, b. 19 Aug 1865, Bath Township, Freeborn County, MN; d. Oct 1962, Albert Lea, MN
+Alice CONNORS, b. ca1871

Children:

- Margaret Nolan, b. ca1894, MN
- Kathrine Nolan, b. ca1894, MN
- Dorothy Nolan, b. ca1897, MN, +George DUNBAR (seven children)
- Agnes Nolan, b. ca1898, MN, +Harold McDONALD

The other Nolan family I want more information on includes:

John Benedict Nolan, b. 2 Aug 1855, Woodstock, IL; d. 22 May 1942

+Ann Nolan, 17 Apr 1858, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland; m. 9 Jan 1882 in MN, d. 23 Feb 1924, Frazee, Pine Island, Minneapolis, MN [sic]. Father: Dennis Nolan; Mother: Margaret FARRY

Children:

- Hugh Francis Nolan, b. ca1883
- Mary Theresa Nolan, b. 13 July 1884, MN; d. 30 Apr 1966, MN
- Margaret Ellen Nolan, b. ca1887, MN, +Edward DUDLEY, b. 17 Nov 1885, d. Feb 1973, Northfield, Rice, MN
- Ann Elizabeth Nolan, b. 28 May 1889, MN, d. 17 Sept 1968
- Katherine Agnes Nolan, b. 1891, d. 1986
- Loretta Gertrude Nolan, b. 7 Oct 1892, d. 10 Oct 1972
- Veronica Bridget Nolan, b. 1894, d. 1979
- Benedict Joseph Nolan, b. 1897, MN, d. 1917, MN

Jerry Fri 25 Jun 1999

Looking for information on the following individuals:

- Olive Nickerson HEMINGWAY (b. 1843) died at Geneva, MN
- Aaron Hemingway (b. 1843) died at Geneva, MN
- Susan BRADLEY, d. 1893, buried at Bath, MN
- Mary Bradley, d. 1885, buried at Bath, MN

John Hansen Fri 18 Jun 1999

Searching for relatives of Lauritz and Mathilda HANSEN. Their children were Cora, Hilda, Agnes, Lillian, Herman, Grace, and Albert. Albert was born in Albert Lea 26 June 1882. Please contact me with any information.

Connie Tue 15 Jun 1999

Seeking any information on descendants, parents, and siblings of George CHAMBERLAIN, b. 22 Nov 1821, Palmer, Hampden, MA, d. 2 May 1907, Albert Lea, Freeborn, MN. He is a brother of my 2nd great-grandmother, Almira Chamberlain.

Tommy Murray Wed 2 Jun 1999

Researching my EBERLEIN and KATZUNG lines in Freeborn and Faribault Counties.

Christopher (1817-1895) and Catherine (1814-1895) Eberlein

Germany > Portage, WI > Blue Earth, MN

Children:

- * Georg (died in Civil War - WI volunteers)
- * Ferdinand (died in Civil War - MN volunteers)
- * Edward Eberlein (1839-1926) + Augusta BOHLKE
- * Anna Dorethea Lottine Eberlein (1844-1931) + Georg Ludwig Eduard Katzung (1866[sic]-after 1931, Blue Earth, MN)
- * Minnie (Wilhelmina?) Eberlein (? - after 1931) + John RETTINGER
- * Amanda Eberlein + George OBER
- * Charles Eberlein (1851-1903) + Otilie ?
 - * William Eberlein (1853-1920) + Jeanette NELSON
- * Albert Eberlein (1853-1925) + ?
 - * Henry Eberlein (1856-1908) + Emma KESTNER
- * Clara Eberlein (1859-1905) + C. A. BARNES
- * Elizada Eberlein + Theodore HEGGERNESS
- * 2 Child Eberlein died in Germany

Joseph Katzung + Margaret HOFFMAN

Germany > IL

Children:

- * Georg Ludwig Eduard Katzung (1836-1915[sic]) - see above
- * Valentine Katzung (1845- ?) + Christine YOST (settled in Freeborn Co. - gave farmland in Faribault Co. to their sons)
- * Bernhardt Katzung
- * Elizabeth Katzung

Children of George Ludwig Eduard Katzung + Anna Dorothea Lottine Eberlein:

- * Louise Wilhelmine Amanda Katzung (1862-after 1931) + ? YOUNG
- * Emilie Amanda Katzung (1864-after 1931) + ? LEWIS
- * Anna Katharina Katzung (1866-after 1931) + Richard CUMMINGS
- * Edwin Matthaeus Valentin Katzung (1868-1964)
- * Helene Auguste Katzung (1872-1873)
- * Margarete Lorinde Katzung (1874-1922) unmarried
- * Carl Frederick Ferdinand Katzung (1876-before 1931)
- * Georg Katzung (1879-1965)
- * Carl Gerhard Katzung (1883-1931)

Children of Valentine Katzung and Christine Yost:

- * August Katzung
- * Edward Katzung
- * William Katzung
- * Ferdinand Katzung
- * Herman Katzung
- * Fred Katzung
- * Bertha Katzung
- * Ernstina Katzung
- * Alwena Katzung

- * Louisa Katzung
- * Elizabeth Katzung
- * Minnie Katzung
- * Katherine Katzung

I have much info on Eberlein line and very little on Katzung line.

Patt Gaetani Fri 28 May 1999

Minnie (Mrs. Herman) GALL (maiden name LUCK) died in Albert Lea, Freeborn Co., MN on 22 Dec 1926 while visiting one of her children. She was buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, St. Paul, MN. The following are the names of her children as listed in her obituary: William F. (lived in St. Paul), Herman A., Hubert H. (should be Herbert), Mrs. Henry GARBE, Mrs. Neal HORGAN (my grandmother), Mrs. Edward NOLTING, and Mrs. Roy GOODWILL. I do not know which of her children she was visiting in Albert Lea when she died. I am interested in connecting with any of the descendants of these siblings of my grandmother.

Patrick S. McCleary Sun 9 May 1999

Seeking information on the family of Armander H. BARTLETT, early pioneer of Freeborn County. He married Anna Delocie PEET. They had four children: Ida married Moses LEMONS, Jay married Viola PALMER, Eva married Charles R. BEATTIE, and Samuel C. Would like to exchange information and photographs with anyone interested in this family or descendants.

Patrick S. McCleary Sun 9 May 1999

Seeking information pertaining to twin sisters, Bessie G. and Beth D. LEMONS. They were born in Minnesota (most likely Freeborn County) in March 1898 and were daughters of Moses and Ida (BARTLETT) Lemons. Moses was born in Wisconsin to Jacob and Gertrude (PRICE) Lemons; Ida was the daughter of early Freeborn County pioneers, Armander and Ann Delocia (PEET) Bartlett. The family appears in the 1880 Freeborn County census as residents at Shell Rock (also the location of Moses and Ida's wedding). In the 1900 and 1920 census the family has moved to Ward County, South [sic] Dakota (apparently because of Moses' job with the railroad). The only additional information that I have on the twins is that they were living in Minot, South [sic] Dakota in 1924 when their names appear in their mother's obituary and in 1937 they are listed as residents of Minneapolis in their father's obituary. Both Moses and Ida died in South [sic] Dakota but were returned to Glenville, Minnesota for burial. I would very much like to know if gravestones exist for them or if anything at the cemetery would indicate that the twins were buried near their parents. Would like to exchange information and photographs with anyone interested in these families.

Gary Midge Fri 9 Apr 1999

Would like any information about the MIDGE or MIDJE family in Freeborn County prior to 1950. Andrew Midje and family appears in the 1920 census. Alf Midje and family appear in the 1880 census. Would like any general info or other data anyone may have.

 Sat 6 Mar 1999

AFINSON/BOTTEN -- I am just starting to look into my grandparent's history. Oscar Anfinson was born in Freeborn County around the turn of the century. Esther Botten was born in South Dakota in 1898 and moved to Albert Lea around 1916. They married in the early 1920s and moved to St. Paul.

My great-grandmother was Anna Anfinson. She owned a farm outside of Albert Lea and later moved to Water Street in Albert Lea after her husband left her.

I would appreciate any information at all on either of my grandparents. They are both deceased and my mother doesn't know much about her ancestry other than she is 100% Norwegian! Thank you.

Patrick McCleary Sat 27 Feb 1999

Seeking any information on the GULBRANDSON family of Freeborn County, ca1820-1950). In particular, the parents of Helen Gulbrandson, b. 29 July 1849, Norway. Family appears to have come to the U.S. in

1855. She married Joseph Edgar LEMONS, 10 Nov 1871, Hayward. They later moved to Snohomish, WA with their seven children: Lotta J. (b. 5 Sept 1873), Emma/Etta (b. 5 May 1875), Francis Mable (b. 3 July 1879), Burton Edgar (b. 15 June 1881/82), Walter (b. 14 Feb 1886), Nellie Irene (b. 30 Jan 1891), Frederick Winfield (b. 1894). Any assistance would be appreciated.

Lowell LuVerne Hanson (Stein) Mon 22 Feb 1999

Looking for relatives of genetic father, LuVerne HANSON, d. ca1941, Albert Lea, b. ca1917; married 1939/40 to Martha Irene TUFTE. She was from Mower or Freeborn County. LuVerne Hanson had a number of brothers, sisters and cousins and parents in Albert Lea in 1940. Thanks in advance.

Nancy M. Newman Sat 20 Feb 1999

I am looking for information on the CLOW family. Edmund Clow, age 71, and his son(?), Francis, age 46, lived in Glenville in 1889. They had traveled together with and may be related to CASWELLS. Any help would be appreciated and I would be willing to pay whatever costs necessary.

Sylvia Burger Tue 16 Feb 1999

I am looking for ancestors of the BEIGHLEY line. Specifically, I am looking for Celia Marie KING who married George Washington Beighley. I have William Beighley buried in State Line Cemetery which may or may not be in Gordonsville, MN. I am also trying to find more about Livy JOPPA, who was editor of the "Gordonsville Village" and "Glenville Progress". His sister married Albert John Henry Beighley.

Ruth Lee-Kalkowski Sat 30 Jan 1999

I am looking for information on Knud STUGO or Anna HALVERSON, who were married in Freeborn County, Jan 1877.

 Fri 29 Jan 1999

I am seeking descendants of Louis M. JENSEN and Sarah HOLM (Siri HOLMSTEAD) of Albert Lea, Freeborn County. Louis, b. 1856, Denmark, married Sarah ca1877. Sarah was b. 1855, Norway, d. 1901, Albert Lea.

They had four children:

- Hiram J., b. 1878, married Ida Oline ? , b. 1881; one child, Helen Ireen, b. 1900
 - Carl E. (Ernest?), b. 1880, MN
 - Louis M., b. 1885, MN
 - Chester L., b. 1890, married Lulah Claire DANIELS, ca1910, OR
- Louis M. Jensen died 1939, OR, believe he had remarried.

Daryl & Nada Kilgore Wed 20 Jan 1999

Looking for information on Jens GUTTORMSON (name changed to THOMPSON when they immigrated to U.S. ca1889 from Oslo, Norway). Wife, Ellen HALVORSON and two, possibly three, daughters: Tora, b. 24 Oct 1881; Anna Theodora, b. 12 Dec 1886; third daughter, possibly Josephine, b. unknown. Anna married Lars Christian GODSKESEN (changed to GOSKESEN) 1903 in Albert Lea. Anna started writing her last name as Guttormson, then changed it to Thompson on her marriage license, so either name could be in the records.

Tina Kelly Sun 17 Jan 1999

I am seeking information on the COFOED and allied families (RASMUSSEN, ROBERTSON, MORTENSON, MADSEN, CHRISTENSEN).

