

The Olson Family Roots

Generation No. 1

1. Måns¹ Rosendahl¹ was born Abt. 1720 in Sprättilsboda district, Kristianopel Parish, Sweden, and died Unknown. He married **Karin Andersdotter²** Bef. 1744 in Sprättilsboda, Kristianopel, daughter of Anders Unknown. She was born in Sprättilsboda Kristianopel, and died Unknown.

Notes for Måns Rosendahl:

The Rosendahl name is very biblical but is a common name in Finland, Sweden and Germany. It is frequently accompanied with a biblical first name. It is not a Jewish name as all the members of the family were baptized into the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Notes for Karin Andersdotter:

The surname of the family changed from one generation to the next. This was accomplished using the "patronymic system of names." The daughter took the father's given name plus dotter. The son took the father's given name plus son. The second "S" makes the father's name possessive (the son or daughter of, in this case, Ander). The dotter is frequently abbreviated in the Swedish records as are many other terms which makes reading them much more difficult. (Kristianopel is frequently spelled Christianopel. It is also abbreviated some times on the same page "Xianopel." This makes things more interesting because the letter "F" in Gothic script looks like an "X") Occasionally the mother had a superior position to the father and so some children took the name of the mother plus son or dotter. When the daughter married she did not take the surname of her husband but kept her old surname. This meant the surname of the family changed with each generation. There were two exceptions. If the given name of the oldest son for three generations was the same the surname stayed the same. The other was when the surname was not a "son" name such as Rosendahl, Hammar or Tollquist. These names usually had some meaning to the family: they were in the military, the location they lived in or their job. The problem with this system is that there are thousands of individuals with the same name. Middle names were used only occasionally, and when they were the individual frequently went by that name. The only way you can identify who is who is by where they are from and their date of birth. Unfortunately ages are occasionally off by a year one way or the other. The best way to sort this out is to find the individual in several records or in several places in the same record. I was very lucky in accomplishing this in many cases. Fortunately the Swedish Parish records are very redundant with some ministers being especially thorough. This system of naming was abolished by law in 1901.
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More About Måns Rosendahl and Karin Andersdotter:

Marriage: Bef. 1744, Sprättilsboda, Kristianopel

Child of Måns Rosendahl and Karin Andersdotter is:

+ 2 i. **Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl**, born September 28, 1744 in Sprättilsboda District, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge län Sweden; died December 19, 1807 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden.

Generation No. 2

2. Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl (Måns¹)³ was born September 28, 1744 in Sprättilsboda District, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge län Sweden⁴, and died December 19, 1807 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden⁴. He married **Majas Månsson⁴** Bef. 1774 in Bränsboda, Kristianopel Parish. She was born 1744 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden⁴, and died Aft. 1781 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden.

Notes for Daniel Månsson Rosendahl:

Even though he had a non-son name he added the son name as his middle name and his son would drop Rosendahl altogether. It is clear from the record he considered the middle name to be important and it was used every where his name comes up in the records. roo

More About Daniel Månsson Rosendahl:

Occupation: 1774, Merchant marine Carpenter?⁴

More About Daniel Rosendahl and Majas Mänsdotter:
Marriage: Bef. 1774, Bränsboda, Kristianopel Parish

Children of Daniel Rosendahl and Majas Mänsdotter are:

- + 3 i. **Måns³ Danielson**, born June 05, 1774 in Björkelyåka, Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died June 23, 1846 in Björkelyåka, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge Län Sweden.
- 4 ii. **Jönas Danielson⁴**, born June 04, 1776; died Unknown.
- 5 iii. **Fageborg Danielson**, born May 01, 1779; died Unknown.
- 6 iv. **Anders Danielson**, born February 10, 1781; died Unknown.
- 7 v. **Marja Danielsdotter**, born June 24, 1784; died Unknown.

Generation No. 3

3. Måns³ Danielson (Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)⁴ was born June 05, 1774 in Björkelyåka, Kristianopel Parish Sweden⁴, and died June 23, 1846 in Björkelyåka, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge Län Sweden⁴. He married **Maria Andersdotter⁴** Abt. 1804 in Söderåkra Parish, daughter of Anders Olsson and Cajsa Wilmarksdotter. She was born September 03, 1784 in Ragnabo, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden⁴, and died October 01, 1844 in Björkelyåka, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge Län Sweden⁴.

More About Måns Danielson:

Baptism: June 12, 1774, Named by Christian Anderson
Occupation: 1805, Tennent farmer with inherited lease⁴

More About Maria Andersdotter:

Residence: 1804, Moved from Söderåkra

More About Måns Danielson and Maria Andersdotter:

Marriage: Abt. 1804, Söderåkra Parish

Children of Måns Danielson and Maria Andersdotter are:

- + 8 i. **Jönas⁴ Månsson**, born January 10, 1805 in Björkelyåka, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge Län Sweden; died May 04, 1851 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden.
- 9 ii. **Daniel Månsson⁴**, born May 30, 1808 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died Unknown.
- 10 iii. **Stina Månsdotter⁴**, born 1810 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died 1811.
- 11 iv. **Christian Månsson⁴**, born 1815 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died 1817.
- 12 v. **Sven Månsson**, born 1817 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died Unknown.
- 13 vi. **Anders Månsson**, born 1819; died November 09, 1840 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden/Tuberculosis.
- 14 vii. **Anna Maria Månsdotter**, born 1819 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died Unknown.
- 15 viii. **Helena Månsdotter**, born 1824 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died Unknown.
- 16 ix. **Cajsa Månsdotter**, born 1827 in Kristianopel Parish Sweden; died Unknown.

Generation No. 4

8. Jönas⁴ Månsson (Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)^{5,6,7,8,9} was born January 10, 1805 in Björkelyåka, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge Län Sweden¹⁰, and died May 04, 1851 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden¹¹. He married **Maria Olsdotter¹¹** December 23, 1831 in Söderåkra Parish Sweden¹², daughter of Olaf Nilsson and Anna Larsdotter. She was born March 12, 1805 in Sprätillsboda, Kristianopel Parish, Blekinge Län Sweden¹³, and died July 07, 1853 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden¹⁴.

Notes for Jönas Månsson:

The Swedish name Måns is Norse for Magnus, roo

More About Jönas Månsson:

Burial: May 11, 1851

Cause of Death: Tuberculosis

Occupation: Bet. 1833 - 1854, farmer¹⁵

Residence 1: Bet. 1832 - 1838, Södra Kårr

Residence 2: 1831, Moved to Söderåkra Parish with Maria¹⁶

More About Maria Olsdotter:

Burial: July 13, 1853

Cause of Death: Constipation/bowel obstruction

Individual Note: 1831, Was widow at time of marriage to Jönas with son Carl^{17,18}

Residence: 1831, Moved into Parish with Jönas

More About Jönas Månsson and Maria Olsdotter:

Marriage: December 23, 1831, Söderåkra Parish Sweden¹⁹

Children of Jönas Månsson and Maria Olsdotter are:

- + 17 i. **Olaf⁵ Jönsson**, born December 25, 1833 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co, Småland Prov. Sweden; died Aft. June 29, 1869 in America/Left Göteborg for Chicago/Arrived New York 6-29-1869.
- 18 ii. **Anders Jönsson²⁰**, born July 17, 1837 in Söderåkra parish, Sweden; died November 01, 1868 in Söderåkra parish, Sweden.

More About Anders Jönsson:

Occupation: 1861, Sailor

Generation No. 5

17. Olaf⁵ Jönsson (Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)^{21,22} was born December 25, 1833 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co, Småland Prov. Sweden²³, and died Aft. June 29, 1869 in America/Left Göteborg for Chicago/Arrived New York 6-29-1869²⁴. He married **Kristina Andersdotter²⁵** December 29, 1854 in Söderåkra Parish, Sweden²⁶, daughter of Anders Månsson and Anna Nilsdotter. She was born June 14, 1830 in Kabbetorp, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden²⁶, and died Aft. October 20, 1896 in Torås, Sweden.²⁶.

Notes for Olaf Jönsson:

Linnea says in her letter from 1958 that Olaf was a sailor who went to sea each spring but did not return from a trip when Otto was a child. According to Parish records he was an "owner farmer" at the time of his marriage but by Otto's baptism he was called "tenant farmer." What financial reverses he might have experienced can only be surmised, but many farms were lost because they were of such poor quality and low financial return that the farmer went deeper in debt each year. These farms were called crofts and the farmer was often called a crofter. This is also taking place with the great famine of 1866-1868 in the back ground. The famine spurred a great push of emigration.

