

JOHN FREDRIK CARLSON & CLARA CAROLINA JOHNSON

John Fredrik Carlson and Clara Carolina Johnson were our great-great-grandparents from Sweden.¹ Their daughter, Maria² (Mary) Johanna Carlson, our great-grandmother, was born in March 1872 (or 1874 or 1876, depending on the source) in Sweden. Mary's older sister, Selma Augusta, was born in November 1866.² John Fredrik and Clara also had four sons, who were named Frank, Charles, P. Emil (Pete), and John.³ U.S. Census records state that both Mary and Selma Augusta emigrated in 1879, and since they would have been children at that time (about 5 and 13), it is assumed that one or both of their parents emigrated with them.² We have a photograph taken in Phillips, Wisconsin of Mary with two younger brothers⁴, so based on the above information, some of the boys were born in the U.S. No other information is known about John Fredrik, Clara or their sons at this time.



**Mary Carlson with two of her brothers.
Photo by S. A. Johnson, Phillips, Wisconsin**

¹ Marriage records, Price County, Wisconsin

² 1900 U.S. Census records

³ Research of Gladys (Peterson) Bagrowski

⁴ Family artifact

MARIA (MARY) JOHANNA CARLSON (JOHN ALFRED PETERSON)

Maria² (Mary) Johanna Carlson was our great-grandmother. She was born 8 March 1872⁵ or 1874² or 4 March 1876³ in Sweden. Her parents were John Fredrik Carlson and Clara C. Johnson. Mary had an older sister, Selma Augusta, and four brothers named Frank, Charles, P. Emil (Pete), and John.³ U.S. Census records from 1910 state that Mary emigrated in 1879, when she would have been 3-7 years old, depending on which date of birth is correct. Census records for her sister Selma Augusta also say 1879, at which time she would have been 13. Therefore, one or both of Mary's parents must have emigrated with them.



Mary Carlson
Photo by S. A. Johnson, Phillips, Wisconsin

Mary married John Alfred Peterson on 16 October 1897, when he was about 33 and she was about 25. The marriage was a civil ceremony on a Saturday at 7:30 P.M. in the Town of Ogema, Price County, Wisconsin. The marriage record states John's occupation

⁵ Death records, Price County, Wisconsin

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as a farmer. Witnesses to the ceremony were P. Emil Carlson (Mary's brother) and Anna Peterson (who may have been a relative of John's).¹

The 1910 Census says that Mary bore three children, but only two survived. This confirms information stated by John and Mary's daughter, Nannie Melquist. Son John Edward, later known as Edward, was born on 19 July 1896 in Ogema, Wisconsin⁶ Daughter Nannie Karolina was born 24 March 1901 in Ogema, Wisconsin. Daughter Louise was born 26 March 1903 in Ogema, but died in 1905 at the age of 2 years.⁶ No birth or death records have been found for Louise.

John and Mary Carlson had a dairy farm in Ogema, Wisconsin. Mary's sister, Selma Augusta, married Olof Anderson, and they lived on a neighboring farm.²

Mary died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin on 4 October 1918, at the age of 45. Cause of death was a gastric hemorrhage, with stomach ulcers a secondary cause.⁷ She is buried at the Ogema Cemetery. John died 9 November 1942 at the age of 78. Cause of death was cancer of the stomach. He is buried at the Ogema Cemetery.⁵

SELMA AUGUSTA CARLSON (OLOF ANDERSON)

Selma Augusta Carlson was our great-great-aunt. Her sister, Mary Carlson, was our great-grandmother. Selma Augusta was born in Sweden in November 1866.² Her parents were John Fredrik Carlson and Clara C. Johnson. Selma Augusta emigrated to the U.S. in 1879, when she was 13 years old. She married Olof Anderson about 1884, when she was 17 and Olof was 36. He was 19 years older than she was.² Olof was born in Sweden, and was a farmer. According to the 1910 Census, their farm was near her sister Mary Carlson's farm.

The 1900 Census states that Selma Augusta bore three children, but only 9 year old Oscar Emil had survived. Oscar was born 9 October 1889.⁶ By the 1910 Census, 6 year old Anna was included in the household. She was born 26 November 1903.⁶

Olof died 6 May 1937. Selma Augusta died 17 January 1941 at the age of 74.⁶

Selma Augusta was known to her relatives as "Augusta".

⁶ Research of Gladys (Peterson) Bagrowski

⁷ Death records, Wood County, Wisconsin

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ANNA ANDERSON (MANDUS HULTQUIST)

Anna Anderson was our grandmother Nannie Melquist's cousin, and well known to Harold and Nannie's children and grandchildren. Her parents were Selma Augusta Carlson and Olof Anderson. Anna's aunt was our great-grandmother, Mary Carlson Peterson. Anna was born 26 November 1903.⁶ Anna married Mandus Hultquist, who was born 27 February 1893.⁶ They had no children. Mandus died in Phillips, Wisconsin on 5 June 1970 at the age of 77. Anna died in Phillips, Wisconsin on 21 August 1970 at the age of 66.⁶



Anna Anderson Hultquist
This photo is probably from the 1920s