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Under 1800-talet ökades Sveriges befolkning på ett sätt som inte skett tillföre. Orsaken till folkökningen sammanfattade Esaias Tegner i ett yttrande av år 1833 sålunda: "Freden, Vaccinen och Potäterna. En lång fredsperiod hade gjort tryggheten mera beständig, medicinska och hygieniska framsteg hade skett. Folkhushållet hade småningom accepterat den förträffliga hjälp, som potatisen skänkt att även i svåra tider hålla nöden från dörren."

Fran Långsjo Emigrantcirkels bok;

" EN SMALANDSSOCKEN EMIGRERAR, "

WASHINGTON och DESS SVVNSKA BEFOLKNING. Was published in 1908 by Ernst Sharstet. His biography can be found on page 546 in the above mentioned work.

A biography of Hans Bergman, author and publisher of "History of Scandinavians in Pierce County" is found on page 100 in his historical effort. This history was published in 1926.

History of Pierce County Washington was published in 1927. Compiled by Mr W.P. Bonney. His biography may be found on page 726 Volume 3 of this history.

H.P. STENBERG. Born in Sweden. Was proficient in both the carpenter and Blacksmith trades. Came to South Dakota in the early eighties where he remained a few years. Came to Seattle in 1889, where he remained for a few months and then came to Tacoma. Worked for a Mr West, a butcher for 8 years. In 1903 he bought 15 acres on the Indian Reservation 2 miles NW of Puyallup. Which he cleared and improved. Kept some stock and planted several acres in berries. He passed away in 1922.

Married to Margret Highland, Born in Canada of Irish parentage in 1892.

2 Children. Lyman H. who for many years served as Milk Inspector for the City of Tacoma. Now retired.

Bolette. Named for Mr Stenberg's mother in Sweden.

Information W.P. Bonney .Hist. of Pierce Co.

THE BLOOM, JOHNSON, SWANSON etc. CLAN. Descendants of Mr and Mrs Peter Isaksson, who lived at Gaddegol Kringsboda Parish Blekinge Sweden in the middle of the 19th century. There were 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters. All the sons emigrated to U.S. Olof about 1881, followed by Sven Petter, Manfred, Charles during this decade. Fred and Ed, came about the turn of the century. Sven Petter and Manfred returned to Sweden. The boys spent some time in Illinois and Wisconsin. There they adopted the name of Bloom. In 1888 Olof headed for Tacoma followed by the others later. Nieces and nephews children of their sisters and brother in Sweden arrived from time to time so finally there was quite a tribe. In 1953 some of the members of the younger generations decided to hold a family re-union and traced 151 members of the clan residing in U.S. A second re-union was held in 1970. Mrs Edith Lund-Davenport statistician for the group had 205 relatives registered. This includes 5 or 6 generations and a mixture of many nationalities but the remarkable part of it is that all through the years these families have kept track of one another. The family history as well as a complete register of all members of this clan may be found in my files.

GUSTAF ANDERSON. Born in Sweden in 1862. Arrived in St. Paul Minn. in 1886. Worked as a coachman there for 4 years. Came to Tacoma in 1890. Worked for some years in U.S. Brewery. Joined the Gold Rush to Alaska in 1897. Engaged in mining. In 1900 he returned to Tacoma. Acquired 50 acres of land between Puyallup and Sumner. Part of the farm was sold. 28 acres was retained. 10 acres in berries and there is a nice orchard. United in marriage in 1891 to Karen Langlow. Born in Norway.

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A.F. Berg. Born near Stockholm in 1879. Brought to Willmar Minn. by his parents when he was 4 years old. Came to Tacoma in 1888 where his mother died soon after. His father worked as a carpenter all through his active life. Mr Berg had various occupations in and around Tacoma. Leased several ranches on the Mountain road from time to time. Bought the Chas Brown, homestead of 129 acres on Silver Lake in 1923. Farms about 22 acres. The rest is in timber. He also rents boats on the lake for vacationers. Has also been both road grader and road foreman for the county. Married in 1902 to Mary Ann Mattex. Born in Arkansas. 3 Children.