The parish records say in 1869 he went to America and did not return. We now know that he bought an emigrant contract and left from Göteborg on June 6, 1869 with Chicago as his destination. He was traveling with Lars August age 20. We do not know who he was. The Göteborg authorities say they left on the SS Najaden bound for Köpenhamn. The agent was Fredrick Nelson. The ship's manifest of the SS Guiding Star from Copenhagen shows Olaf Johnson and Lars August arrival on June 29, 1869 at the Port of New York (see copy of manifest). I am sure this is our Olaf. The age of both is right and the two have consecutive passenger numbers. This makes sense because they were both traveling on Olaf's ticket. The only death during the crossing according to the manifest was a two year old child. Where Olaf went from here is not known at this time but his ticket was to Chicago. There is one Olaf Johnson in Chicago in the 1880 census born 1833 in Sweden, and he is a tailor. He also was married with one child. I cannot find him again in the 1900 census. Linnea says Otto could not remember his father. Olaf's wife became a professional cook for parties, funerals and weddings and raised the children "as best she could." The "son" or patronymic surname tradition was carried through. The name Olsson is from Oleifr (Old Norse) "son of Olaf" (Genealogy Resource Center). Olsson is first apparent in the Parish census of 1880. Anton and Jöhan were identified as Olsson. The second "S" was routinely dropped after emigration by all the Swedish "sons". There was a story that the family name had been Jönsson but the story did not include which generation was involved. roo

More About Olaf Jönsson:

Name 2: Ola,Olaf and Oleus are used interchangeably

Baptism: December 29, 1833

Emigration: June 06, 1869, Left on the Najaden^{26,27,28}

Immigration: June 29, 1869, Arrived with Lars August Port of New York²⁹

Occupation: 1869, Tenant farmer according to Söderåkra Records³⁰

Property: 1854, farmer owner³⁰

Residence: Bet. 1854 - 1869, Södar Kårr district³⁰

Notes for Kristina Andersdotter:

She moved her family on 5-14-1869 to Rotavik just west of Södra Kårr where Otto had been born. She took this action three weeks before Olaf left for America. It looks more and more like Olaf was on his way to America with the plan for the family to follow and something went terribly wrong or he abandon his family. She became a professional cook for parties, weddings and funerals. Her oldest son, Anton, who had gone to Australia returned in her later years and cared for her until her death(Linnea). roo

More About Kristina Andersdotter:

Baptism: June 20, 1830, Witness Maria Andersdotter/ Gunnarstrop

Occupation: Bet. 1870 - 1896, Professional cook.

Residence 1: Bet. May 14, 1869 - October 20, 1896, Rotavik village³⁰

Residence 2: October 20, 1896, Torsås Parish³⁰

Marriage Notes for Olaf Jönsson and Kristina Andersdotter:

Olaf(Olaus) was called a bachelor farmer at the time of his wedding to Kristina.

More About Olaf Jönsson and Kristina Andersdotter:

Marriage: December 29, 1854, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden³⁰

Children of Olaf Jönsson and Kristina Andersdotter are:

- 19 i. **Ingrid Maria⁶ Olsdotter³¹, born April 18, 1855 in Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Sweden; died November 01, 1870 in Söderåkra, Sweden.**

 More About Ingrid Maria Olsdotter:
 Burial: Unknown, Died of scarlet fever

- 20 ii. **Anton Olsson^{32,33}, born November 29, 1856 in Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co. Småland Prov. Sweden; died Unknown.**

 Notes for Anton Olsson:
 May have been the child who emigrated to Australia never married and returned in his later years to care for his aging mother.

 More About Anton Olsson:
 Emigration: 1877, Australia
 Name change: 1880, Olsson/Parish Census

- 21 iii. **Jöhan August Olsson³⁴, born April 15, 1858 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co.Sweden; died Unknown.**

 More About Jöhan August Olsson:
 Emigration: 1880, Australia
 Occupation: Bef. 1880, Sailor

- 22 iv. **Anna Kristina Olsdotter³⁴, born March 05, 1860 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co. Småland Prov. Sweden; died Unknown.**

 More About Anna Kristina Olsdotter:
 Residence: November 03, 1876, Stockholm

- 23 v. **Karl Axel Olsson³⁴, born January 24, 1862 in Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co. Småland Prov. Sweden; died June 14, 1873 in Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co. Småland Prov. Sweden.**

 More About Karl Axel Olsson:
 Burial: June 20, 1873, Died of broken leg

- + 24 vi. **Magnus Olsson, born February 09, 1864 in Södra Kårr, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden; died November 05, 1941 in Chicago, IL.**
- 25 vii. **Karolina Margrette Olsdotter³⁴, born February 28, 1866 in Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Sweden³⁵;**

died Unknown in Prob America.

More About Karolina Margrette Oldsdotter:

Baptism: March 05, 1866

Emigration: May 30, 1883, From Malmo traveling on Magnus' ticket³⁵

Immigration: June 30, 1883, SS Thingvalla with brother Magnus³⁶

Left home: May 21, 1883, for Malmo/USA

- + 26 viii. **Otto Olsson, born January 17, 1869 in Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co. Småland Prov. Sweden; died January 26, 1938 in Chicago, IL/ Pulmonary embolus.**

Generation No. 6

24. Magnus⁶ Olsson (Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)^{37,38} was born February 09, 1864 in Södra Kärr, Söderåkra Parish, Sweden³⁹, and died November 05, 1941 in Chicago, IL⁴⁰. He married **Augusta Petronella Wilhamina O Nilsson⁴¹** November 24, 1888 in Engelwood, Chicago, IL by Pastor Alfred Anderson⁴¹, daughter of Nils Peterson and Johanna Hausdotter. She was born January 01, 1856 in Vastad, Skilleatorp, Efra Parish, Sweden⁴², and died December 28, 1933 in Chicago, IL⁴².

Notes for Magnus Olsson:

The first use in the family of the modern Magnus instead of the Norse Måns. Aunt Linnea Lindstrom, Otto's sister-in-law, says that Magnus was a very tall man. He was very active in the "Swedish METHODIST Church" and he had three children, "two boys and a girl." He was a carpenter and then later a contractor (census records 1920) Magnus was five years older than brother Otto. He married eleven years earlier than Otto and had his first child ten years earlier. By 1920, when Richard was nine, the 1920 census says that Magnus (56) and Augusta (62) were empty nesters. She was six years older than Magnus. (See notes on Augusta regarding age) Like Otto and Olaf, Magnus lost his oldest child. Arthur died in 1912 at the age of 22. In addition to Aunt Linnea my parents said that Otto had a brother Magnus but that they were not close.

In talking with Ruth Crist Dyer it seems that after 1922 the two families did not talk about each other; therefore, it is essential that the connection between the boys be correct and strong. Their birthdays on their death certificates and their birth and baptism parish records from Sweden match EXACTLY (see copies for both). The birth records of each confirm the same parents and the page and district (Södra Kärr) for the family in the Parish Household Census record (Husförhörslängd for Söderåkra Socken) where all eight children are found. The dates of emigration match within a year between their contracts and the dates of immigration reported in the US Census of 1900. This in census records which do not have the years of birth correct either each being off by one year. The death certificate for Magnus says his father was John Olson. Not possible! According to the Swedish naming system, his father's name had to be Olaf "something." The John and the Olaf have been reversed- John Olson instead of Olaf Johnson. The death certificate for Otto says his father was "Olaf Olson," but there is no doubt it was actually Olaf Jönsson (see Copies for both). Most Jönssons became Johnson on arrival in the USA just as Olsson became Olson. The Swedish surname change with each generation was just not understood here. The US Census of 1900 and the soundex record says Magnus and Augusta lived at 804 W. 67th St (Marquette). The City Directory of Chicago for 1895 on page 1330 says he lived at 804 and he was a carpenter. The same book page 1331 says carpenter Otto Olson lived at 804 (see copies for both pages). This is true each year until 1898 the year Otto married and moved to 6833 S. Green St. He was living there when Linnea came to Chicago in 1899 according to the ships manifest (her recorded destination "my sister Mrs. Otto Olson 6833 S. Green St., Chicago, IL." and the Chicago City directory for 1899 "Otto Olson, motorman." In 1900, Otto lived at 940 W. Marquette one block from Magnus. In 1901 Magnus and Augusta were the witness to Marguerite's (Otto's oldest daughter) baptism in The Swedish M.E. Church. (See copies of all these documents) Linnea's letter says Otto met Maria in the Choir of the Swedish M.E. Church. Her funeral was held at that church as was the funeral for Leslie, Otto's son. Linnea tells us that one of their sisters came to the USA and stayed in the East. In fact Karolina Margrette did travel with Magnus to the USA and then disappears. This confirmed by both the emigration records and the ships manifest.