Karl Ferdinand Kofoed/KOEFOED (later changed spelling to COFOED), b. 29 Jan 1872, emigrated from Denmark in late 1880's. At some point he met Johanne "Hannah" Louise Rasmussen, b. 13 June 1872, Denmark, who also emigrated in late 1880's. Karl and Hannah were married 14 March 1891, Alden, Freeborn County.

Karl's parents are unknown but Hannah's parents were Jens Rasmussen, b. 1846, Denmark, d. 1932, and Karenstine/Christina Madsen, b. 1847, Denmark, d. 1925. Both of Hannah's parents are buried in the

Alden Cemetery.

In addition to their daughter, Hannah, Jens and Karenstine Rasmussen were the parents of: Mary (who married a Mortenson), Jake, and Andrew. The two sons changed their surname to Robertson.

Karl and Hannah's children, all born in Alden:

-- William P. Cofoed, married 1)Olga TOWNE, 2)Essie BAKER

-- John "Jack" Cofoed, married Gertrude BRANDT

-- Victor James Cofoed, married Melora Louise NORTON

-- Victoria Cofoed, married Arthur ROSELLE

-- Marvin Cofoed, never married

-- Marvel Cofoed, married Edwin Christensen

Karl disappeared around 1904 and was not heard from after that time.

Thank you for any help.

Wes Johnson Sun 10 Jan 1999

I'm searching for descendants of Ole Andreas OHNSTAD of Hartland, Freeborn County:

1 Ole Andreas Ohnstad, b. 16 Apr 1830, Aurland, Norway; d. 8 Oct 1918, Albert Lea Township, Freeborn County.

m. 8 Dec 1866 to Synneva Olsdatter HENJUM (Susan OLSON), b. 22 Jun 1844, Norway; d. 7 May 1899, Hartland, Freeborn County.

2 Synneva B. Ohnstad, b. 1867; d. unknown; m. ? LANGE.

2 Severine Andrine Ohnstad, b. 1869, Freeborn County; d. 1937, St. Paul, MN; m. 1881 to Herman MILLER (HOENHOUSE), b. 1865, Hamburg, Germany; d. St. Paul, MN.

2 Lumin Andreas Ohnstad, b. 1871, Hartland, MN; d. unknown; m. 19 Sept 1897 to Julia S. FARRELL, b. ca1878; d. unknown.

2 Karen Emilie Ohnstad, b. 14 Feb 1874; d. unknown; m. 7 Aug 1892 to Jens JENSEN, b. ca1864; d. unknown.

2 Oden Wilhelm Ohnstad, b. 16 Mar 1876; d. 1939; m. to Ingeborg P. Johnsdtr. ALGJELD, b. 1882, Norway; d. 1966.

2 Hilda Mathilda Ohnstad, b. 1878, Hartland, MN; d. 1919, McIntosh, MN; m. 1897 to Jens Martinus JOHNSON, b. 1874, Norway; d. 1948, Tacoma, WA.

2 Caroline Josephine Ohnstad, b. 1881; d. unknown; m. Martin THORSON, B. Owatonna, MN.

2 Syvert Johan Ohnstad, b. 1882, Hartland, MN; d. 1961, BC (?); m. 1904 to Karen OLSTAD, b. 1883, Norway; d. 1975, BC (?).

2 Nils Olai Ohnstad, b. 1884, Hartland, MN; d. 1964, Owatonna, MN.

Doug Alexander Sat 9 Jan 1999

SISTEK -- I am trying to locate descendants of the John SisteK family, a large family who came from Bohemia to Hayward, Freeborn County, about 1877. Later some of the SisteK family moved to Austin, Mower County. Many of the family members are buried in the Bohemian National Cemetery in Freeborn County; some are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Austin. Some of the other surnames in this family are: PACOOSY, ZALESKY, MOAREK, PRIZLER, CHOC, TICHY, McNALLY, PLZAK, KROC, PENKAVA, BROSH, KOS, and TINDAL.

Thanks, Shelly Tindal Alexander

Julieanne Sabbatini Wed 6 Jan 1999

PIHL, Joe and Josephine -- Looking for any information. Josephine, b. 10/6/1881, d. 7/1983, Albert Lea. Looking for the connection to Oscar Pihl family of Milwaukee, WI.

Lynn Tues 29 Dec 1998

Am searching for marriage records and/or census records for Lydia Augusta FAYE. Lydia married Robert P. STEARNS, year and place unknown. Moses Faye, Lydia's father, is known to have been in Freeborn County in 1870. Lydia gave birth to my grandfather, Archie Stearns, in Freeborn in 1881. Any help is appreciated.

Betty Wilson Sun 22 Nov 1998

I am interested in finding some information on Charles SADLER, listed as living in Freeborn County in the 1870 census index. The Charles Sadler I am looking for was a Civil War veteran and he would have moved there from Cicero, NY. My main interest is in whether his father, Giles, accompanied him to MO [sic]. I see from other queries that the names of EMMONS and PIERCE show up in Freeborn. They are also names from Cicero and Brewerton, NY and I would have some further information if they are the same families.

Tom George Sat 14 Nov 1998

I am looking for information on:

- Henry Nathan GEORGE, b. 26 Oct 1844, Wilmington, NY; d. 2 Nov 1915, Freeborn County, MN.
- (wife) Clarissa WESTON George, b. 8 Apr 1842, Wilmington, NY; d. 13 Dec 1901, Freeborn County.
- (daughter) Effie Gertrude George, b. 21 Oct 1879; d. unknown.
- (son) Earl H. George, b. 9 Apr 1870, Alden, Freeborn County; d. 20 Apr 1932, Geneva, Freeborn County.
- (wife) Gertrude WALASKI George

Judy Olson Fri 6 Nov 1998

I'm trying to find the birthplace of my grandmother, Sophie Clara FRIED, b. 9 Dec 1881 or 1883. Her parents, Ignatz and Theresa Fried, lived in Freeborn County at one time. They arrived in Minnesota around 1875. They lived various places before moving to Clara City in 1895. I have been unable to find where Sophie was born. I'm hoping someone might help me locate that or any other information on this family. Thanks for any assistance.

Ruth Mickelson Sun 1 Nov 1998

RESOR/CRYNES/SEUSER/LAUN -- I'm searching descendants of Jacob Woodford Resor. His son, Decatur Spillman, and daughter-in-law, Sophia Resor, lived in Iowa for many years and also just across the border into Minnesota in Freeborn County (Glenville, Gordonsville, Albert Lea area). Perhaps this family is too current but am also trying to locate living relatives. The family was large and had several daughters (married names included above). I would be particularly interested in an obituary for Corliss Resor's wife, Blanche, and names of the children of Mildred Resor Crynes (d. 1970). The children were not included in her obituary.

Cathy Babbs Sun 18 Oct 1998

Need any contacts who can help me with this family:

1. James VANWINKLE, b. 9 Sept 1823, Coles Co., IL, d. 4 Feb 1876, London Twp., Freeborn Co., MN +Nancy SUTHERLAND, b. 24 Aug 1834, IL, d. 20 Mar 1900, Mankato, Blue Earth Co., MN; m. 24 Mar 1853, Coles Co., IL
2. Alrick Alexander VanWinkle, b. 23 Nov 1855, IL; +Ida May (unknown), b. MN; m. 26 Apr 1885
2. Elizabeth VanWinkle, b. 8 Apr 1858; +Leander WILSON; m. 4 July 1875
2. James VanWinkle, b. 4 Apr 1860, IL; +Ida DERBY
2. Mary M. VanWinkle, b. 6 Feb 1863, MN; +E.J.C. ROBINSON
2. Charles N. VanWinkle, b. 29 Sept 1866, MN; +Mary J. HODGE, b. 1878, MN; m. 19 Jan 1899
2. John VanWinkle, b. 20 Oct 1868, MN, d. 8 Nov 1868
2. Hervey VanWinkle, b. 24 Aug 1870, Freeborn Co., d. 26 Apr 1951, Brainerd, Crow Wing Co., MN; +[1] Annie (WOOD) LANDGRAG; +[2] Ursula M. BACKEL, b. 10 Aug 1877, Winneshiek Co., IA, d. 24 Jan 1970, Centerville, IA; m. 23 Feb 1895

Wendy Thomas Sat 10 Oct 1998

I'm researching William McKEAN and Sadie (Jayne) McKean. They moved to the Alden/Austin area in 1900. Sadie died 26 Oct 1930 and is buried in the Alden Cemetery. I visited the area many years ago but was unable to locate this cemetery. William died in Muscatine, IA 6 May 1946 and is buried in the Alden Cemetery. The family listed in his obituary are: Mrs. Joe (Cora) MOEN, Capt. Vearle McKean, and John

William McKean. Also listed were grandsons who were casketbearers: Lee ROBERTS, Roland Moen, Donald Roberts, Lowell Roberts, Burt McKean, and Greg STUDLSKI. If anyone can assist me in finding further information or contacting descendants, please contact me.

Richard Smith Thurs 8 Oct 1998

Seeking information on John C. BENSON, d. 14 Aug 1889, bur. Geneva Cemetery, Geneva, Freeborn Co. Need data on his wife

Also need birth date and place and parents of Henry CONKLIN, d. 22 Jan 1893, bur. Geneva Cemetery, Geneva, Freeborn Co.

Sue Team Sun 4 Oct 1998

Peter ANDERSON family lived in Geneva, Freeborn Co. from ca1858-1864. Daughter, Helena Anderson, last seen in 1860 census at about age 22. From Sweden 1850 to Chisago Co., MN, 1856 to Vasa area. Need death date/burial place. Married or carried off by Indians? Never spoken of again in family.

Cheryl Cummings Mon 28 Sept 1998

Seeking information on SAMPSON in Freeborn County.

The 1870 census shows:

Riceland Township, Freeborn County, 28 Jun 1870, Family 21

Sampson, Sans 37 M W farmer 1500 300 Norway

Sampson, Britta 21 F W keeping house Norway

Sampson, Anna Marie 2 F W Minnesota

Anna Marie Sampson (m. Gilbert FODNESS) was my great-grandmother. Were there any other children? What ever happened to Sans and Britta? Any information is appreciated.

Heather Brush Sun 27 Sept 1998

READ, POWERS, WOODWARD -- I am searching for Laura READ, b. 2 Jan 1803, Watertown, Jefferson, NY to Squire and Submit (PRESTON) READ. Laura m. James WOODWARD, 12 Jan 1819 in Kingston, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada. They had 5 children before James died 11 Ove 1829 in Watertown, Jefferson, NY. Laura then m. Zelotes POWERS ca1832. Laura died 10 Sept 1884 in Freeborn, Freeborn, MN. Did she and Zelotes have children? Why did she end up in Freeborn and when did they settle there? Help with any of these families is greatly appreciated. You can get more details from my home page <http://members.aol.com/Ajeab/index.html>.

Dee Naughton Wed 26 Aug 1998

JENSEN -- I am searching for information for a couple in Denmark who were related to Lars Peter Jensen and his wife, Christine Petrea Jensen, who resided on a farm near Albert Lea, Freeborn County. Lars is listed in the 1920 census as a widower. They had two sons, Christian Martinus and Holger. Christian lived on the farm with his father in 1920. Holger was superintendent in a corset factory and in 1920 lived at 210 Broadway in Albert Lea. According to Social Security records Holger died in April 1968. Can anyone give me information on this family, the farm they lived on (if it is still there), or the house at 210 Broadway? The couple in Denmark would appreciate any pictures of the home also. Info on the corset factory would be of help too.

