

John and Kristine Erikson Family History, 1882-1986

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seymour, Mamie
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Summary	Family history of John and Kristine Erickson written by their daughter, Mamie Seymour. John and Kristine Erickson left Mora, Sweden, and traveled to America with their children in 1882.
Repository	Pacific Lutheran University, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Pacific Lutheran University 12180 Park Avenue South Tacoma, Washington 98447 Telephone: 253-535-7586 Fax: 253-535-7315 archives@plu.edu
Access Restrictions	The family history is available for research.
Languages	English

Historical Note

John and Kristine Erickson were born in Mora, Sweden. They lived in the village Bergkarlas and had four children. They left for America with the children: Carrie (Karin), Anna, Andrew (Anders), and Christine (Kerstin), John's mother, and John's brother, Andrew, in May 1882. Christine, their youngest daughter, was only three months old. The trip took three weeks.

They landed in Castle Garden, New York Harbor, and were detained there for a short time before taking a train to Minnesota to stay with John's sister and brother-in-law, the Olson's. The family then settled in McLean County, North Dakota near the Missouri Rive near Washburn. John did carpentry work and farmed. Discouraged by the extreme weather, they moved to Washington State to Chehalis and later to Centralia.

John found work drilling wells. They later moved the family to Tacoma on the Pine Street Hill. Mamie was born in Tacoma 4 December 1889. Her older sisters Carrie and Annie worked cooking for families while Christine and Andrew went to Central School. The family moved to Tenino and John worked at Mentzer's Sawmill. They later were able to buy forty acres from the Northern Pacific Railway Company and built their home. The property was about five and a half miles from Little Rock, a small community with a post office and a mill. Four other families lived near them on Case Road. The families petitioned for a school, but there were no funds, so they got together and built their own school and hired Miss

Anna Callow, 18, to teach their children. Later, John helped build a new school about a mile away from their home. Kristine had three more sons, Arthur Richard in 1892, John Arvid in 1894, and Elmer Francis in 1895. She had no doctor, only neighbors, to help her. John and Kristine lived on in their home until they passed away (she in 1924, he 1927).

Content Description

The manuscript is a family history of John and Kristine Erickson written by their daughter, Mamie Seymour. Also included in the file are documents from the Olympia Genealogical Society records about the family, as well as copies of family photographs.

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Case, Amy
Erickson, John
Erickson, Kristine
Gault, Franklin B.
Henry, Thomas Newton
Seymour, Mamie--Archives
Titlow, Alice

Corporate Names :

Northern Pacific Railroad Company

Family Names :

Erickson family

Geographical Names :

Bergkarlås (Sweden)
Castle Garden (New York, N.Y.)
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