Lastly in her letter, Linnea described Otto's brother Magnus's family as being active in the Swedish Methodist (she underlined the methodist) Church and having "three children two boys and a girl." Ruth Crist Dyer says that her Grandparents had the Pastor to Sunday dinner nearly every week. The only Magnus Olson with this family make up in the US Census for 1900 and 1910 in Illinois was this family. Their family plots are within 100 feet of each other in Mount Hope Cemetery. The oldest son of each man is buried there having died one year apart (1912 & 1913). The US Census of 1890 was destroyed by fire in 1921 and is no help, and neither brother was in the USA

for the 1880 census. Ruth Crist Dyer has now identified some of the photos from the Fred Waldmann Estate as containing pictures of Augusta, Magnus, Arthur, Ruth and Harry. I can identify Otto, Maria and "Pat" in the same photos. Pat, who was Ruth's piano student, kept programs, a birth announcement and a Christmas message from the Crist family. roo

More About Magnus Olsson:

Baptism: February 09, 1864

Burial: November 08, 1941, Mount Hope Cemetery/ Lot 681 Section 16⁴³

Cause of Death: Died in renal failure probably secondary to prostate infection

Emigration: May 30, 1883, Malmö, Sweden/Spelled name Olsson^{44,45}

Family: September 29, 1901, Baptism of Marguerite/ Magnus and Augusta Witnesses⁴⁶

Immigration: June 21, 1883, SS Thingvalla with Carolina M Olsson passenger # 414 and 427⁴⁷

Left home: May 21, 1883, for Malmö with Karolina Margrette

Name change: 1883, Olson

Naturalization: Abt. 1888⁴⁸

Residence 1: Bet. 1933 - 1941, 704 67th St(Marquette)Magnus built this duplex^{49,50,51}

Residence 2: 1889, 6137 S Carpenter⁵²

Residence 3: Bet. 1895 - 1900, 804 67th St^{53,54}

Notes for Augusta Petronella Wilhamina O Nilsdotter:

Ruth Crist Dyer remembers Saturdays at her Grandmother Olson's house which was a duplex at 704 Marquette.

She looked forward to coffee and a biscuit her Grandmother made. She was a great cook. She says her

Grandmother was sensitive about being six years older than Magnus and would not even give her age to vote. She would swear that she was old enough to vote.

More About Augusta Petronella Wilhamina O Nilsdotter:

Baptism: January 04, 1856

Burial: December 30, 1933, Mount Hope Cemetery, Worth, IL/Lot 681^{55,56}

Cause of Death: Hypostatic pneumonia

Emigration: June 09, 1884

More About Magnus Olsson and Augusta Nilsdotter:

Marriage: November 24, 1888, Engelwood, Chicago, IL by Pastor Alfred Anderson⁵⁷

Children of Magnus Olsson and Augusta Nilsdotter are:

- 27 i. **Arthur E.⁷ Olson⁵⁸, born August 12, 1889 in Chicago, IL; died February 24, 1912 in Chicago, IL⁵⁹.**

More About Arthur E. Olson:

Burial: February 25, 1912, Mount Hope Cem. Worth IL

Cause of Death: scarlet fever⁵⁹

Occupation: 1912, Bookkeeper

- + 28 ii. **Harry Richard Wentworth Olson, born January 16, 1890 in Chicago, IL Death cert. says born 1890; died September 20, 1959 in Chicago, IL.**
- + 29 iii. **Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina Olson, born July 26, 1893 in Chicago, IL; died June 21, 1983 in Petoskey, Michigan.**

26. Otto⁶ Olsson (Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)^{60,61,62,63,64,65} was born January 17, 1869 in Söderåkra Parish, Kalmar Co. Småland Prov. Sweden⁶⁶, and died January 26, 1938 in Chicago, IL/ Pulmonary embolus^{67,68}. He married **(1) Dora" Cookie" Olson**. She died Unknown. He married **(2) Emelie Maria Hammar^{69,70,71,72,73}** October 06, 1897 in Swedish M.E. Church/ Englewood/ Chicago, IL^{74,75}, daughter of Johann Hammar and Emelia Tollqvist. She was born March 24, 1875 in Öster Ed Parish, Kalmar län, Sweden^{76,77,77}, and died March 06, 1917 in Chicago, IL^{78,79}.

Notes for Otto Olsson:

Otto Olsson, was born in Södra Kårr village or farm, Kalmar County, Småland Provence, Sweden on January 17, 1869. He was one of eight children. In 1869 his father moved the family to town and two weeks later left for America and as far as I can tell was not heard from again. A brother died when Otto was one year old. His oldest

sister died when he was two. Otto was raised in Rotavik, a village near-by. Otto left for America at the age of eighteen. Young men left Sweden for several reasons. They left because there was no hope of inheriting any land from which to make a living and they, as a result, were going to have to sign themselves into indentured status which was akin to slavery. Some went to sea and either never came back or came back and then emigrated to a new land as Anton and Jöhan, his brothers, did to Australia. As farms were divided up among the male children at the death of their fathers, the farm or croft gradually got smaller. By the 1850 to 1880 many of the crofts were under ten acres and of poor quality. It took three acres to farm and keep a cow and ten acres to keep a horse.(The Emigrants) The church had mandated that every citizen needed to learn to read so they could study for and pass exams on their entry into the state church. It was because of this that many young people learned of jobs and land available in the new world. Magnus and Otto had no hope of inheriting any land. Their father, Olaf, had been a tenant farmer and had not returned home after he went to America in 1869. It took 200 to 400 dallers to afford the passage. The emigrants traveled to the sea coast by horse, ox drawn cart and later by train. They could take with them a trunk with what ever belongings they could pack into it. Otto, Magnus and Karolina Margrette all departed from Malmö, Sweden, and probably went to Hull, England then to Liverpool or to Copenhagen then to New York. Depending on the point of entry they spent their first night in New York in the open in Battery Park. Linnea says Karolina Margrette apparently stayed in the East; she married but had no children. The boys took the train to Chicago. The New York Central had consolidated its New York to Chicago operation in 1878. Otto arrived safely in New York aboard the SS Hekla on July 24, 1886, and that the year he arrived he declared his intention to become a citizen. This is remarkable in that he was saying he would probably never see his family again. The family members were known to feel as they said good-bye to their loved ones that they were actually attending their loved ones funeral. They would likely never see them again(The Emigrants). The City of Chicago had been designed in 1830 when the canal from Chicago to Ottawa (Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River) was planned. and the city at each end was laid out in a grid form with major streets being laid out a mile apart. By the Chicago fire in 1871 the population was 300,000. (A Short History of Chicago) The burning of 40,000 wooden buildings was actually a stimulus to rebuilding of better, safer, fire proof buildings. Life in Chicago had its hazards. 2000 people a year died of typhus, and one out of five children did not live to adulthood. The location with lake and rail transportation made Chicago a natural as a hub from which immigrants spread out over the Midwest. By 1890 the population had grown to 500,000 and by 1900, 1.5 million. The Swedish population grew so that by 1900 there were more Swedes in Chicago than Göteborg, Sweden's second largest city. (A Review of Swedish Immigration to America)

We know that Otto became active in the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church at 66th and Normal. He sang in the church choir(Linnea).

Otto became naturalized on August 20, 1892 at the age of 21 years. We know that Otto lived and worked with his older brother as a carpenter until 1897. In 1897 he went to work for the Chicago City Railway Company, married Maria and moved to his own home on Green St. (Chicago City Directory 1895-1900).

Street cars were first seen in Chicago in 1859. They were horse drawn until 1896 when the horse drawn and cable cars were replaced by electric cars. The conversion was complete by 1906. At first the streetcars were owned by three different companies and because of the location of his home Otto probably worked for the Chicago City Railway which merged in 1914 with the two other companies to form the Chicago Surface Lines which became the Chicago Transit Authority in 1947.

The men who worked for the CSL were carefully screened. The wages were low. In 1900 the pay was \$0.25 per hour and the men worked 10 hours per day six days a week. Young, steady, sober, married, healthy, reliable, intelligent, cheerful, neat appearing, well spoken, coordinated- these were some of the qualities CSL wanted in it's trainmen. If you were a young man applying for work on the cars your references would be carefully checked.(Chicago Surface Lines- An illustrated History)

CSL wanted nothing to do with drifters. A tough face-to-face interview with a top official followed. If you passed this preliminary screening which eight out of ten did not, you took a physical exam. If you passed your physical you had to pay a deposit on your badge and uniform. This deposit in 1898 was \$50.00 a large sum for a job paying \$0.25 per hour!!