 Sun 23 Aug 1998

Seeking relatives or information on MARTIN family. Herbert Martin, born in Albert Lea, Freeborn Co., MN 23 Jan 1902. Parents: Byron Tenneson Martin and Carrie Estella WINSLOW. Also seeking information on Byron's father known only as A. B. Martin, married to Sarah.

Sandy Hjelmberg Wed 12 Aug 1998

Looking for descendants of Anna FALK GOLDBERG. My information indicates that she lived in Albert Lea in 1867+. She was a sister of my great-grandfather, Andrew Falk. He and a cousin, Ollie Falk, lived with Anna's family when they first arrived from Sweden. Anna had a daughter, Betty. Any clues appreciated.

Jo Ellen Nervig Wed 5 Aug 1998

We are looking for information on the Wareham N. PIERCE family. Wareham, b. 1828, VT arrived in Geneva Twp. 1866-7 with wife, Celinda Rosing GREENO (originally it was GRIGNON and then GREENOUGH), b. 1832, NH/VT or OH. Children:

+ Reuben W., b. 1853, Lorain Co., OH, m. Emma HOLMES in Geneva, 3 children: Esther, Daisy, and Manfred.

+ Lucy A., b. 1855, Lorain Co., OH, m. John REED in Geneva, 2 children: Florence and Wayne.

+ Arthur C., b. ca1859, Clinton Co., MI, m. Josephine (last name unknown), may have had son, Harold. We have no info on this line and need some!

+ Mary Jane, b. 1861, MI, m. George HOLMES in Geneva, Son: Sidney.

+ Frank E., b. 1867, Geneva, m. Lizzy FRISBY in St. Charles, Winona, MN, lived in Geneva, 2 children: Hazel and Clifford.

+ Fredrich T., b. 1868, Geneva, m. Alma KNIGHT, moved to Spokane, WA area, probably early 1900s, died there, 3 children: Edna, another female, and Lyndel.

Need more info on children's descendants and ancestors of Wareham and Celinda. Wareham's father was Reuben Pierce, probably of VT/NH/MA area, mother was Lucy (last name unknown), b. NH or Canada. Celinda's parents were Daniel Greenough, b. VT or Canada, and Wealthy KELLOGG, b. VT. We think Wareham came to Freeborn County because other family was already there but cannot connect anyone. Any help appreciated and willing to share information we have

John Allen Hansen Sat 18 July 1998

I am looking for information on the HANSEN family of Albert Lea. My father was Russell William Hansen, b. 5-8-22, Albert Lea to Clarence and Glennis Ann (FARNHAM) Hansen. Clarence (b. 3-9-1895, d. 6-1984) remarried after a divorce in 1938 to Louise (maiden name unknown). They had 4 children: Roland, b. 1951, last known to be living in Minneapolis in early 1980s; Clarine, moved to California, married Warren DAVIS; Jeanene; and Garry.

Russell was married to Shirley (maiden name unknown and had 2 children: Sue Ellen, b. 1945? and John, b. 1947?. After Russell and Shirley divorced, she married Paul HENRY. He adopted the children making them: Sue Ellen Henry, last known to be married with children in Illinois; and John Henry, married to Elisa (maiden name unknown) in early 1960s, in the Navy, last known to be living in Washington.

Anyone with any information on this family, please contact me: John Allen Hansen, 2500 Miramar Ave., #108, Castro Valley, CA 94546 or e-mail me.

cherie Mon 13 July 1998

I have reason to believe that James and Ella GILLARD are related to the Gillards of Freeborn County early 1900's and late 1800's. Anyone having any info, please e-mail me. Thanks.

Maureen Sun 28 June 1998

Looking for any info about the GANNETT/CAMPBELL family who lived in the area of Hayward -- specifically, a Phillip Gannet [sic] who married a Submit Campbell. Phillip was born 1826 somewhere on the east coast. This was a large family of Campbells. There were at least four daughters. Any help would be appreciated.

Trudy Drew Thur 25 June 1998

Looking for information on my grandfather's family. He was John Raymond SCOVILLE, born Jan. 18, 1880, Freeborn Co. I would like to know who his parents were, where they came from, and are there any Scoville family still in Freeborn Co.?

Don Beaudoin Tue 26 May 1998

I am seeking descendants of John and Bridget DUGGAN/DUGAN who are buried at St. James Cemetery, Twin Lakes. Both came from Ireland and were residents of Freeborn County since 1870. Some of their children were: Michael, Daniel, Henry, Johanna, and Thomas. Any help would be appreciated.

Nancy Donald Sat 23 May 1998

I am searching for the family of Jennie RUDLER WHITE, who lived in Twin Lakes, Freeborn County, ca1931. I believe that she was born in Michigan and moved to Minnesota. Her husband was Richard White and I know that they had children. Jennie may have had a sister, Mabel Rudler PEABODY.

Norman Hjelmeland Wed 20 May 1998

Seeking descendants of Hans Hanson AAS, b. 1849, Hakedalen, Norway; emigrated to Decorah, IA, 1871; m. 1874 to Gertrude Larsdtr. LEIDAL, b. 1850, Voss, Norway. Hans and Gertrude moved to London Township, Freeborn County, MN in 1877. Children: Henry HANSON, Rose LUND, Marie HORGEN, Peter Hanson, and Emma HENDRICKSON. Hans and Gertrude were members of the Deer Creek Valley South Church and are buried in the church cemetery. Also seek information on Lars Hanson Aas, brother of Hans. Lars is believed to have lived in Twin Valley, MN. Any information appreciated.

Ronald L. Kyes Mon 27 Apr 1998

Looking for death notice/obituary for Joy KYES, who died near Albert Lea in August of 1966. All costs related to this search will be reimbursed.

SageBush Sun 26 Apr 1998

My grandfather, Charles Theodore JOHNSON, immigrated from Denmark in 1881. He was a cobbler in Albert Lea and Austin, MN and the family also lived in Worth County, IA. I am searching for the burial place of his mother. She apparently died 1909-1920. On his marriage license Charles gave his parents as Jens CHRISTENSON and Sophia LARSON. I don't know if Sophia would be buried as Christenson or Johnson. I have searched Mower County with no luck. Did Charles Johnson immigrate with family other than his mother?

Susan Harris Thurs 2 Apr 11:10 1998

I am trying to find information about the KENNEDY family in the Albert Lea area: Leslie Richard Kennedy, b. 1893, Marshall Co., IA, son of John Leslie and Diantha J. (LEWIS) Kennedy, married Ada FLANAGAN and had the following children: Milton, Lawrence "Pat", Louise LEE, Clara Jane BROWN, Fant Dean "Bud" (b. 29 Apr 1933, d. 19 May 1997, Albert Lea), and William. Any assistance will be appreciated.

Mary Thur 5 March 18:24 1998

I am looking for the brothers, sisters, parents, etc. of Mary Louise NORDLAND. She married Hans LEA. She lived in the Freeborn area from approximately 1870 to 1920. I don't know the names of any of her relatives but know a lot about her children. Any help appreciated.

Richard B. Larson Tues 3 March 16:28 1998

Looking for information on Nels and Susan (HOLLEKVE) HILL (HILLESTAD ?) who lived near Emmons in Freeborn County. Susan is reported to be from Hallingdal, Norway. Nels was almost certainly from Norway too. Children were: William, Louis, Theodore (Happy), Alfred, George, Myrtle, Cora, Arthur, and Norman. Theodore, b. 19 Mar 1874 near Emmons, d. ca1945 in Albert Lea. He married Carrie. George m. Edith. Myrtle m. John WOODSON of Albert Lea. Cora, b. 1 Mar 1882, m. Peter HASLERUD of Peterson, MN. Norman m. Clara MEHUS. Arthur died ca1917. Norman m. Clara MELHUS.

Denis Taft Sun Feb 22 12:54 1998

We'd like to establish more links for the following: Rosalie WRIGHT, born 2 Dec. 1908, Freeborn County, MN. Thomas Wright, Rosalie's father, born 14 May 1884, Bath, Freeborn County, MN. Elizabeth NOLAN, Rosalie's mother, born 9 Jan. 1880, Bath Township, Freeborn County, MN, died 18 Nov. 1961, St. Cloud, MN. Batholomew Wright, Thomas' father, born Oct. 1848, Ireland, died 2 Jan. 1909, on a farm in southern Minnesota -- probably in Freeborn County. Jane TULLEY, Bartholomew's wife, born 5 Aug. year unknown, Ellendale, MN, died in Nov. 1940 in New Richland, Waseca County, MN. Dennis Nolan, Elizabeth's father, born 16 Mar. 1830, County Fermanagh, Ireland, died 13 Feb. 1894, Bath Township, Freeborn County, MN. Margaret FARRY, Elizabeth's mother, born 18 June 1837, County Fermanagh, Ireland, died 21 Mar. 1926, Albert Lea, MN.

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E. G. Runner Tue 11 Dec 2001

Looking for any info or contacts on Ida Mae KELLEY. She and her family moved to Albert Lea in 1865. She then went on to teach in Motley and Verndale before moving to Montana in 1887. Her family was Elisha Payne Kelley and Clarrissa C. GILLETTE. There was a marriage tie to the HOWE family -- her sister Miranda married a John Howe.

Thank you, Ed Runner

Heather Crandall Sun 9 Dec 2001

Searching for information regarding Lovane Burdette CRANDALL family. He was married to Alta Elsa CHAMPLIN 18 November 1873. Their children were: Mary Elvira, Frank Eldred and Chester Burdette (my great-grandfather). It has become apparent that they lived in Albert Lea for some amount of time. I'd like any information concerning the family that anyone may have.

Bonnie Hyden Fri 7 Dec 2001

I am looking for any records or information concerning Charles Albert BLY, who was born in Freeborn County, the town of Shellrock, to be exact. His father was Alvin R. Bly; his mother was Estelle (maiden name something like EIGH). My information says that Alvin was a steel worker and Estelle was a nurse. She was originally from New York. Charles eventually moved to Louisiana. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Kaye Ryder Sun 25 Nov 2001

I am searching for information on Thomas Marion EDDIE, who was born 9/03/1839 in Wisconsin and died 02/16/1863 in Freeborn County, Minnesota. He possibly lived in Manchester but may have died in Albert Lea. His wife, Lavica, gave birth to twins, George and Sarah, in Albert Lea, October 30 of the same year Thomas died. I would like to know how Thomas died and where he is buried. I would appreciate any responses.

Margaret Witt Thu 1 Nov 2001

I am looking for parents, siblings, marriage date or other information for my great-great-grandparents: William Nathaniel MONTGOMERY, b. 18 Oct 1844, Morgantown, Monongalia Co., VA. He married Anna Elizabeth McKINSIE, b. 25 July 1845, Berne, Switzerland. They had Gar, Frank, John Oliver, Ethel Erma, and DeWitt Talmedge. I don't know where Gar and Frank were born; I think John Oliver was born in Albert Lea in 1874 and that DeWitt and Ethel Erma were born in Jefferson, IA.

We were told that our Montgomerys were German businessmen and that Anna Elizabeth McKinsie taught in the University of Berlin (could be University of Bern) and that she spoke seven languages. I don't know where or when she came to the USA or anything about her before she married William.

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who make on-line family research possible. My name and address are: Margaret Montgomery Witt, Route 2, Box 421, Grandfield, OK 73546 -- phone: 580/479-5729 -- e-mail: or .