August Svenson, born in Sweden, came to Pennsylvania in 1886 and to Minnesota in 1887. Worked on railroad construction work there and in Canada. Came to the Puget Sound country in the early nineties. In 1895 he acquired 20 acres of land 3 miles N.W. of Puyallup heavily covered with timber and brush. Which he cleared. He later disposed of part of his acreage. Put in 5 acres of berries and planted a nice orchard. He operated the ranch until his death in 1925. In 1904 he was married Mrs Laura A. Frick. Born in Steilacoom and daughter to Anton H.J and Fredricka C (Ahlstrom) Malm. Who had arrived in Steilacoom in 1870. To the Svensons was born one daughter now Mrs Leila Lovejoy, of Deer Lodge Montana. Mrs Svenson had a son Anton A Frick and a daughter Helen, now Mrs McGee in a previous marriage.

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Från den 1sta Juli 1967 blir det en höjning av den svenska folkpensionen med 170 kr för ensam pensionär och med 200 kr för makar. Därmed blir pensionen 4.840 kr för ensamstående och 7.540 kr för makar. Frånsett kommunalt bostedstillägg. Folkpensionärerna får ett förhöjt skatteavdrag och blir praktiskt taget befriade från inkomstskatten i de fall endast folkpensioner förmåner utgår

Allmänna barnbidraget blir oförändrat, 900 kr.

Familjen Svensson av vilken Hon Penn köpte den jord på vilken Philadelphia byggdes var från Södra Sverige. Stamfadren, Lette Swan Gunnarsson, han hade tre söner, av vilken den äldsta var född i Sverige (Sven) den andre Andrian var född på atlanten (även benämnd Anders) den tredje Olof var född i Nya Sverige. Sven levde så sent som 1693.

uppgift från Georg v Wendt. Väst Soemokfolk i Amerika.

Karl Lövkvist, elegant förvaltare i trädverket. Gitarrspelare och sångare. Han hade luffat i ungdomsåren, varit vid alla järnbruk i Sverige. När han var 35 år var han med på ett 70-års keles, och berättade om sin luffartid och hur många år han varit på varje järnbruk. En av först deltagarna räknade ihop åren och sa när Kalle slutade:

Om det här skulle vara sant så skulle du vara 167 år.

Kalle tappade hakan en sekund och sa:

Ä då inte jakligt va tin går fort vid järnbruken!

Latinska namnet på HÄGG är

Prunus padus. - Välex allmänt i Sverige utom på Gotland. - Bär och bark något giftiga. Anses innehålla något blåsyras. (prussic acid)

Over the past several years it has been hard to find any worth while reading between the pages and pages of ads in Readers Digest. There is two sides to every problem but it appears that your editors can only present one view. In the long run this policy gets tiresome. Same thing happened to the old Literary Digest of whom we were regular subscribers more than a half century ago and this publication finally went kaput.

on cancelling Readers Digest 9/9/72

Falu-Kuriren skriver om be-folkningsexplosionen:

"Barnbegränsning genom preventivmedel strider direkt mot första Moseboks ursprungliga bud 'Förök er och uppfyllen jorden', understryker påven i en intervju.

Med nuvarande ökningstakt kommer mänskligheten omkring år 2500 stå skuldra vid skuldra på all fast mark utan att kunna röra sig. Har vi uppfyllt Mose bud då eller ska vi, medan vi kan röra oss, bygga över oceanerna med ett golv att stå på? Det får väl påven bestämma, om vi kan hitta honom i trängseln."

SENIOR MEMBERS OF SWEDISH ORDER OF

VALHALLA. JAN-71

Carl M. Carlson. DIED Initiated	1903.
John Anderson. DIED NOV 1967	1905
John Berglund. PASSED AWAY MARCH 1906	1906
Carl E. Forsberg. (Sweden) DIED MAY 1970	1908
Eric A. Larson DIED '71	1909
Theo Olson. (Calif.) NOT HEARD FROM	1911
Leonard Venman. DIED MARCH 1969	1911
B.T. Truedson. DIED DEC 1971	1912
John E. Nelson.	1914
Stephen Forslund.	1914
Birger Gord. (Sweden)	1914
A.V. Johnson. DIED JUNE 1976	1914
Gus S. Sandell. DIED 1967	1914
W.B. Sundberg.	1914

Om Antichrusto

Ps 236 1 vers

O Rom, gån det nu så med krig
som ha varit ställt här lefwat
Oer thin Papper wäldelig Ofver all
world uphävet, Den gjorde krig bäl
med mycken wäld, Thin maket
gick ofwer alla: Fraktade Sä,
både stora och små, Som ej
ville til krig falla!