The first day on the job was spent at a training school. The next fourteen days were spent on a street car under the eyes of an experienced motorman and conductor. If you passed a five hour exam on operating and mechanical problems at the end of this period you were assigned to a car house. Otto probably worked out of the car house at 69th and Ashland about ten blocks from his home. You were then placed on the extra list to fill in on extra runs. You might spend a year on the extra list. You did not get a pay check until you made a run. The training period was without pay.

The CSL was a semi military organization that placed many restrictions on its employees. They could not moonlight on second jobs without company consent. They had to undergo company physicals. They could not frequent taverns even during off hours. They had to be in proper uniform at all times and they were discharged if their wages were garnished. If they were late one time they could lose their seniority. The employees were

eventually unionized with better pay and shorter hours. They struck in 1913, 1915, 1919, 1921 and 1922. We know from Union buttons of the Amalgamated Ass. of Streets and Electrical Railway Employees of America that he was in the union(Division 241 of the streetcar and trolley employees) at least from 1925-1937. He also received commendations for no accidents for several years. The buttons were worn on the lapel or the cap in later years. According to his death certificate Otto worked until two weeks before his death at age 69.

Otto like his son Richard had a devilish sense of humor and there is a story of his laughing so long and hard over some crackers in his pocket that he had to stop the street car and the entire car was in tears. He must have spoken with something of an accent because in one story about the family cat stealing an egg off the stove Richard quoted him with an accent, " Yumpin' Yimini! Thärs a ghost in the House!"

When you think that Otto lost two siblings, his father, his oldest son, a daughter, and his wife before he was fifty and traveled half way around the world away from the rest of his family, his stamina for living was remarkable.
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More About Otto Olsson:

Baptism: January 17, 1869, Luthern Church

Burial: January 29, 1938, Mount Hope Cem. Worth IL Lot722/ Section 16⁸⁰

Census: 1900, Border James Lith from Scotland⁸¹

Immigration: July 24, 1886, Arrived New York Aboard SS Hekla/ Psgr. #833⁸²

Left home: May 07, 1886, Malmö/USA⁸³

Medical Information: Died of Pulmonary Embolus as Compilcation of Colon Cancer, Had a colostomy at time of death

Naturalization: August 20, 1892, Chicago, Il⁸⁴

Occupation 1: Bet. 1897 - 1938, Motorman street car,Chicago Surface Lines^{85,86}

Occupation 2: Bet. 1886 - 1897, Carpenter⁸⁷

Occupation 3: Bet. 1925 - 1937, Member of the Amalgamated Ass. of Street and Electrical Employees of America Division 241 which covered streetcars and trolley employees.⁸⁸

Property 1: Bet. 1917 - 1938, 6742 Carpenter St.⁸⁹

Property 2: Bet. 1910 - 1917, 6920 S. Carpenter⁹⁰

Residence: Bet. 1897 - 1899, 6833 So. Green^{91,92}

Residence 2: Bet. 1889 - 1897, 804 W Marquette with his brother and family⁹³

Notes for Dora" Cookie" Olson:

Nothing is known about this woman except the children disliked her intensely.

Notes for Emelie Maria Hammar:

Maria emigrated from the parish of Tyrserum a parish just south of Norköping, Sweden. Richard's birth certificate says she was born in Norköping. We now know from parish records and confirmed by her Bible that she was born in Öster Ed Parish on the sea coast.This is a beautiful rural area which was known for logging for ship building and it has a unique church with an unusual spire. Next to the church is the Åsvik Manor. This is also confirmed by "Pat"'s notes on the birth dates and places for the family. Maria's father became a farm foreman in 1876, and she spent her formative years here. She had her first communion and confirmation on June 9 and 10, 1889 at Tryserum Church. (see her confirmation Bible) She left Göteborg on July 28,1893 on the ship Ariosto(Police Chamber of Göteborg) bound for Hull, England. The Ariosto was the largest ship to call on Göteborg at that time and was about 2700 tons. The fare was 7# She would have taken the train to Liverpool for an additional 1# and then set out for New York. The emigrant agent was Charles A. Berglund. She arrived in New York aboard the SS Aurania, a ship built for the Cunard lines in 1883 and later sunk by the German submarine fleet in 1918. She passed through Ellis Island, according to records from there, on August 14, 1893. She then would have traveled by train from New York to Chicago. We do not know what brought her to Chicago but we do have a story from Linnea told to Karen Olson that Maria had a boy friend who was very smitten with her, and he went to the ship with her and gave her a single red rose as a parting gift. What made this young woman travel this incredible distance at age 18 is hard to imagine. Linnea tells us Maria was extremely beautiful and very intelligent. She sang in the church choir. Maria was pregnant five times, and lost two of her children to infection. Thanks to Aunt "Pat" we now have several pictures of her, her family and Magnus and his family.

Maria's sister, Alfrida age 15, came to Chicago in 1895. Her arrival is noted in the Ellis Island records and we have a picture taken of the two girls in Chicago in 1895. We do not know whether she went back or stayed and married. I cannot find any record of her marrying in Illinois or her death there. We know from the Ellis Island records that Maria paid for a ticket for her sister Linnea to come to the United States and she arrived at Ellis Island on June 2, 1899 on the SS Norge out of Copenhagen. It must have been a visit. We have records that Linnea and Axel Fridolf Hammar came to Englewood(Chicago) in 1903.(Emihamn emigration records) They

arrived in Boston Harbor November 19, 1903 aboard the SS Saxonia(see photo). Their destination is to Maria's home. Maria is clearly a central figure in the Hammar family in the USA.

We know that Maria was not well after Leslie's death in 1913. In 1915 Maria and Richard and Rhomie went to San Francisco "for Maria's health." We now know she visited her brothers, George and Axel, while she was there. In the letter from the "kids" to their sister, "Pat", from San Francisco, Rhomie says she left her dolls in Oakland, George's home. Maria was very close to her brothers, and they wrote her often and visited the family frequently considering the jobs they had. George in particular wrote to Marguerite for years after Maria's death. Maria stayed at 1123 Devisaders CT. San Francisco, CA according to a letter dated 8-1-1916.

In discussing her grandmother with Auntie Linnea, Karen Olson says Linnea said Maria was very beautiful and she had a presence and a strength about her that drew people to her. It was so strong that it suggested a nickname, "The Queen". I think you can see that in the group picture of the family. Your eyes are drawn to her. Maria's death notice in the Swedish American newspaper in Chicago(Swedish Evening Tribune) from March 17,1917-"Maria Olson- wife of Otto Olson died early last week. Her funeral was held on Thursday at the Methodist Church at 66 St and Normal Court. (this was the address of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Englewood and the Minister in 1916 was E.J. Eliasson according to Kevin Lenard, the archivist of the United Methodist Church of Chicago. She was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery of Worth." Best guess is that the Swedish Methodist Church became the Auburn Park Swedish Church then the Auburn Park Grace Church then The Faith United Methodist Church 335 W. 75 St. Phone 773-783-4202.

One interesting and never explained fact of the Olson family life was the conversion of both Richard and Marguriete and later Richard's wife, Helen, a Roman Catholic, to the Christian Science Faith. How Maria's death may have influenced this is unknown but Otto underwent surgery to treat his colon cancer. roo

More About Emelie Maria Hammar:

Burial: March 08, 1917, Mount Hope Cem. Worth IL Lot722/ Section 16⁹⁴

Cause of Death: Tumor of mediastinum

Confirmation: Bet. June 09 - 10, 1889, Tryserum Church. Pastor dedicated a Bible to her at that time-Joshua 24:15⁹⁵

Emigration: July 28, 1893, Parish/ Chicago,IL^{96,97,98}

Event 1: July 18, 1893, License from Tyrserum Parish to Emigrate

Immigration: August 14, 1893, Arrived Ellis Island aboard SS Aurania^{99,100}

Left home: September 16, 1892, Left for Täby Parish¹⁰¹

Naturalization: October 1897, By marriage

Residence 1: Bet. 1886 - 1893, Tryserum¹⁰¹

Residence 2: Bet. 1875 - 1886, Öster Ed Parish, Kalmar CO¹⁰¹

More About Otto Olsson and Emelie Hammar:

Marriage: October 06, 1897, Swedish M.E. Church/ Englewood/ Chicago,IL^{102,103}

Pastor: 1897, N.O. Westergreen

Children of Otto Olsson and Emelie Hammar are:

- 30 i. **Leslie George William⁷ Olson¹⁰⁴, born October 12, 1898 in Chicago,IL; died June 16, 1913 in Chicago, IL/Pneumonia¹⁰⁴.**