Darla Doyle Fri 26 Oct 2001

I am looking for any information about Edwin MORGAN or his wife, Elizabeth BANNING. All I know is that they had a son by the name of James Morgan, born in Albert Lea and raised by an aunt, May BOLES. I don't know why she raised him, though. The marriage license I have for Edwin and Elizabeth (dated April 4, 1858) said they lived in "Teris/Terrie Lake City" -- it's hard to read. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Darla Doyle

Kay (Buetow) Scott Sun 14 Oct 2001

Seeking information on the following Freeborn County families:

BUETOW, Wilhelm (b. 1858) m. Johanne "Minnie" SUHR (7 children)

Buetow, Johan (b. 1848) m. Johanne Wilhelmina STIEMKE (6 children)

Stiemke, Carl (b. 1819) m. Louisa STARK (6 children)

BUTH, Carl (b. 1820) m. Karoline KROENKE (3 children)

GOLNICK, Johann (b. 1828) m. Elisabeth KRAMPETZ (10 children)

All families farmed in London Township in the late 1800s and were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, near Myrtle. Thanks! Kay (Buetow) Scott

Casey Jensen Mon 1 Oct 2001

Looking for info on Peter and Paul JENSEN found in the 1880 census for Albert Lea, MN, page 100 D. They were listed as both born in Denmark with Peter, age 23, and Paul, age 25. They were living in, probably, a boarding house with Wm. FENHOLD and others. I want to discover if anyone claims them as ancestors or if they show up on the 1900 census for Albert Lea. They are living only blocks from my Louis Jensen family and may be brothers.

Tom Cotton Wed 26 Sep 2001

Searching for any info on Franz Rudolph SEEGER, b. 1847, and wife Augustine STIEMKE, b. 1851. Family in Myrtle, Freeborn Co. by 1887 when children born there. Children: Charles m. Ella WOLFF, Wihelmine m. Fred BAERWALDT, Rudolph m. Bertha SUHR, Anna m. Carl WOLFF, Adolph m. Ella MIELKE, Amelia m. Joe HAANEN, Augusta m. Carl SCHUTZ, Hannah m. Herman EWALD, Sophia m. John DUTTE, William m. Olga MIELKE, Josephine m. Albert WOLFF, and Gretchen, who never married. Would love to share info.

Tom Cotton Wed 26 Sep 2001

Searching for any info on Louis K. KAASA and wife Minnie INGVALDSON. Children: Lucille m. Chester COTTON, Allerd, Irvin, Idella m. Roy ASHBY, and Lloyd. Children all born in Albert Lea, early 1900's. Would love to exchange info.

Stacy Moorhead Fri 21 Sep 2001

Looking for information on Almarion STEVENS, b. 27 July 1829, NY, and wife, Matilda SPALSBURY, b. 26 Aug 1829, NY. They lived in Freeborn County after 1880. Also their son, John Stevens, birthdate unknown, and wife, Amelia COUNTER(S), birthdate unknown, m. 11 Mar 1880 in Freeborn County. Any information would be appreciated.

John Crist Fri 31 Aug 2001

Looking for information on the Clement ERICKSON family and parents. Listed with wife, Selma, and two children in 1920 census, Bath Township, Freeborn County.

John Crist Thu 30 Aug 2001

Looking for information about the following families:

Nels FOLEY, 54 years old in 1920 census, Nunda Township, Freeborn Co. MN

Iver Foley, 52 years old in 1920 census, Manchester Township, Freeborn Co, MN

Are they brothers? Would like parents' names and information.

Kaye Sass Sat 25 Aug 2001

Josephine WRYZCA and Louis Rudolph RUDNIK were married in Freeborn County around 1870 and lived there for about eight years before moving to North Dakota. I would love to connect to all descendants of this Polish line to preserve their history. Josephine's parents were Thomas Wrycza and Agnes SZCZEPANSKI. Kaye Sass, Tampa, FL

Nancy Legerski Mon 30 Jul 2001

Looking for relatives with last name of STODDART. They are from the Freeborn and Wells area. My grandfather was George, who moved to North Dakota with several other brothers and sisters. Two (?) of his family stayed in Minnesota -- Morris lived in Wells and George's sister married a CHRISTENSEN of Freeborn.

DelRay Sannes Sat 28 Jul 2001

I would like to contact descendants of or anyone who has information on Simon THOMPSON. Simon died in Freeborn County on February 2, 1923. I believe he was a brother of my Great-grandfather Theodore Thompson. E-mail or call: 218-449-4485.

Janelle Stimson Thu 26 Jul 2001

I am seeking any information on the KALSTAD Family. My grandfather, Milford Kalstad, b. 1898, lived there for awhile. I believe he might have been born there. He married Agnes HAUGEN, b. 1899. My father, Harold Vern Kalstad, was born 08-11-1922 in Albert Lea, Freeborn County. I would like to find out if my grandfather was born there or if anyone might have information on either the Kalstad or Haugen families.

 Mon 16 Jul 2001

Looking for descendants of Maurice and Hanora LEEHY. They lived in Geneva-Newry from about 1865. Children: John, Patrick, Mary, Hanora, Ellen, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Thomas, Johana, Anne, and William. I am a descendant of Elizabeth.

Also looking for any information on Anthony and Bridget McCOY. Children: Thomas, Ann, and Bridget.

Or descendants of Bridget McCoy's first marriage to Luke BRENNAN. Children: Winnifred, John, Jane, and Micheal. They all lived in this area at about the same time.

DelRay Sannes Tue 10 Jul 2001

I am searching for information on my Great-grandfather, Theodore THOMPSON, who homesteaded in Section 24, Newry Twp. on 1 March 1876. He was married to Caroline ANDERSON. She may have died in Freeborn County. His last wife was listed as Carrie Thompson. Theodore's children were: Cara Emelia, born 6 Apr 1868 in Freeborn Co. (she married Syvert OLSON); Alfred, born 28 Dec 1871, near Austin; Matilda Christine, born in Freeborn Co; Annie; Carl; and Milfred.

June Hillhouse Sat 9 Jun 2001

I am searching for information on the Emery DAVIS family. His wife's name was Mary Ann DANIELS. The family moved from Lorain Co., Ohio in 1863 to Freeborn Co., Minnesota. They had five children: Helena Elvira, Lavidia, Lilly, Elmer, and Franz. My great-grandmother was Helena E. Davis, who married Cornelius W. ECKERT. Franz Davis' wife was Esther but I don't have a surname for her. If anyone has any information, please contact me.

Gail Siverling Dulgar Mon 4 Jun 2001

Searching for descendants of William H. H. BIGHLEY and his wife Sarah E. (BEIGHLEY), who moved from Clarion Co., PA to Shell Rock Twp. in 1868. Children are: Hampton P. S. (b. 1857), Milton G. (b. 1859), Elizabeth B. REEP (b. 1863), John D. (b. 1866), Susanna M. FROST (b. 1868), Louise Anna (b. 1870) and William H. H. Jr. (b. 1872). William was the son of John BIGLEY and his wife Barbara SIVERLING of Clarion Co., PA. I have information to exchange on William's ancestors for any person willing to provide information on his descendants in Freeborn Co., MN and Worth Co., IA.

Jeffrey Grimes Tue 15 May 2001

I am researching my grandfather's oldest brother, Ole J. PRESTEGAARD. He was married to Ingeborg BOTHUM and they were living in Hayward Township as per the 1900 census. They had seven kids: Peter, Sena, Bertina, Johan, Ostina, Dorothea, and Ida. They could have used the Prestegaard name as well. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Randy Lawson Sun 13 May 2001

I need information for: Rev. James LAWSON, b. 12 Dec 1849, Denmark, to Hans Lawson and Maria. James had two older brothers: L.P. Lawson and Nels Lawson. In 1851 the family came to the United States. At this point the family name changed from LARSON to Lawson. They first settled in O'Share, Racine County, WI. In 1864 the family went by covered wagon to Bath, Freeborn County, MN.

In 1869 James married Hannah JOHNSON, who was also born in Denmark. They had eight children:

1. Charles Lawson, b. 30 May 1872?
2. Alfred Lawson, b. 21 Mar 1872?
3. Esther Lawson, b. 11 Oct 1874
4. Rebecca Lawson, b. 16 May 1877
5. Arthur Lawson, b. 10 May 1883, m. Anna Marie RASMUSSEN
6. Walter Larson, b. 5 Nov 1886
7. Luella Lawson, b. 27 July 1889, m. Reubin L. JOHNSON
8. baby girl, b. 3 Feb 1892, d. 29 Mar 1892

In 1875 the church at Clark's Grove, MN encouraged James Lawson to enter missionary service and he was ordained there on 19 Dec 1882. Although he had attended only a common school in Racine County, WI, he had no trouble being elected as pastor for two years at the Danish Baptist Church in Kasson, MN in 1880. In 1890 James began serving the First Baptist Church at Clark's Grove, MN. At this time he began missionary work that took him into the Dakotas, as well as Minnesota.

Hannah Lawson died of tuberculosis on 7 Dec 1893. James then married Johanna Caroline Kathryn (Carrie) CHRISTIANSEN on 27 Oct 1897. Carrie was born 28 Aug 1877 in Denmark.

In 1900 James, Carrie, Arthur, Walter, and Luella Lawson moved to Donnybrook, ND. James died at Minot, ND on 12 Dec 1934, his 85th birthday. He is buried at Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot, ND. Carrie Lawson died 31 Mar 1972 at Seattle, WA. She is also buried at Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot, ND.

Funnyfolk1 Tue 8 May 2001

WRIGHT . . . Looking for information on Henry Wright, who was born in Manchester, Minn. ca1858. He was the child of John J. and Mary J. Wrihr from Unadilla, NY. He appears in the Unadilla census of 1860 with his parents but not in 1865. Don't know why John J. and Mary J. were in Manchester, Minn. for his birth. Need some history of the area, settlers, land grants, etc.

Alan Clark Tue 8 May 2001

Seeking any information on Thurston CLARK, b. March 1865 in New York state. Found in the employ of Harchall RUST, Pickerel Lake Township, Freeborn County in the 1900 census.

Jim Cannon Sun 6 May 2001

Looking for others who are researching KEEFE/O'KEEFE families who were located in Geneva and Newry Townships in Freeborn County. Many are interred at St. Mary's Cemetery in Newry Township. Most importantly is William Keefe, born 1795, Killworth Parish, County Cork, Ireland and died 2 Sept 1885, age 84. He was m. to Mary HIGGANS (HIGGENS), b. abt. 1795, Femay Parish, Ireland and died 2 Dec 1885, Newry, age 91.

Other possible relations are David Keefe, b. 16 June 1815, d. 13 Dec 1905. He was m. to Elizabeth GARDNER, b. June 1821, d. 28 June 1873. She was the dau. of Richard Gardner and Mary LAWTON. Also, Michael Keefe, b. 1819, d. 1900. He m. Ellen Keefe, dau. of Michael Keefe and Muriel MULCAHY.

Some of these families located in Blooming Prairie, Steele County.

Cathy Larkins Thu 26 Apr 2001

ADDITION TO QUERY POSTED 14 APR 2000 . . . I am researching my HUTCHINSON surname. I have just been given more old family photos and one of them has the photographer's name on it: W. D. FENHOLT of Albert Lea, Minn. It is a photo of my great-great-grandfather, Grant C. Hutchinson. The second photo says it is Grant's parents and has this written on it: "To Mrs. R. F. RASMUSSEN, So. Bend from Catholic Church".

I would like to know if anyone is researching Rasmusson/Hutchinson surnames in Albert Lea, Freeborn, Minn. I have a lot of photos that need to be IDed.

I thank you for any help you can send my way.

S. King Tue 24 Apr 2001

I am researching my grandmother's family, the NORTONS. They lived on a farm near Oakland in the late 1800's. The father's name was Elmer James Norton -- the mother was Almina Orinda BLISS, who was born 11 Sept 1858, Black Brook, NY and died 20 Jan 1954 in Austin, MN (after remarrying and having another son, Lee MILLER of Austin).