More About Leslie George William Olson:

Burial: June 25, 1913, Mount Hope Cemetery, Worth, IL/Lot 722 sect. 16¹⁰⁵

- + 31 ii. **Marguerite Dagmar Olson, born March 17, 1901 in Chicago, IL; died July 03, 1975 in Chicago, IL of Breast cancer.**

- 32 iii. **Naomi Wilhelmina Olson^{106,107,108}, born November 17, 1905 in Chicago, IL¹⁰⁹; died March 18, 1907 in 6920 Carpenter St. Chicago, IL¹⁰⁹.**

More About Naomi Wilhelmina Olson:

Burial: March 20, 1907, Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago, IL¹¹⁰

Cause of Death: "Acute dilitation of the heart secondary to malnutrition and gastroenteritis"

Medical Information: Illiness of 6 mos duration. Physician A.W. Anderson MD

- 33 iv. **Rhomie Marie Olson, born October 06, 1907 in Chicago, IL¹¹¹; died December 24, 1962 in Pres. St. Lukes Hospital, Chicago, IL of asthma¹¹¹. She married Herbert Carl Markuson^{112,113} Aft. 1930 in Chicago, IL; born November 17, 1891 in Chicago, IL^{114,115}; died October 24, 1948 in Chicago, of myocarditis secondary to metastatic sarcoma from the right eye¹¹⁶.**

Notes for Rhomie Marie Olson:

Rhomie and Richard Sr. accompanied Maria to San Francisco in 1915. The reason for the trip was stated "for her health," but now with other evidence regarding George and Axel it seems clear it was to visit them. In the "kids" letter to Marguerite, Rhomie says she left her dolls in Oakland which is of course George's home. It was probably the first and only time they saw George Jr. and Evelyn who were five and ten at the time. That was close to their ages in the last picture we have of them together. Rhomie drifted in and out of our lives especially after Herb died. Rick remembers spending an evening with her after they ran into each other in the dentist's office in the Marshal Field Annex Building in the "Loop" when he was in his early teens. She had not recognized him but he had recognized her.

More About Rhomie Marie Olson:

Burial: December 26, 1962, Mount Hope Cemetery, Worth, IL/Lot 722 sect. 16¹¹⁷

Occupation: Bet. 1930 - 1962, Comptometer operator for the railroad¹¹⁸

Residence 1: 1962, 3849N. Kedvale, Chicago, IL¹¹⁹

Residence 2: 1930, 9207 Harper Ave. Chicago, IL¹²⁰

Social Security Number: 342-10-0493

Notes for Herbert Carl Markuson:

His purple heart must have been awarded, as some were, years after the event after 1932. This information gives high probability that the photo found in the Daily News archives in 1918 was of him.

More About Herbert Carl Markuson:

Burial: October 27, 1948, Mount Olive Cemetery, Worth IL¹²¹

Cause of Death: metastatic sarcoma of right eye.

Medical Information: I remember him having a glass eye. He did have a laparotomy prior to his death.

Military service: Unknown, Served in WW I, achieved rank of Lt. Recieved the purple heart #39449 See photo^{122,123}

Occupation: 1930, Clerk in Electric shop¹²⁴

Occupation 2: 1948, Post Office employee

Residence: 1948, 3931 N. Keeler Ave. Chicago¹²⁵

More About Herbert Markuson and Rhomie Olson:

Marriage: Aft. 1930, Chicago, IL

- + 34 v. **Richard Otto Olson I**, born August 28, 1911 in Chicago, IL/Born at home 6920 Carpenter St.; died August 02, 1990 in Escondido, Calif.

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28. Harry Richard Wentworth⁷ Olson (Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)^{126,127} was born January 16, 1890 in Chicago, IL Death cert. says born 1890^{128,129}, and died September 20, 1959 in Chicago, IL¹³⁰. He married **Helen Backstein**¹³¹ Bet. 1922 - 1925 in Chicago IL¹³². She died Unknown.

Notes for Harry Richard Wentworth Olson:

According to Ruth Crist Dyer. Harry was an alcoholic in whom Magnus was very disappointed. She states that Magnus's will left Harry the sum of \$1.00. roo

More About Harry Richard Wentworth Olson:

Burial: September 23, 1959, Mount Hope Cem. Worth IL

Family: No children in Obituary¹³³

Hobby: Played the violin very well¹³⁴

Individual Note: divorced

Medical Information: medium height, brown hair and eyes

Military service: 1915, WWI¹³⁵

Occupation 1: 1910, Candy factory clerk¹³⁶

Occupation 2: 1917, Worked for R.C.Crist Inc 1332-43 Michigan Ave. Chicago

Occupation 3: 1959, Foreman manufacturing plant

Residence: 1930, Lived with R.C.Crist family 6725 Jeffery Ave. Chicago

Social Security Number: 318-07-0294-A

More About Harry Olson and Helen Backstein:

Divorce: Bet. 1925 - 1930¹³⁷

Marriage: Bet. 1922 - 1925, Chicago IL¹³⁸

Child of Harry Olson and Helen Backstein is:

35 i. Son⁸ Olson, born Private.

29. Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson (Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)¹³⁹ was born July 26, 1893 in Chicago, IL¹⁴⁰, and died June 21, 1983 in Petoskey, Michigan¹⁴⁰. She married **Robert Charlton Crist II**¹⁴¹ April 24, 1915 in The house at 704 Marquette, Chicago IL.^{142,143}, son of Robert Crist and Minnie Boon. He was born August 26, 1884 in Blanco, Texas¹⁴⁴, and died July 20, 1975 in Petoskey, MI/Resident of Illinois¹⁴⁴.

Notes for Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina Olson:

[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-K, Ed. 7, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: April 25, 2001, Internal Ref. #1.111.7.59377.141]

Individual: Crist, Ruth

Social Security #: 345-14-4870 Issued in: Illinois

Birth date: Jul 26, 1893; Death date: Jun 1983

Residence code: Illinois ZIP Code of last known residence: 60601

Primary location associated with this ZIP Code: Chicago, Illinois

Ruth was a beautiful talented teenager (see photos) when she met Robert Crist. She was a talented artist. She taught piano and gave recitals of high quality(see programs) . Magnus offered her either college or additional musical training. She chose music. She had been accepted into the conservatory of music and was on the verge of going to Europe to study when she met Robert. She was swept off her feet and was married in six months. After her marriage she played for the church. Ruth and Robert ended all correspondence with the initials "I. L. Y." meaning I love you. At the bottom of their grave markers are the same initials(See photos). They also had many pet names for each other but the most consistent was Ruth's for Robert "Jgoog." Ruth is often photographed wearing a three drop diamond necklace given to her by Robert very early in their relationship. This is from Ruth Crist Dyer. roo

More About Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina Olson:

Burial: June 25, 1983, Mount Hope Cem. Worth IL Lot722/ Section 16¹⁴⁵

Occupation 1: 1910, Real Estate clerk¹⁴⁶

Occupation 2: Bet. 1915 - 1918, Taught piano and gave recitals^{147,148}

Notes for Robert Charlton Crist II:

[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-K, Ed. 7, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: April 25, 2001, Internal Ref. #1.111.7.59377.19]

Individual: Crist, Robert

Social Security #: 341-18-0418

Issued in: Illinois Birth date: Aug 26, 1884 Death date: Jul 1975

Residence code: Michigan ZIP Code of last known residence: 49740

Primary location associated with this ZIP Code: Harbor Springs, Michigan

Robert had a scholarship to Texas A&M which he had to give up when his father became ill with typhoid fever. His father was in general merchandise, and the boys both worked in the store. Robert left Texas and came to Chicago and became the largest motorcycle dealer in the world. He saw Ruth at a concert and fell madly in love and married her in six months. He then began to sell Nash autos and later as a side line sold a few travel trailers. He was so successful that he soon was not selling autos any more. Before his death Robert gave two Steinway grand pianos to the town of Bay View, MI. In 1980 Ruth gave a 4 Manual Schantz pipe organ to the Bay View Auditorium in Robert's memory. roo

More About Robert Charlton Crist II:

Date born 2: 1983, Inducted RV Hall of Fame as dealer¹⁴⁹

Burial: July 24, 1975, Mount Hope Cem. Worth IL¹⁵⁰
Occupation: 1920, Motorcycle Agent for Excelsior and Indian(see photo)¹⁵¹
Residence: 1930, 6725 Jeffery Ave. Chicago, IL
Residence 2: 3903 Apt. At 400 E. Randolph Chicago IL

More About Robert Crist and Ruth Olson:

Marriage: April 24, 1915, The house at 704 Marquette,Chicago IL.^{152,153}

Children of Ruth Olson and Robert Crist are:

- + **36** **i. Ruth⁸ Crist, born Private.**
- + **37** **ii. Robert Charlton Crist III, born September 16, 1922 in Chicago, IL; died September 25, 1995 in Scottsdale, Arizona.**

31. Marguerite Dagmar⁷ Olson (Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jónas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)¹⁵⁴ was born March 17, 1901 in Chicago, IL¹⁵⁵, and died July 03, 1975 in Chicago, IL of Breast cancer¹⁵⁵. She married **Frederick Anton Waldmann I**¹⁵⁵ July 11, 1927 in Canton, IL City Hall¹⁵⁶. He was born October 17, 1899, and died October 1952 in Wilmette,IL¹⁵⁷.

More About Marguerite Dagmar Olson:

Baptism: September 24, 1901, Magnus and Augusta witnesses¹⁵⁸

Burial: July 05, 1975, Edens Memorial Park, Franklin Park, IL

Cause of Death: Breat ca

Education: June 22, 1917, Completed two year course in stenography¹⁵⁹

More About Frederick Anton Waldmann I:

Burial: October 25, 1952, Edens Memorial Park, Franklin Park

Occupation: Bet. 1940 - 1952, Carpenter and contractor

More About Frederick Waldmann and Marguerite Olson:

Marriage: July 11, 1927, Canton, IL City Hall¹⁶⁰

Child of Marguerite Olson and Frederick Waldmann is:

- 38** **i. Frederick Anton⁸ Waldmann II, born September 29, 1938 in Chicago, IL; died July 17, 2001 in Wilmette,IL.**

Notes for Frederick Anton Waldmann II:

Fred was a sweet gentle man who played the piano and sang beautifully. As a young man he toured Europe with a USO troop that included Ann Margaret Olson. He traveled some to Europe in later years. He lived in his parents home until his death. He was nearly a hermit not allowing anyone to visit his home but willing to meet you for dinner in restaurants. He sang with coral groups and was well liked. He was a severe diabetic in his final years and probably died of dehydration in the same kitchen his father had died in in his youth, He died intestate and left an estate of \$2,400,000. roo

More About Frederick Anton Waldmann II:

Burial: Unknown, Cremated and placed in grave with mother

Cause of Death: Dehydration and Diabetis

Degree: 1956, New Trier High School/ Wilmette,IL

Education 1: Unknown, MBA University of Chicago

Education 2: Abt. 1960, Electrical engineer Northwestern U

Occupation 1: Bet. 1961 - 1996, Engineer IBM/ Chicago, IL

Occupation 2: Abt. 1956, USO Europe with Ann-Margret Olson

34. Richard Otto⁷ Olson I (Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jónas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)¹⁶¹ was born August 28, 1911 in Chicago, IL/Born at home 6920 Carpenter St.¹⁶¹, and died August 02, 1990 in Escondido, Calif¹⁶². He married **Helen Agnes Scannell**¹⁶³ October 30, 1937 in Chicago, IL¹⁶⁴, daughter of Timothy Scannell and Sarah O'Grady. She was born May 15, 1916 in Chicago, IL¹⁶⁵, and died October 27, 1989 in Escondido, Ca.¹⁶⁶.

Notes for Richard Otto Olson I:

Richard Otto Olson I was born in Chicago, Ill. on August 28,1911. He was the son of Otto Olson and Marie

Amelia Hammar. Both were born in Sweden and immigrated to the United States in the last two decades of the 19th century. Otto was a streetcar motorman and worked for the Chicago Surface lines. The Olson's were married in October of 1897 in the Swedish Episcopal Methodist Church. They had their first child October 12, 1898, Leslie George. Their second child, Marguerite ("Pat") was born in 1901 and Naomi in 1905 and Rhomie (Pete) was born in 1908. Naomi died at age two and Leslie died of pneumonia in June of 1913. Maria died at age forty-two in 1917. This seems to have had a strong effect because the family moved to a new house two blocks away. Richard was evidently a good student since he graduated valedictorian from Tilden Tech High School in 1928. With the support of one of his teachers and against his father's wishes he attended Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. There he discovered that engineering was not his future and he had to work even harder to make up for lost time so that he could go to law school. He appeared in dramatic presentations and also played some golf.

Richard attended Northwestern Law School and received his JD degree. He worked three jobs at times including washing baking pans in a bakery. He passed the bar in 1936, and began working for a firm in the Field building in Chicago's "Loop".

Richard met Helen while riding the streetcar to work. Although they had lived only a block apart all their lives they did not know each other well. They married October 30, 1936.

Richard then obtained a job in the law department of the New York Central Railroad where his knowledge of engineering helped in his legal work. His office was in room 1236 of the LaSalle Street Station in the "Loop". When the Second World War started, he was exempt because he was in an essential industry in the war effort. They lived in the house that they had bought from Pat and Rhomie when Otto died in 1938 at 6742 Carpenter Street. In 1941 they moved to a house at 914 N. Main Street on the north edge of Wheaton, Ill. Richard commuted daily to Chicago on the CA&E. They had a large "victory garden" which allowed them to can all of their food and spend their war coupons on milk and meat. Richard and Helen were active in the Wheaton Drama Club appearing in many monthly plays and Richard had the lead in several semi-annual presentations. These were well attended by not only Wheatonites but by people from all over the Chicago area.

In 1944, they moved to Winfield, IL after the birth of their twins, Kent and Karen. The house on Beecher Road in Winfield was only partially finished and was on five very heavily wooded acres. The property was on the north branch of the Du Page River and an acre or so flooded every spring. The next fifteen years was spent finishing the house and clearing the land. In 1954 or 1955 Richard ran for the school board. The town of 300 needed to replace the two room school that housed the first six grades. They were successful in achieving their goals: to get elected and to get the new school built. Darrell was born in 1953.

Richard's law career was very successful. He became General Counsel in Chicago for the NYC RR. He was offered positions in New York, which he turned down. When the New York Central and the Pennsylvania Railroads merged, he was the only major executive in Chicago to survive. He was president of the Peoria and Eastern Railroad in 1967. He retired at age 62, and they moved to Fallbrook, California and later to Escondido, Calif. After Helen died Richard was heart broken and a year later on Mother's Day fell and fractured his skull. He died four months later of pneumonia at age 78. He was cremated and his ashes were placed in the same vault with Helen's ashes in Escondido. Richard had good sense of humor and it was not unusual for his laughter to tickle an entire theater into strong laughter. His strongest trait was probably his honesty. He did not fit the stereotype of a lawyer. He was not religious but he was of high moral character. He deeply loved his family and his sisters. roo

More About Richard Otto Olson I:

Burial: September 1990, Cremation, ashes placed with Helen/San Marcos Cemetery vault/Sec. 20 Lot 5 Graves 8Ca&b

Cause of Death: Pneumonia after surgery for subdural hematoma

Degree 1: June 1936, Northwestern Univ. Law/ JD/ Chicago, IL

Degree 2: July 14, 1928, Val. Tilden Tech/ Chicago, IL.¹⁶⁷

Degree 3: June 1933, Wabash College BA./ Crawfordsville, Ind.

Hobby: Bet. 1945 - 1958, Active in dramatic clubs in many plays¹⁶⁸

Individual Note: August 28, 1911, Maria attended by next door neighbor at his birth¹⁶⁹

Medical Information: Severe arthritis. Brown eyes, dark brown hair

Occupation 1: Bet. August 1961 - 1972, Gen counsel, NYC, PRR, PC, Amtrac¹⁷⁰

Occupation 2: 1937, Passed the Illinois Bar/Chicago, IL¹⁷¹

Occupation 3: Bet. 1938 - 1961, Attorney -NYC, PRR, PC, Amtrac in Chicago, IL

Occupation 4: 1971, President Peoria and Eastern RR¹⁷²

Notes for Helen Agnes Scannell:

Helen Agnes Olson nee Scannell was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 1916, She was the first born of Sarah and Timothy Scannell . She soon had a sister, Rita and a brother, Timothy, each born two years apart. Their childhood was largely uneventful. Their father was a building contractor. They were one of the few families in the neighborhood that had a car. Helen reported a story of turning the kitchen into a slide from the dining room with mashed potatoes. She attended Loretto High School in Chicago and took typing and shorthand as part of the courses. After graduation she became a very efficient secretary.

Her father died at age forty three of tuberculosis. She turned over much of her check to the family until she married in 1937.