The Norton children were:

-- Evelyn (or Eva Lyn)(my grandmother), born 10 Oct 1890, married Joseph KING on 14 Mar 1912 and lived in Austin until her death 3 Dec 1982.

-- Jesse, b. 22 Mar 1878

-- Eva, b. 15 Jan 1880

-- Miles, b. 29 June 1881, d. 29 Mar 1955

-- George, b. 27 Apr 1884, d. 1917

-- Sarah, b. Oct 1886, d. 16 Oct 1949, m. Burton GILMORE, who died 27 Dec 2000 in Albert Lea

I believe most of the family are buried in Fairview Cemetery. Unfortunately, I have no birth or death dates for Elmer James Norton, nor do I know the names of his parents or where he was born. I was hoping that some public records in Freeborn County would list some of these facts.

If anyone has any further information on this family or if any of this sounds familiar or if there is a place I can get more information, I would greatly appreciate you contacting me. Thanks so much!

 Sat 14 Apr 2001

Researching the family of Michael and Ellen (DALEY) MORRISON, who resided in the Newry/Geneva Township area of Freeborn County ca1860. Daughter, June, was born 1856, ME. Other children showing up in the 1870 census are Hanah, James, Johanna, John, Margaretha, Mary, Temoter, and Timothy. Note the spelling for the surname for this census was MORISON (page 1079). Jane was married to Michael O'LEARY (LEARY), also from this same area. Many of these families are interred at St. Mary's Cemetery in Newry Township.

 Sun 25 Mar 2001

Patrick O'LEARY, b. 8 Feb 1818, County Cork, Ireland. In 1846 he married Johanna COUGHLIN, b. 8 Oct 1817. Their children were:

-- Andrew, b. 26 Aug 1848, Ireland, +Mary HERRON +Catherine LONEY

-- Dennis, b. 26 Apr 1850, Ireland, +Elizabeth SMYTH

-- Michael, b. 1852, Covington, NY +Jane MORRISON

-- David, b. 1854, Covington, NY

-- Mary, b. 1857, +William Herron

-- John, +Alice Herron

-- Daniel, +Emma ?

Patrick located in Moscow Township, Freeborn County. Michael was in Geneva Township and is interred at St. Mary's Cemetery in Newry Township. If anyone has any information on this family, please respond to: .

Al Braley Sun 18 Mar 2001

My grandmother was Sarah Evelyn EMMONS of Emmons, Freeborn Co., MN, daughter of George H. Emmons and Esther Lena (ROBINSON) Emmons. George H. was born 28 Mar 1855 in Clinton, Rock Co.,

WI, the son of Helge Gunderson AAMEN and Kjersti (Tina) Larsdatter DAHLEN. Sarah Evelyn married Harry Jackson BRALEY on 20 June 1905 in Emmons.

Helge Gunderson Aamen immigrated from Norway in 1850. He married Kjersti, another immigrant, on 20 Apr 1854 in Clinton, Rock Co., WI. She immigrated in 1853 at age 18.

Helge, his wife, and son, George, came to Minnesota in 1856 and acquired 160 acres of land by preemption. They had eight children.

At this time I don't know who all the children were. I know of three sons: George H., Lewis/Lars H., and Henry H. The "H" probably is for Helgeson from the old Norwegian naming custom.

At some time Helge Americanized his name to Henry G. Emmons and his wife changed hers to Christina (Tina) LARSON.

From the caption on a photo taken at their 50th wedding anniversary, I think that I can identify a daughter, Tina (Christine?) Emmons (Mrs. Jorgen OLSEN) but I have no birth date information. In the photo she looks younger than Lewis but older than Henry. I'd guess her birth between 1857-1866. That leaves four unknown children. According to the article that accompanied the photo, the other four children had died by 1904.

George and Lewis began a business in 1881 in Norman, IA, just south of the Minnesota border. The business was moved north of the border in 1886 and rebuilt on their father's farm. They called it Emmons and it became a town. (I think they moved north of the border because of the strict liquor laws in Iowa at the time.)

I would like to have a complete record of the children born to Henry G. Emmons and Christine Larson, if that is possible. This is what I have:

- 1) George H., b. 28 Mar 1855, Clinton, Rock Co., WI
 - 2) Lewis/Lars H., b. 30 Dec 1856, Freeborn Co., MN; m. Ingrid Larson
 - 3) Christine, b. 1857-1866, Freeborn Co., MN; m. Jorgen Olsen, 5 children by 1904
 - 4) Henry H., b. 1867, Freeborn Co., MN, d. 31 Mar 1921, Rochester, Olmsted, MN; m. Ingeborg HELLAND, children unknown
 - 5-8) Four more children who died prior to 1904
- Thanks to anyone who can help. -Al (Alson) Braley (Alson Emmons, Harry Jackson, Alson Henry, . . .)

JoAn Fortner Clayton Sat 3 Mar 2001

I would like to contact anyone named TURBETT who lives in your area. I am doing research on a George Turbett and it had lead me to Freeborn County. I am particularly interested in the descendants of Thomas and Catharine Turbett. This couple were both born in Pennsylvania and died in Shell Rock in the years 1895 and 1888. Thanks. JoAn Fortner Clayton

Carol Whelan Gustafson Thu 15 Feb 2001

My gggrandmother was Mary SHEA (1837-1895). She married Thomas B. BRICK and they lived in Steele County, MN . Her sister, Johanna Shea, married a Mr. FARRY or FERRY and they lived in Freeborn County -- possibly in the Albert Lea area. There were other Shea siblings but the names aren't definite: Bridget, Michael, Daniel, and John. John Shea was the mayor of Owatonna at one time. Any information on Shea and Farry/Ferry would be appreciated.

Carol Whelan Gustafson

Millie Alexander Sat 3 Feb 2001

PARKER, Mrs. Frank -- She was the daughter of James and Mary (DOGGETT) SARGENT of Morris, IL. In James' obituary of February 1911, it stated that Mrs. Frank Parker of Albert Lea, MN (Freeborn County) was one of eight living children. Any information on these names, please contact Millie Alexander. Thanks.

Devonna M. Wick Fri 2 Feb 2001

I am in search of information on my great-great-grandparents, Svenning and Susanna LARSON, who came to America from Aust-Agder, Norway. In 1880 I found them residing in Albert Lea, along with three of their children: Hilda (my great-grandmother) b. 1874, Alice b. 1877, and Ole, b. ca1880. They later had

another son, Lewis, birthdate unknown. If anyone has any information on this family, I would love to make contact with you. Thank you. Devonna M. Wick

Jean Olson Tatum Fri 12 Jan 2001

I am looking for anyone researching Jens Peter Jensen WAYNE family. His wife, Mary, was a cousin to Tomine Anderson MATHISON. Tomine is my grandmother. She married in Clarks Grove, MN in 1892 to Jens Mathison. They later moved to SD. Jean Olson Tatum

Charles Barnes Thu 14 Dec 2000

August YOST, b. 11/2/1849, Helmighousen, Waldeck, Germany; d. 1/8/1901, Albert Lea, Freeborn Co., MN; m. 1/12/1869 to Maria PISTORIUS in Freeborn Co. Would appreciate information on their children, especially Charles Louis (Carl Lui), relatives of either August or Maria, immigration information, citizenship. When was name changed from JOST? Will gladly exchange information from Germany. Leina Barnes

Morgans Mon 20 Nov 2000

I am looking for information about Mrs. Ole WESTRUM, Glenville, MN, who is listed as a sister in the obituary of Mrs. Helen JOHNSON, Richland Center, WI, who died 24 Dec 1926. Mrs. Johnson is my great-grandmother.

Gudmund Nordhagen Sat 18 Nov 2000

I am searching for Johan JOHANNESSEN LERUD, b. 1833. He left Vestre Toten, Norway, June 1871 with his wife, Karen, and their children: Johannes, Peder and Johanne Petra. Their destination was Albert Lea, MN .

Pat Johnson Sat 11 Nov 2000

I have an original letter written to my great-great-grandfather, Ole Anders (or Anders Ole) STOVERN/STOVEREN. It is dated 29 January 1872. It is in pristine condition and my most prized possession. It was written by O. J. HAGEN, Albert Lea. I had it translated by a friend who tells me there was a Hagen & Brothers store in Albert Lea at that time. In the letter Mr. Hagen asks my great-great-grandfather to come and work for him. If anyone knows of this Hagen, I would be happy to send a copy of my letter to a relative.

Another interesting point: In the top left-hand corner is an embossed "crown" with a sort of "boat" type thing under the crown -- it may be a "ribbon" with lettering? Hard to tell!

I would love to hear from any Hagen who is interested -- and would also like to know the significance of the embossed crown

Patrice Hartman Fri 10 Nov 2000

I am searching for the Lorenzo MERRY family who lived in Albert Lea, Freeborn County, MN in the 1850s. Lorenzo, born ca1810, NY married ca1840, NY to Julia _____, born ca1810, NY. Children: James Edwin, born ca1842, Troy, NY; John Andrew, born 7 Dec 1848, Troy, NY; Julia; Fred; William' and Hiram. This family moved to other parts of Minnesota and eventually to North Dakota. I have lots of information on this family after they left Minnesota.

Barb Nielsen Pence Mon 30 Oct 2000

NIELSEN, Peter/Peder. Lived in Freeborn County 1873-1894 near Albert Lea. Married Mary Ann CRUMRINE 1879. Immigrated from Denmark 1873 with twin sister (first name unknown) who married Christian PETERSEN of Stanley, WI. Christian arrived from Denmark with Peter and sister.

Peter's children were:

Walter, died in infancy, dates unknown

William, b. 1880??, d. 1916

James (Fred), b. 30 Aug 1881

Benjamin George, b. 15 June 1885

Earnest, b. 8 Oct 1887

Edith (WARDELL), b. 3 Apr 1890
Anna Pearl (TILLER), b. 4 Dec 1896
Herbert, b. 30 May 1898

I am looking for any information on the above individuals -- naturalization records, property records (Peter bought his land from the railroad, I am told), birth or death records, whatever. I will gladly share all I have in return.

Thank you in advance. Barb Nielsen Pence

 Wed 27 Sept 2000

REIBER -- From "The Browerville Blade", Browerville, MN, 7 Nov 1913: Son Shoots His Father - Albert Lea - During a quarrel, Martin Reiber shot and fatally wounded his father, Fred Reiber, at their home in this city. The bullet entered just below the heart. Mrs. Reiber died a few weeks ago and left her property to Martin and trouble came when he tried to dispose of it. He made his escape after the shooting, but was caught. His father is still alive, but no hopes are entertained by his physicians. If someone came across this about my family, I would like to hear from them.

 Fri 15 Sept 2000

A 7th Day Baptist church was organized at Carlston, Freeborn County in 1863. Some of the early members were in the MAXON, REYNOLDS, DAVIS, SWEET, COON, and BURDICK families. I am interested in John Benjamin Reynolds and his wife, Susan Belle Davis Reynolds, and in Hiram D. Sweet and Mary Sweet. I have some information about these people but would like more.

Paul LaCombe Fri 8 Sept 2000

I am looking for information on my grandparents, Clifford Arthur COVEY and his wife, Nora FOSTER. Nora's family moved there sometime around 1870 -- her parents were Warren Foster and Abigail CLEAVES. Clifford operated a series of 'general mercantile' stores in Freeborn County near Alden and, perhaps in the Mapleton area as well. Both were originally from the Omroe, Eureka, or Burdick areas of Winnebago County, Wisconsin. Any and all information on this family will be greatly appreciated. Paul LaCombe

PLM3388 Thu 7 Sept 2000

Looking for information re: Christian Francis JENSEN and relations and Ida HANSEN and relations.

Marian Thu 31 Aug 2000

I am looking for any information I can find on Samantha Ellen WOODWARD, married to John MILLER. I know that they lived in Freeborn, Freeborn Co. around 1873 and they possibly died there in 1912. Thank you. Marian.

Valerie Pryor Tues 29 Aug 2000

I'm looking for FULLER families in the Freeborn County area. I have information that Angeline PETTIGREW Fuller died in Albert Lea 26 Feb 1874. She was married to Judah Harvey Fuller. I don't know if they are the parents of the Fuller who had the photography studio. I have info on the Fullers back to England and I'm searching for info on this generation to tie up loose ends.

Jim Cannon Sat 19 Aug 2000

I am looking for information and others researching the families of Michael O'LEARY and Jane MORRISON. Michael was born in Ireland and Jane in MA. They farmed in the area of Geneva Township, Freeborn County. Their children were:

-- Patrick, b. 18 Feb 1880?, d. 18 Aug 1910

-- Ellen, b. 13 May 1880?, d. 24 Aug 1939, Blooming Prairie, MN; m. William Roger CARROLL, b. 28 Mar 1878, d. 20 May 1950, Blooming Prairie, MN

-- Leonard, no information

-- Astasha, no information

- Clara, no information
- Mary, no information
- Agnes, no information
- William, b. 1885, d. 30 May 1950, Blooming Prairie, MN
- Charles Joseph, b. 4 May 1887, d. 19 May 1953, St. Paul, MN; m. Ellen Geneva Carroll (William's sister), b. 26 Oct 1886, d. 10 Dec 1962
- Frank, b. 14 Feb 1889, Geneva Township

I haven't had the opportunity to go there yet, but I have been told that some of these people are interred at the Newry Catholic Cemetery.

The Carroll family farmed in the Steele County area. William and Ellen (Nellie) were the children of John Roger and Johanne (Anna) (Foley) Carroll. They had eight more children.

I am willing to share look-up information in Dakota County with anyone who can do the same in Freeborn County.

Greg Lampman Tue 8 Aug 2000

Would appreciate any help on the surname LAMPMAN from the Freeborn County area. After much work in New York, I have verified (as I had earlier guessed) that the Lampmans in Freeborn County (Pickeral area and Nuniger ?)[sic] are related. Some of them are siblings to my third great-grandfather, Peter S. Lampman, all of them being from Vermont and New York. Any help or data which someone may have is really appreciated. Greg Lampman, Eleva, WI

JohnS99688 Sat 5 Aug 2000

We are looking for information on the Ole KNUTSON family from Emmons, MN. He owned the Knutson and Olien Hardware and Implement Store in Emmons. He was married to Ida Knutson. Children included: Harlan, Orrin, Maggie, Irving, and Anton (Tony). They moved to the Freeborn County area ca1850.

JohnS99688 Sar 5 Aug 2000

We are looking for information about the Vegger and Anna Maria GULBRANDSON family history. They were born in Bergen, Norway. They lived in Albert Lea and had eight children, including: Victor, Amos, Eskill, Cleon, Fremont (born 1894), Kathinka, Ina, and Nina. They owned the Gulbrandson Hardware Store in Albert Lea with Vegger's brother, Einar Gulbrandson.

Connie Tue 25 Jul 2000-

Seeking any information regarding the CHAMBERLAIN family. Any descendants of Peter Chamberlain and Abigail QUACKENBUSH or Peter Chamberlain and Sarah DURANT. According to my Grandmother, she had relatives around the Albert Lea area. The family came from Cattaragus County, NY to Iowa.

Vickie Sat 22 Jul 2000

Looking for information about INDRELIE/INDRELEE/INDRELID and DALSBOTTEN descendants from Aurland, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway. Hans Indrelid (1832-) and his wife Marta Knutsdatter Dalsbotten (1837-) immigrated to Minnesota in 1897 with their three youngest children. Several of their other children immigrated between 1885 and 1895. They had 11 children in all. Some may have ended up in the Albert Lea area.

Donald M. Hewitt Thur 20 Jul 2000

C. M. HEWITT, who was born 27 Dec 1837 in Oneida County, NY, came to Freeborn County in 1859. In 1867 he married Lura A. ASH and they had a daughter, May A. Ash [sic]. C. M. Hewitt was an Albert Lea businessman on Broadway. His birthdate appears to coincide with that of my grandfather, Milton E. Hewitt, who was born 15 Nov 1832 in NY state. I suspect they may have been brothers. I am very anxious to determine the parents of either or both Hewitts so that I may be able to identify my paternal great-grandparents. Any assistance anyone can provide will be sincerely appreciated.

Dawn Tues 11 Jul 2000

I am looking for information on Sophia WEGNER, possibly married to Gustav A. Wegner of Freeborn County. She was probably Sophia NELSON, born ca1894, and sister of my grandmother, Rose BERGUM (1889-1964) and listed as a survivor in the obituary of Connie DISOMMA (1918-1967).

I have her daughter listed as Mrs. Lester BEISTERFELD. Any information that might help me find descendants of Ole B. Nelson (Sophia and Rose's father) would be helpful. We are looking for Nels or Nils Nelson (born 1890?), Joel Nelson (born 1898?), Seems to be no trail for them at all! Sophia's mother would be Britta KALLESTAD (1869-1896). Joel's mother would be Gurina ERICKSON (1864-1936).

 Mon 3 Jul 2000

Seeking information on a Rufus PARKS who married Margaret WILSON on 18 Dec 1864 in Freeborn County. Found him listed with another relative. Need to know if and how he may be related to Francis Guy Parks and Ruth Clara Parks. Thank you in advance.

Judy Sun 18 June 2000

Found photo of Ewind GROEN (possibly -- hard to read), which states under it "Mother's father". The photo comes from J. A. FULLER's Photography Gallery, Albert Lea, MN. I believe it is a copy of an older photo. It was found at a flea market in Connecticut. I would like to return it to its rightful owner. I will send it to anyone who might be interested. Judy

Donald M. Hewitt Thu 15 June 2000

I am attempting to identify my paternal great-grandparents. My grand-parents were Milton HEWITT, born ca1833, NY, and Astin (possibly, Esther) Hewitt, born ca1837, PA. They lived on a farm in Bancroft Township, Freeborn County, where they appeared on the 1870 and 1880 Federal census. Any assistance you can provide will be sincerely appreciated.

Norman Ferguson Tue 16 May 2000

I am searching for ancestors who homesteaded in Freeborn County: Anders ELLINGSON (later MOEN) b. 1822 in Norway and married Inger ANDERSDATTER b. 28 Apr 1837, Aadelin [sic], Ringerike, Norway. After Anders died she married Johannes KRISTOFORSEN (later CHRISTOPHERSON) b. 1835, East Teton [sic](now Gulbrandstown [sic]), Norway. Anders and Inger married in Norway; Johannes and Inger would have married in Minnesota. If you have family with these names or the same place names in Norway, I would be delighted to share information with you!

 Wed 26 Apr 2000

I'm looking for ancestors who may have lived in Albert Lea as I have a photo taken there. Surnames include: CLINE, BROWN, PARKER, CARVER, ROCKWELL, PEARSALL. If you have family with these names in Michigan or from Canada, please contact me!

 Tue 25 Apr 2000

I am searching for James BATES who married Agnes STEWART in Moscow, MN in 1872. James' father was Joseph and his mother was Rose.

Agnes' father was John Stewart and her mother was Mary POWELL.

Also married in Moscow was James' sister, Maria Louise Bates, who married Luther Bradford BILLINGS in 1878.

James also had a brother, Lorenzo.

Any help will be appreciated. Thanks!

Cathy Hutchinson-Larkins Fri 14 Apr 2000

I am seeking information on my HUTCHINSON line. I have recently received a power of attorney that was appointed to my great-grandfather, Grant C. Hutchinson of Kelso, Cowlitz Co., WA, by David K. Hutchinson and wife, Eliza A. Hutchinson, of Freeborn Co., MN, to care for David M. Hutchinson's (deceased) affairs.

I know very little about my great-grandfather, Grant C. Hutchinson. He was born Oct 1864 somewhere in Illinois. His parents were from Pennsylvania. Grant married 1 May 1892 in Kelso, Cowlitz Co., WA to Eliza Bentine Christina JANTZEN. They had three boys in Kelso: Arthur Willard, 1983; Harry Leroy, 1894; and Oliver Sydney, 1897. Grant and Eliza divorced.

I recently received a trunk with photos of what is supposed to be Hutchinsons from Freeborn Co. and Stillwater, MN. I would like very much to ID these folks and find relatives. I don't know what happened to Grant after he and Eliza divorced. The 1900 census says that Grant was a school teacher.

Check out my web page on my Hutchinson line at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cathutch/>
I thank you for any help you may send my way. Cathy

Dave Mohn Mon 3 Apr 2000

I am looking for info on the KITTLESON, TOSTENSON/TORSTENSON families. I am looking for a link between them and my great great father [sic] Charles MOHN who was Kittel Tostenson in Norway. He came to Dodge County in 1868. I think other family members also came to Dodge County but then left for Freeborn County around 1900 or shortly before. They came from the Saude parish in Telemark, Norway. Thanks!

Linda J. Cheal Mon 6 Mar 2000

I am searching on information on Christian HANSEN or Christjohn Hansen. He worked as a wagon maker in Albert Lea in the early 1900's. Christian was born in Denmark around 1880 and emigrated to America as a teen (approximately 1900). He emigrated with my great-grandfather, Charles Rasmus, but they had a falling out and the family lost contact with Christian. I would like to learn about him and locate his descendants while my elderly grandfather (his nephew) is still living.

Robin Tokmakian Fri 3 Mar 2000

I have been researching my Norwegian roots and am wondering if anyone has more information on these NELSON and JOHNSON families who have resided in Freeborn County since the late 1880's. I believe the Nelson family may still own the STRONG Insurance Agency in Albert Lea.

Nelson, Evan -- emigrated in 1853 from Norway -- first lived in Wiota, WI -- later moved to Moscow Twp., Freeborn County

m. Johanna in Norway

Children: a. William (took over father's farm, may have owned land in TX); b. Amelia (m. Mathias Johnson); c. Christian (owned Nelson Bros. Department Store in Albert Lea); d. Julias (started Strong Insurance Agency); e. Julia.

Johnson, Peter (or Peder Johannson) -- owned the farm TRILLERUD, i ½stre Toten, Norway

m. Marie GUNDERSDATTER

Children (it is thought that one of these children used the name PETERSON instead of Johnson): a. Karl, b. Kristian (Christian), c. Pauline (m. a man named NORDLAND), d. Matias (Mathias, my great-grandfather), e. Peder, f. Hans, g. Otilie Adolph, h. Lewis.

Family emigrated from Norway to Freeborn County 1860-1870. All the children except Lewis were born in Norway.

Mathias Johnson m. Amelia Nelson in 1880. He owned a general goods store, was bought out by Amelia's brothers, and became Nelson Bros. Department Store.

Children: a. Ernest (died in flu epidemic), b. Julia May (my grandmother), c. Ulysses (died in the flu epidemic), d. Lilah Irene.

A side note on the Johnson family's Norwegian farm name, Trillerud: My middle name and my mother's middle name is Telrud. I have always known that it was a misspelled family name. My grandmother thought it was too long and shortened it! I have been searching for the name Telrud when visiting in Norway or when meeting a Norwegian but no one had ever heard of it. This past summer I met a

Norwegian who told me that "rud" meant "farm", like a family farm, not a large estate. Then I found out about the 1865 Norwegian census on-line. I searched under farm names and found my farm! Knowing the names of the children helped too.