She was a very skilled secretary. Her boss was unhappy when she announced she was going to marry Richard Olson, a law student at Northwestern Law School. They were married on October 30, 1937. They honeymooned in Cleveland, Ohio . Their first child was born in 1940 and Helen stopped working outside of the home. She spent the rest of her life making a warm and loving home for Richard and their four children. They were thrilled when they learned their second child was to be twins. The information came from an x-ray as ultra sound was not invented at that point. Helen learned to handle Great Danes, ponies, and horses. She could pull a two man saw as well as any man despite her small size of 4'11 and 100#. She and Richard moved to a mini-farm in Winfield, Illinois, and they cleared three acres around the house. The house was only partially finished when they bought it. Much time was spent finishing and remodeling the main house. . In younger years they were surrounded with family. Grandmother Sarah Scannell, Aunt Rita, Uncle Tim, Aunt Doris and their three kids. In the early 1950s however, Uncle Tim was hired to remodel a small house on the same property. Unknown to Helen and Dick, Tim was drinking heavily and drank up the money paid to him for the job and to pay the subcontractors. They nearly had to declare bankruptcy themselves before they were able to solve the financial crises. Grandmother took Tim and his family and later Rita to Arizona. We never saw them again until in much later years we did reestablish some relationship with Rita.

Helen developed hay fever after the birth of her first child and each August she literally took to her bed as no antihistamines had been discovered at that time. In about 1948 Richard had three weeks of vacation each year and he started taking the family to northern Wisconsin each August where the hay fever season was over. Later because the weather was not very good that late in the season in Wisconsin, they took the family to St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.

They were very active in the life of the community. Helen frequently wrote for the local paper and ran the campaign for the school board for Richard. They also intervened and supported an artist by the name of Himmelfarb who was accused of being a communist during the McCarthy era. They sent their children to public school until seventh grade. Because the local high school had a poor record for sending graduates on to college, they sent the children to Elgin Academy, a college prep. school, in Elgin Illinois. This was a real hardship because the tuition was \$650/ year per child in 1952.

In 1953 after having a miscarriage, Helen unexpectedly became pregnant with Darrell. After a rocky pregnancy she had a healthy boy.

In 1960 they moved to Aurora, Ill. Richard gave Helen a blank check to decorate the house. It was about this time Helen with Richard's help became a collector of fine antiques. Their collection grew slowly for the rest of their lives and they passed down to their children a house full of true treasures.

In 1972 Richard retired and they moved to Fallbrook California.

In 1979 Helen developed lung cancer and was operated upon by Richard Jr.'s partner, Thomas Schneider in St. Charles, Mo. She was cured after undergoing radiation therapy but her voice was forever weakened by the treatment.

Helen was an excellent cook and adopted many of the traditional Swedish holiday traditions. She was seriously separated from her mother and her brother and sister by the financial problems related to the house remodeling. She was loyal to her husband and her family. She and Richard had some problems adjusting their lives after Richard retired, but her illness brought them back together.

Helen developed a second lung cancer in the other lung in 1989 and was operated again. She died of complications from that surgery on 10-27-1989. Her death broke Richard's life. He had always thought he would die first and his love for Helen left him truly heart broken. His fall on March 13,1990 so close to mother's day and her birthday was a strange "accident". roo

More About Helen Agnes Scannell:

Burial: September 1990, Creamation, ashes placed with Richard/San Marcos Cemetery vault

Cause of Death: Complications after Lung surgery for Ca.

Degree: June 1933, Loretta High/Chicago, Il

Hobby: Bet. 1955 - 1989, Collected antiques

Medical Information: Had previous cancer on other side ten years earlier, Diabetic, Hypertensive, eyes blue hair black

Occupation: Bet. 1936 - 1937, Secretary
Social Security Number: 351-38-0674

More About Richard Olson and Helen Scannell:
Marriage: October 30, 1937, Chicago, IL¹⁷³

Children of Richard Olson and Helen Scannell are:

- + 39 i. **Dr. Richard Otto⁸ Olson II, born Private.**
- 40 ii. **Kent Alan Olson, born Private. He married Judith Dianne Littlejohn Private; born Private.**

**More About Kent Olson and Judith Littlejohn:
Private-Begin: Private**

- + 41 iii. **Karen Marie Olson, born Private.**
- + 42 iv. **Darrell Loren Olson, born Private.**

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36. Ruth⁸ Crist (Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **John Willett Dyer** Private. He was born Private.

More About John Dyer and Ruth Crist:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Ruth Crist and John Dyer are:

- 43 i. **John Christopher "Chris"⁹ Dyer, born Private. He married Virginia Sorrels Private; born Private.**

**More About John Dyer and Virginia Sorrels:
Private-Begin: Private**

- + 44 ii. **Jennifer Dyer, born Private.**

37. Robert Charlton⁸ Crist III (Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹)¹⁷⁴ was born September 16, 1922 in Chicago, IL^{175,176}, and died September 25, 1995 in Scotsdale, Arizona^{177,178}. He married **Barbara Houts**^{179,180} December 01, 1951 in Chicago, IL. She was born January 15, 1921 in Chicago, IL¹⁸¹, and died September 06, 1996 in Phoenix, Arizona¹⁸¹.

Notes for Robert Charlton Crist III:

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Individual: Crist, Robert III

Social Security #: 344-12-2919

Issued in: Illinois

Birth date: Sep 16, 1922/Death date: Sep 199

ZIP Code of last known residence: 85213

Primary location associated with this ZIP Code: Mesa, Arizona

ZIP Code of address where death benefit payment was sent: 85253

Primary location associated with this ZIP Code: Paradise Valley, Arizona

More About Robert Charlton Crist III:

Date born 2: 1972, Named first RV dealer of the year¹⁸²

Military service: 1940, WWII

Occupation: 1995, Ch. Board Robert C. Crist Co. Mesa, AZ¹⁸³

Religion: 1995, Paradise Valley United Methodist Church

Notes for Barbara Houts:

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Individual: Crist, Barbara

Social Security #: 335-12-3874

Issued in: Illinois Birth date: Jan 15, 1921

Death date: Sep 6, 1996

ZIP Code of last known residence: 85253

Primary location associated with this ZIP Code: Paradise Valley, Arizona

ZIP Code of address where death benefit payment was sent: 85253

Primary location associated with this ZIP Code: Paradise Valley, Arizona

More About Robert Crist and Barbara Houts:

Marriage: December 01, 1951, Chicago, IL

Children of Robert Crist and Barbara Houts are:

- 45 i. **Warren A.⁹ Crist, born Private. He married Mary Jane Jackson Private; born Private.**

More About Warren Crist and Mary Jackson:

Private-Begin: Private

- + 46 ii. **Josephine Crist, born Private.**
+ 47 iii. **Robert Charlton Crist IV, born Private.**

39. Dr. Richard Otto⁸ Olson II (Richard Otto⁷, Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. He married **Verla Rae Brent¹⁸⁴** Private, daughter of Howard Brent and Mary Clauss. She was born June 16, 1941 in Effingham, IL, and died September 13, 2003 in St. Charles, MO¹⁸⁵.

Notes for Verla Rae Brent:

Verla was born in Effingham, IL. She grew up in the years the family was moving North ending up in Aurora, IL. She was a very good student and graduated from Aurora East High School. She attended the University of Illinois in Champaign for one year. She then began working as a nurse aid in Copley Hospital in Aurora. There she met a young orderly, Richard, who was working there between college and medical school. The two were secretly dating and surprised everyone when they came to the spring graduation party at the nursing school together. Verla wanted to be better trained and enrolled at the St. Joseph Hospital Practical nursing program. Richard and Verla continued to date and became engaged November 10, 1962. Their early married life was challenged by the trials of being the wife of a medical student. Verla worked to keep things afloat. They tried to start a family but it was not to be, and so they decided to adopt and were blessed with Jennifer Lynn. After Rick's residency, the military was next and after being first on orders to Viet Nam, they spent the two years at Fort Sam Houston Medical Field Service School and enjoyed normal married life for the first time. When the service was finished they settled in St. Charles, MO. Verla was always frustrated by the personnel policies of nursing and she wanted to know more about finances. She enrolled at Lindenwood College to "take a course or two" and ended up getting her accounting degree with honors. She then went out in the business world and became bookkeeper and then comptroller of Calico Spicery, a craft business in the historical district on Main Street, St. Charles. The business grew too fast and the owner over extended herself despite warnings from Verla and she went bankrupt. Verla decided she wanted to stay home for a while but as was her custom she was involved especially when Jenny showed a real aptitude for music. Verla became a strong supporter of both the concert and marching bands through the Band Parents Association serving as treasurer. She also was elected to the subdivision board of directors and gave us all real leadership. Verla's leadership abilities again came to the fore when she was asked to help organize and supervise wives participation in the St. Joseph's Hospital Annual Golf Tournament. She continued to participate in this for several years helping to provide monies for the growth of the Health Center. Many of the personnel at St. Joseph know Verla as the "Cookie Lady." She baked approximately 250 dozen cookies a year for the personnel at the Health Center at Christmas time. We estimate she baked more than 50,000 cookies of a dozen different varieties over the years. Verla's hobbies included counted cross stitch and many of the family's children have baby blankets which she embroidered. She also stitched many museum quality wall

hangings and afghans . Rick and Verla have a special relationship of friendship, trust, respect and love that has carried them through many challenges. The last four years of her life she valiantly fought a losing battle with rheumatoid lung disease and at the end lung cancer. She had a wonderful sense of humor which she maintained right up to her last 24 hours.