Mike & Gini Knowles Mon 21 Feb 2000

I am searching for any information you may have on my grandfather, Albert Samuel GEORGE, who was a long-time resident of Albert Lea. He retired from the school system after serving many years as a custodian. He also worked at a local gas station. He died 31 October 1963 from lung cancer. He was married to Bessie OLES and had five children: Louis Daniel, Chester Lee, Richard Albert, Marian June, and Robert Dwight. He was later married to Mary Mae KILLEN or KILEN. I told my mother that I would try to find information on his family. He moved to Minnesota from Indiana and didn't keep contact with or talk about his family. If you have even the smallest bit of information on him, I would appreciate an e-mail. Thank you!

Robert & Valerie Lowe Fri 18 Feb 2000

Looking for FESSENDEN descendants. Fernando and Nancy COON Fessenden lived in Freeborn County during the 1880's and had four children: Charles Ray, Bessie May, Bernie Lee, and Boyd Wesley. Another name affiliated with the Fessenden name is STEVENS. The Fessendens are a widespread family who descended from England. We are looking to update "The Fessenden Family in America" by Edwin Allan Fessenden. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Frank Evenson Sun 13 Feb 2000

I am searching for information about my grandparents who settled in Minnesota. Mikkel EVENSON left Norway in 1870 and became a citizen 12 July 1904. He bought a farm in Freeborn County near Hartland, I believe. Ole and Kristi HALVORSON left Norway in 1883 and moved to Freeborn County on a farm around Hartland or Manchester. Thank you.

Carol Oppel-Shibuya Wed 2 Feb 2000

I am searching for any information for the surnames of KNAPP and MURTAGH. My great-grandparents, Joseph Albert Knapp and Margaret M. Murtagh, were married in Freeborn County in 1866 and their daughter (my grandmother) Katherine Mary, was born in Albert Lea County [sic] in 1881. They also had six other children: Ada, Margaret, Clara, Charles, Ben, and Joe. Please e-mail me if you have any information on this family. Thank you!

Marilyn Freeman Wed 19 Jan 2000

I need information on my great-uncle Robert Arthur GOODMAN, b. 8 Apr 1893, d. Sep 1976, Albert Lea. Where is he buried? Did he have a family?

Julain Earl Sat 15 Jan 2000

I am looking for information on Charlotte BROWN, whose family lived in Albert Lea in the 1930s and 1940s. She may have been born into a large family in Albert Lea. Charlotte had a sister, Blanche, and, I believe, a brother, Floyd. Charlotte went by the name of Lee. She had a son, Merlyn, and later married Floyd Patterson in St. Paul, MN in 1947-1949. Charlotte and Floyd divorced; she remarried and lived in Bloomington, MN. I would like to know Charlotte's birth and death dates and where she is buried, and I would also like oboituaries for Charlotte and Merlyn. Thank you.

Terry Hacker Tues 11 Jan 2000

I am looking for information about the RORTVEDT family who have lived in Freeborn County. Bertina Rortvedt is buried in the cemetery in Hayward. I am trying to place them in my wife's family history. Her maiden name was TOLLEFSON -- her family lived in Austin for a number of years. The Rortvedt family should be related to Tollef Tollefson and his wife, Serina Rortvedt. I have no information on births, marriages, deaths, siblings, etc. The Rortvedt family has relatives with the surnames NESSET, POORE, and SELTHUN. Both the Rortvedts and Tollefsons came from Norway. I would be grateful for any help.

Thank you.

Shelli McDermott Mon 3 Jan 2000

I am looking for parent and sibling info and any marriage, birth, and death records for Randi SOLLAND and Thrond KVALE. My grandfather, Gilbert Engvald Kvale, youngest of their seven children, was born 3 January 1909. I am told that Randi died 13 months later. Thrond was married before Randi. I have no info on his first wife except that they had three children, the youngest being Peter Kvale, who owned Buttermakers in Emmons. I know the family settled in the Albert Lea area but not sure exactly where. Any info would be helpful!

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Gretchen Badenhop Tue 16 Dec 2003

Seeking info on Christopher V. HANSON (1883-1962, Albert Lea), and Thora BOHL (1889-1965, Albert Lea). Chris' parents were Mortin (b. 1852, Denmark) and Marie (b. 1860, Denmark, nee CHRISTOPHERSON). Children: Ardith Gwendolyn (grandma-in-law), Robert S., Lowell Bruce, Alvin Leroy, LaMoyné "Bones", Rosalie, Marvel, and Lavonne. Chris' siblings: Enoch, Victor George, Philip, Dora, Dagny Lydia, Peter L., Eli, Herman, and Adolph. I have some pictures and Chris' funeral card and obituary. Thank you for additional info!

Tom George Sat 8 Nov 2003

I am looking for information on:

- Henry Nathan GEORGE, b. 26 Oct 1844, Wilmington, New York; d. 2 Nov 1915, Freeborn County, Minnesota
- (wife) Clarissa WESTON George, b. 8 Apr 1842, Wilmington, New York; d. 13 Dec 1901, Freeborn County
- (daughter) Effie Gertrude George, b. 21 Oct 1879; d. unknown
- (son) Earl H. George, b. 9 Apr 1870, Alden, Freeborn County; d. 20 Apr 1932, Geneva, Freeborn County
- (wife) Gertrude WALASKI George

Karen de Boer Thu 6 Nov 2003

I am looking for information on Mr. and Mrs. H. B. PETERSON, who lived on South Madison Street in Albert Lea in 1925. First names would be a great start! Mrs. Peterson's maiden name was HANSEN. She was my great-great-grandmother's sister and, if I knew her first name, I might be able to find a death record listing her parents' names. Thank you.

Paul Nance Sat 1 Nov 2003

Seeking additional information on Dwight Monroe DOMINICK who, according to Minnesota death records available at Ancestry.com, died in Freeborn County, Minnesota on 31 August 1915. I suspect that he is the Dwight M. Dominick, son of John Frederick Dominick and Mary Esther GALLUP, who was born 11 July 1848, probably in Greig, Lewis, New York. If so, I can share much additional information on his Dominick and Gallup ancestors from Greig and Schoharie Counties, New York. I also suspect it is his widow, Harriet E. Dominick (born CARTER) who appears in the 1920 census for Albert Lea, Freeborn County with two of their children and a grandchild.

Gail Christensen Mon 20 Oct 2003

I'm seeking information on Karen/Carrie PEDERSEN JENSEN. She was a sister of my great-grandmother and was born in Magleby, Sjælland, Denmark, about 1840. She married a man named Jensen/JENSON and lived in the Albert Lea area. They may have had two sons named Isaac and Peter. Any information on Karen or her descendants would be appreciated.

Rune Roalkvam Sun 14 Sept 2003

I am seeking information on Oliver and Ida ROALKVAM. According to the Social Security Death Index, their last address was Albert Lea, Freeborn County when Ida died May 1984 and Oliver died July 1984. They were both born (at least Oliver -- I cannot be quite sure that Ida was born Roalkvam but the age fits with Oliver's sister) in Worth County, Iowa in 1901-2. They are second cousins of my father. I'd like to know if there are any children surviving them. Any information on Ida and Oliver is greatly appreciated! Thanks ---- Rune Roalkvam, Sand, Norway

Barbara Sullivan Thur 11 Sept 2003

Karen Kirstine BARNER and Anders (Andrew) LARSON married 6 October 1871 in Bancroft, Freeborn County. Karen died in 1874 after giving birth, not known if child lived. What happened to Anders? Karen, born 1845, came to Minnesota from Moen, Denmark, about 1870. Her brother, Mads Peter, and his family came to America in 1877 and lived near Alden.

Magnar Kristian Hjelmeland Sun 7 Sept 2003

Looking for descendants of the Swan LUND family. His Norwegian name was Svein Thoreson Lund. He emigrated to the United States in 1872 from Kvinnherad with wife, Christie and children, Halvor, Christie, and Thore. They are listed in the 1880 census in Mansfield Township, Freeborn County.

Moira Bue Fri 29 Aug 2003

Looking for information on Trygve BUE who sailed from Oslo, Norway on 20 October 1898, age 15, destination given as Gordonsville, Minnesota.

N.J. Hughes Mon 7 Jul 2003

BAGAASON, Ole K. Looking for more information on my great-grandfather and his family. I have been told that he was the first white child born in Freeborn County. He had a son (my grandfather) Obie K., also born in Freeborn County.

Judy McHugh Mon 23 Jun 2003

Looking for info on Esther SCHUETT/SCHUTZ JERSHA/JIRSA, born 24 November 1895, Minnesota, died March 1974, residence was Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minnesota. Father: August Schuett/Schutz; mother: Augusta STARK. Don't know for sure if the one in the Social Security Death Index is the right one but some dates do match. Mostly I'm just trying to fill in "holes"!

Joanne Hayward Sun 1 Jun 2003

Researching the family of Nathan A. HUNT, born 1827 in Vermont, son of Luther Hunt. He appears in the 1870 census of Geneva, Freeborn County with wife, Mary, and children, Ella and Estella. Possibly had other children. I would like to find the last name of his wife, names of any other children, dates of death and burial places for Nathan and Mary. I believe he is the Nathan A. Hunt listed in Minnesota Civil War Soldiers. Any information on this family would be appreciated.

Brian Kirkpatrick Thu 29 May 2003

My great-grandfather, Dell KIRKPATRICK, was born in Shell Rock, Freeborn County on 17 April 1884. His mother was Emma BLIGHTON, b. 19 Nov 1862, Grove Township, Worth County, Iowa; his father was Robert Kirkpatrick (possibly KILPATRICK), b. 17 Oct 1854. They were married 1 Jan 1883. My problem is that I can't find any record of where Robert was born or where they were married. Any help would be appreciated.

Barbara Morris 16 May 2003

I am looking for information on Anna HUMMEL and Carrie/Carnie NORTHAM. These women were sisters with the maiden name of CURTIS. We believe their parents were Chancy W. and Maria B. Curtis from Minneapolis. They lived in Albert Lea around 1940 to 1960. A very important fact we are trying to find is the maiden name of their mother, Maria B. Curtis. Thanks!

Dan Judd Thu 27 Mar 2003

I can be contacted for information on the following Freeborn County families: DEARMIN, LOWRY, HAYES, GULBRANDSON, and WESTLAND.

Sandy Hedman Wed 26 Mar 2003

I am looking for information on the McCORMICK family of Albert Lea. I believe they had a farm that was listed for sale in the Standard in 1870. My great-grandmother was Elizabeth Jane McCormick and I am trying to connect her to this family. She later lived in Hennepin County and died in Minneapolis in 1958. I believe her father came from Canada. Any information would be appreciated.

Suzanne Culp Thr 27 Feb 2003

I am in search of some families named TUSEN/TUSON and FLORA. Alexander Tuson married Anna Flora, date and place unknown. They both died in Whitefish, Flathead, Montana. Anna was possibly part Indian. Their children were: Lora, Mary, Anne Winafred (b. 8 June 1934, Albert Lea?), and Minnie.

Lee VanHee Wed 26 Feb 2003

I'm looking for information about my grandmother's family. Her name was Johanna Matilda LARSON and she was born about 1883 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Her mother was Christina. She had a brother, Roy, and three sisters, Laura, Milla, and Jessie. Johanna married David SPOON and moved to Montana. I have posted photos of her house and family members at <http://www.eskimo.com/~eagleye/larson.htm>. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Shellie Sun 2 Feb 2003

I have an old photo (school group, I think) from Nunda Township, Freeborn County. My grandfather, Gilbert KVALE (born January 1909), is in the photo and he is about six-years-old. There is an American flag in the background with 48 stars on it so that places the photo at about 1915. If there are any people who have ancestors who went to school in Nunda around that time, please contact me. I would like to identify the kids on the photo. I am willing to share copies of the photo too.

Judy Fri 24 Jan 2003

Looking for August and Augusta (STARK) SCHUETT. They were in Glenville, Freeborn County in 1935. August was born about 1860; Augusta about 1861; four children. Would like death dates or anything else. Thanks, Judy.

Dave Sat 21 Dec 2002

William HUNT was born in 1805 in Vermont. With his wife, Abigail, they lived in Erie County, Ohio in 1850. Their children were: Andrew b. 1832, Hannah b. 1834, Mary J. b. 1836, Sarah M. b. 1845, William S. b. 1846, Albert b. 1849. They lived in Freeborn County in 1870. William died that year. I don't know if there were any other children. I would like to know if any of the children are listed in the 1870 census in Freeborn County. I know Sarah wasn't. I don't know who married Hannah and Mary J. If you have any information, please contact me.

Doug Schneider Sun 8 Dec 2002

I am seeking information on Martha OLSON (nee HAWKINSON) d. in 1936; spouse Emil S. Olson; children: Elmer, Marion, Orville, Herbert, Arvid, and Norbert. All family records were destroyed in a house fire and details are sketchy. My father-in-law has passed away and left little information behind. Any help would be appreciated.

Judy Rowe Sun 17 Nov 2002

I am seeking information on Ellen ALFORD PORTER, born in May of 1873 to Ellen (REDIKER) and Alonzo Alford in Hayward, Freeborn County, Minnesota. Ellen married W. K. Porter in 1893. They had a daughter, Helen, born in May of 1900. In the 1900 Federal census records for Glenville, Freeborn County, Minnesota, it shows Ellen and Helen Porter living with George W. and Mary ALLEN. Mary was Ellen's

half-sister and they grew up together. Mary was born Mary RICHARDS in February 1859 in Canada to Ellen RICHARDS Alford and William Richards. She married George W. Allen in 1878. If you have any information on any of these people, please contact me. I would love to share information. Thank you. Judy Rowe

John J. Allen Mon 30 Sep 2002

I seek information on my grandmother, Emma Etta LEMONS, born 5 May 1875, Glenville, Minnesota, and her parents, Jacob and Helga (Helen) GULBRANDSON/RUGLAND Lemons.

Tom Cotton Sun 22 Sep 2002

Searching for any info on Jennie HOVLAND, born ca1878, daughters, Irene and Ester. Residing in Riceland Township, Freeborn County on 1920 census. Thanks, Tom Cotton

Steve Bennett Fri 20 Sep 2002

Looking for information on Samuel Johnston WALLACE and Margaret Elizabeth GUY, who are both buried in Fairview Cemetery, Moscow Township, Freeborn County. Samuel was a Methodist minister; Margaret grew up in Albert Lea. They were married, I believe, in Mower County, Minnesota. Samuel was born in 1884 and died in 1951; Margaret was born in 1883 and died in 1979. Any help will be appreciated.

Jan Gaffney Sat 14 Sept 2002

Searching for the burial site of Randi Steffensdatter PAULSON, b. 1818, Norway; d. 8 Apr 1874, Freeborn County, Minnesota. Her husband, Paul, was a shoemaker and farmer in Bath Township. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Paul Pedersen Thur 29 Aug 2002

NOTE: New Address

Searching for information on WESTBY family members: Ellif, Randie and children, who arrived 1886 and left in 1913; Halvor and Brita, arrived in 1872 and are buried in Hartland Cemetery; and Nels. Also, any information on the TENNYSON/TENNESON/TENNISON family: Hans, Anna and children arrived 1878 and left in 1899. Thank you!

Pam DeLong Tue 27 Aug 2002

I am looking for any information on the MITHUEN/MITHUN families. I know that some ancestors lived and died in Freeborn County. I have heard that they all seemed to live in the Albert Lea area or somewhere close by. If anyone knows anything, please let me know. My great-grandparents were Ivir and Carrie (KNUTSON) Mithuen. Thanks a lot!

James J. Covell Mon 26 Aug 2002

Looking for info on Ernest COMPTON and Millie SEGAR. Millie was b. 19 Oct 1869; d. 6 Jan 1930 in Albert Lea, Freeborn County. Millie's parents were Charles V. Segar and Mary M. SCOVILLE. Thank you for any info connected to these people.

Mark and Kristi Wed 21 Aug 2002

Looking for any vital information on Asa WALKER, who purchased 80 acres in Freeborn County 21 Jan 1873. Unfortunately, this is all the info I have. Am hoping someone out there will have or know more information. I believe his parents might have been Asahel and Mehitabel (CLIFFORD) Walker. Would appreciate any information on this person and his family. If this is the correct lead, then I have much to share in return. Kristi Clifford-Halverson

Deborah Adams Tue 6 Aug 2002

Seeking 1860 census information: Francis Hudson LAMB and Sylvia. Children: Arvilla L. Lamb, b. 1854, Kendallville, IN; Luella A. Lamb, b. 1856, Shell Rock, MN; Minnie Ett Lamb, b. 1861, Glenville, MN; Eva Adelle Lamb, b. 1859, Albert Lea, MN. Also seeking birth records for the children.

 Wed 24 Jul 2002

Seeking info on Joseph Blunt HOOKER, who established the "Freeborn County Standard" in 1860 in Albert Lea. He was born 1840 in New York City; married Sarah WOLLEAT(?) 1862 in Steele County, Minnesota. They had four children in Owatonna before moving to California in 1869. He died in California in 1908.

Vickie Engler Wed 17 Jul 2002

Looking for information on Charles BELKNAP, husband of Carrie BROWN-Belknap, who lived in Glenville, MN and disappeared shortly after their marriage in 1888. He was a performer and had a hot air balloon which he took up and never returned. Any information would be helpful.

Emma Fedie Wed 10 Jul 2002

Am looking for info on great-grandparents William H. and Mary STEWART. Moved to Shellrock in the early 1870s and lived there about 30 years. Mary passed away in 1896 and William in 1914. They had five children: Walter m. Cora ? ; Minnie (Mary) m. Patrick BURNS in Luverne, MN; Rush Clark; Mabel Grace m. ? LOW; Mary Almaretta m. T. G. BUE. Any info would be appreciated.

 Wed 3 Jul 2002

I am researching the family of Jens Albert CHRISTENSEN, husband of Christina Augusta NIELSEN, who lived in Albert Lea before moving to West Branch, Iowa at the turn of the 20th century. They had four daughters and three sons, one being Albert Christensen. One daughter was Sena Christina who married Thomas Peter SORENSEN -- their daughter Emma Irene married Everett HOGAN in 1928. There is still family, I believe, living in the Albert Lea area.

Michelle Ford Thu 11 April 2002

I am researching my Danish-American line, CHRISTENSEN/HEEGARD.

Carl Christensen Heegard and Rebecca HANSEN came from Denmark to the Geneva, MN area and are buried in the Geneva Cemetery. Their children were: Mary, Agnes (Mrs. Chris CARLSEN), William (m. Ida FREDRICKSON), Stina (Mrs. Charles JORGENSEN), Hannah (Mrs. Frank C. NELSON), Clara (Mrs. Lars SWENSEN), and Harvey (m. Agnes JENSEN).

Carl also had a brother, Jens Christensen Heegard, who lived in Albert Lea, MN (m. (1) Lena ANDERSON and (2) Mary Hannah Nelson). Jens also had several children, many of whom moved to the Starbuck, MN area.

I am most interested in finding the parents of Carl and Jens and am trying to determine the place name in Denmark for their family line. It would be exciting to find a relative on this side of my family. Thank you!

Joyce Finch Sun 31 Mar 2002

I am interested in information about the family of Hoken H. CHRISTIANSON and his wife, Dagmar C. (ANDERSON) Christianson. Any help will be appreciated.

Tricia Thompson Thu 28 Mar 2002

Seeking other researchers for the McMILLEN family in Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minnesota. Alanson McMillen and his brother, LeRoy McMillen, settled there in 1870. Alanson (also called Lant) and his wife, Polly, nee HORNING, had the following children: Zada Adella, Hervy Clifford (m. Mary McLEOD), Joy Eva, and Milo Henry.

Donald M. Hewitt Mon 25 Feb 2002

Seeking additional information about Milton Elkanah HEWITT, born about 1833 in Paris, Oneida, NY; moved to Freeborn County, Minnesota, where he had a farm in Bancroft Township. Milton was my grandfather. I have able to find only a relatively small amount of information about him.

Chris Cyr Sat 23 Feb 2002

I am looking for information on Baard and Christie JOHNSON. Baard was born about 1849 in Norway and

died in Brookings County, SD. They had 7 children: John A., Edward Oscar, Martin B., Ida (married Henry H. HERMANSON), Lena (born 24 June 1874 in Oakland, Freeborn County and married Ole J. BYRE -- my great-grandparents). This family was in the Oakland, Freeborn area at least from 1870 to 1883 when they moved to South Dakota. Any information would be great!

Paul Pedersen Thu 14 Feb 2002

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Jim Cannon Sun 27 Jan 2002

Looking for Freeborn County HOGAN researchers. Most important is John Hogan (1826-22 Feb 1916) son of Cornelius Hogan. John was married to Bridget O'LEARY (1832-6 Apr 1909). Their son Dennis (1863-9 Feb 1936) was married to Mary Ann GARDNER (3 Dec 1868-25 Dec 1896). She was the daughter of Richard L. Gardner (20 Sep 1836-16 Dec 1926) and Rosanna MERRIMAN (25 Feb 1850-29 Dec 1928). All are interred at St. Mary's Cemetery, Newry, along with other Hogans. I am trying to locate the parents of Bridget O'Leary.

Cathy Larkins Fri 25 Jan 2002

Searching for information on Cyrus HUTCHINSON, son of David K. and Eliza Hutchinson of Glenville, Freeborn County, Minnesota. Cyrus is listed in the Shell Rock, Minnesota census, age 25 and in his parents' home. What happened to him after that? Who did he marry? Where and when did he die? David K. and Eliza Hutchinson both died in 1908. I thank you for any help you can send my way. Cathy -- <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cathutch>

Barbara McCoy Tue 22 Jan 2002

Searching for BREISETH family in Freeborn County. Belle was married there 1 Jan 1912 to Ed SWENSRUD and lived the rest of her life in Worth County, Iowa. Need info on parents and siblings. Thanks!

Denis Taft Tue 22 Jan 2002

NOTE NEW ADDRESS: I am looking for the birth year of John WRIGHT, born in Freeborn County, the son of Bartholomew and Jane (TULLY) Wright. One source said he was born 14 Dec 1880 but that conflicts with the birthdate of a sister who was born 28 June 1880. Another source said he was the oldest of all his siblings. His parents married in 1877. I am guessing that his birthdate may have been 14 Dec 1878 and that would fit with all his six or seven siblings. Does anyone have the 1885 Minnesota census for Freeborn County and could corroborate the birth year for members of this Bartholomew Wright family? Thank you!

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Larry R Johnson Sun, 8 Jan 2006

ANDERSEN, LEWIS OR HARRY. Came to Minnesota via Stillwater in 1880's and farmed later nearby to Alden.

RJones Sun, 5 Mar 2006

I am looking for information about Sarah Ann FRAZIER born 2/8/1857 in Haywood, Freeborn Co. She married Thomas WILEY in Northwood, Iowa. Thank you!

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