Verla had two contributions to this record. The first was when she bought Family Tree Maker software for Rick and showed him how to use it. The second was when she said, "You are finding out so much about your family could you look into mine a little?" Oh Brother!! roo

More About Verla Rae Brent:

Burial: September 15, 2003, Oak Grove Cemetery St. Charles, MO

Degree 1: May 09, 1983, BS/Lindenwood College/ St. Charles, Mo¹⁸⁶

Degree 2: June 1959, E. Aurora High School/ Aurora, IL¹⁸⁷

Degree 3: October 01, 1962, Mc Auley School of Nursing/ LPN/Aurora, IL¹⁸⁸

Hobby: Bet. 1965 - 2000, Expert in all forms of needle work

License: April 09, 1963, LPN State of Illinois/Nebraska/Missouri

Medical Information: Rheumatoid Arthritis, Rheumatoid Lung, Kidney Stones, lung cancer, eyes green, hair light brown

Occupation 1: Bet. 1966 - 1970, Nurse/Omaha

Occupation 2: Bet. 1983 - 1988, Accountant/ Calico Spicery/St. Charles, Mo.

Scholarship: July 28, 1961, Aurora Foundation to attend Nursing Schoo¹⁸⁹

More About Richard Olson and Verla Brent:

Private-Begin: Private

Child of Richard Olson and Verla Brent is:

48 **i. Jennifer Lynn⁹ Olson, born Private.**

41. Karen Marie⁸ Olson (Richard Otto⁷, Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **(1) Richard Goodwin** Private. He was born Private. She married **(2) Melvin Clifford Daughenbaugh** Private. He was born Private. She married **(3) Robert Veith** Private. He was born Private.

More About Richard Goodwin and Karen Olson:

Private-Begin: Private

More About Melvin Daughenbaugh and Karen Olson:

Private-Begin: Private

More About Robert Veith and Karen Olson:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of Karen Olson and Melvin Daughenbaugh are:

+ **49** **i. Todd Justin⁹ Daughenbaugh, born Private.**

+ **50** **ii. Helen Ann Daughenbaugh, born Private.**

51 **iii. Walter Loren Daughenbaugh, born Private. He married Mauriella Private; born Private.**

More About Walter Daughenbaugh and Mauriella:

Private-Begin: Private

+ **52** **iv. Brandy Lauren Daughenbaugh, born Private.**

42. Darrell Loren⁸ Olson (Richard Otto⁷, Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. He married **Elizabeth Ann Beardman** Private, daughter of Thomas Beardman and Dorothy Schultz. She was born Private.

More About Darrell Olson and Elizabeth Beardman:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of Darrell Olson and Elizabeth Beardman are:

- 53 i. **Jason Thomas⁹ Olson, born Private.**
- 54 ii. **Kyle Richard Olson, born Private.**

Generation No. 9

44. Jennifer⁹ Dyer (Ruth⁸ Crist, Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **(1) Bernard Allen Newberg** Private. He was born Private. She married **(2) Roger Lee Drinkall^{190,191}** Private. He died 1997. She married **(3) Grant Dittmar** Private. He was born Private.

More About Bernard Newberg and Jennifer Dyer:
Private-Begin: Private

More About Roger Drinkall and Jennifer Dyer:
Private-Begin: Private

More About Grant Dittmar and Jennifer Dyer:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Jennifer Dyer and Bernard Newberg are:

- + 55 i. **Elsa Louise¹⁰ Newberg, born Private.**
- + 56 ii. **Deborah Jennifer Newberg, born Private.**

Children of Jennifer Dyer and Roger Drinkall are:

- + 57 i. **Mark Stephen¹⁰ Drinkall, born Private.**
- 58 ii. **Scott Kevin Drinkall, born Private.**
- 59 iii. **Roger Lee Drinkall, born Private.**

46. Josephine⁹ Crist (Robert Charlton⁸, Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **(1) James Donald Dressler** Private. He was born Private. She married **(2) Barry Lee Kirk** Private. He was born Private.

More About James Dressler and Josephine Crist:
Private-Begin: Private

More About Barry Kirk and Josephine Crist:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Josephine Crist and James Dressler are:

- 60 i. **Jennifer Crist¹⁰ Kirk, born Private.**
- 61 ii. **Jeffery Scott Kirk, born Private.**

Children of Josephine Crist and Barry Kirk are:

- 62 i. **Barry Lee¹⁰ Kirk II, born Private.**
- 63 ii. **Heather Leigh Kirk, born Private.**

47. Robert Charlton⁹ Crist IV (Robert Charlton⁸, Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. He married **Bonnie Christiansen Hine** Private. She was born Private.

More About Robert Crist and Bonnie Hine:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Robert Crist and Bonnie Hine are:

- 64 i. **Robert Charlton¹⁰ Crist V, born Private.**
- 65 ii. **Amy Crist, born Private.**
- 66 iii. **Lisa Hine, born Private.**

49. Todd Justin⁹ Daughenbaugh (Karen Marie⁸ Olson, Richard Otto⁷, Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. He married **Ashley Marie Billingsley** Private, daughter of Thomas Billingsly and Maria Rodriguez. She was born Private.

More About Todd Daughenbaugh and Ashley Billingsley:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Todd Daughenbaugh and Ashley Billingsley are:

- 67 i. **Logan¹⁰ Daughenbaugh, born Private.**
- 68 ii. **Aidan Daughenbaugh, born Private.**

50. Helen Ann⁹ Daughenbaugh (Karen Marie⁸ Olson, Richard Otto⁷, Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **Adams** Private. He was born Private.

More About Adams and Helen Daughenbaugh:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Helen Daughenbaugh and Adams are:

- 69 i. **Jesse Aaron¹⁰ Adams, born Private.**
- 70 ii. **Megen Daughenbaugh, born Private.**
- 71 iii. **Amanda Lynn Daughenbaugh, born Private.**

52. Brandy Lauren⁹ Daughenbaugh (Karen Marie⁸ Olson, Richard Otto⁷, Otto⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **David Scott Duda** Private, son of Thomas Duda and Edith Harner. He was born Private.

More About David Duda and Brandy Daughenbaugh:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Brandy Daughenbaugh and David Duda are:

- 72 i. **Drake¹⁰ Duda, born Private.**
- 73 ii. **Shadra Quinn Duda, born Private.**

Generation No. 10

55. Elsa Louise¹⁰ Newberg (Jennifer⁹ Dyer, Ruth⁸ Crist, Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **Sekhar Chandra** Private. He was born Private.

More About Sekhar Chandra and Elsa Newberg:
Private-Begin: Private

Child of Elsa Newberg and Sekhar Chandra is:

- 74 i. **Naathan Alan¹¹ Chandra, born Private.**

56. Deborah Jennifer¹⁰ Newberg (Jennifer⁹ Dyer, Ruth⁸ Crist, Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. She married **Gilbert Duran** Private. He was born Private.

More About Gilbert Duran and Deborah Newberg:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Deborah Newberg and Gilbert Duran are:

- 75 i. **Mackenzie Jayne¹¹ Newberg, born Private.**
- 76 ii. **Gavin John Duran, born Private.**

57. Mark Stephen¹⁰ Drinkall (Jennifer⁹ Dyer, Ruth⁸ Crist, Ruth Elizabeth Victoria Wilhemina⁷ Olson, Magnus⁶ Olsson, Olaf⁵ Jönsson, Jönas⁴ Månsson, Måns³ Danielson, Daniel Månsson² Rosendahl, Måns¹) was born Private. He married **Tanya Marie Harris** Private. She was born Private.

More About Mark Drinkall and Tanya Harris:

Private-Begin: Private

Child of Mark Drinkall and Tanya Harris is:

- 77 i. **Charlotte Ruth¹¹ Drinkall, born Private.**

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