1910
Pahoon Res 1519 S. G.

Salomon Gross Res 902 I
Lindberg Carl Blk Res 1929 S L
Curtis Lundberg same res
Elk Foster & Sealer
Royal Green 914 Est.
Ludwig G F Pioneer Tent
& Army Co 938 Camp
Chilber Isaac Det. Pioneer 903 Res
Blanchard Alf Pike Driver
1505 S G.
Blom Talpa St P Res 1611 J
Sundell Glacier 612511

Church of the
Guardian Angels

Capt
Gen Grant only spent a
few days at the Cameron
and never was in Stearnson
when Rungquist was there
It is possible that Sheridan
Hunt, Mc Clellan, Pettit
and others who became fam
ous in the Civil War
visited Rungquist Shop
while their horses were
shod

811 50 8th St

ET ER MAALET DET
AT BLIVE, TAVLER
HVOR PFA GUD KAN
SKRIVE

Our lives should be
pure and white
Tablets whereon
God can write

Erected 1913

11. Ofödder är then människja än, som kan alt
spel beskriva, Tho Påven med så många
allen i verden plägar drifva. Med munkeri
och mangt parti. Tho konam är like, Hans
kreatur, hvart i sin skrud, utstängde från
Guds rike

12. Nu bedjeri thig, Jesu bält, Thu högst
i himlens ~~ro~~ tron, Fräls oss från Påvens
grymnas wäld, Och all wär synd försone, Ty
den allen förvinst är then. Som hjälper en kröstan
alla, Ho Idinn mäkt av överdåd framän, skall
evigt falla.

Sweden has not issued any special invitation to American draft-dodgers and deserters. A convention between Sweden and the United States on October 24 1961 stated, that no extradition may take place for military offenses - including desertion. In plain language, this means that the United States has exactly the same attitude toward deserters and draft-dodgers as Sweden has.

In Tacoma News Tribune July 8 1970.

Andrew Emil Jacobson
Came to Tacoma in 1886. Homesteaded
in ~~the~~ Chop Valley in 1888.
Probably from Westervik Småland

father of Ernest Jacobson

TOTAL LEVY IN MILLS	STATE	COUNTY	PORT	
1969 87.40	41.95	44.05	10.49	
1970 94.78	46.65	42.37	10.49	
1966 79.28	11.96	30.14	9.42	
CITY	SCHOOL			TAX
1969-89.86	180.30			1969 366.64
1970-105.46	192.47			1970 397.43
1966 71.87	125.55			1966 248.94

EMIL JULIUS BERTLE. Was active in Valhalla and an officer as early as 1893. Not much can be learned now about his earlier life or when he first arrived in Tacoma. He was a shoemaker by trade. Had operated his own and worked for others. He was born in Vermland Sweden and in his youth had served a hitch in the Swedish army. There he had met with some minor accident, enough so he received a small yearly pension. He had played in the original Valhalla Band and later in the Svea Band during its existence. He possessed a high tenor voice and from time to time he belonged to all the male choruses which existed. With proper training he could perhaps have become a lyric tenor, but as it was his voice could often be heard above the rest of the chorus when he got too eager. Once in a while he would imbibe a little too freely. At a pic-nic at Redondo he started to blow some sour notes when Svea Band played for the dance. P.O. Peterson the director asked him in a kind way to leave the bandstand. This provoked Mr Bertle to the extent that he went and threw his clarinet in the bay. - The next band practise he showed up with a brand new instrument. When the boys kidded him about it he claimed that "the old clarinet was out of tune and he had been tired of it for a long time." At the business-session of the Swedish singers convention in San Francisco when it came to decide where to hold the next convention, he resolutely got

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KARL WINBLAD von WALTER. Born in Pitea Sweden in 1887. Arrived in Tacoma in 1905 at the age of 18. Worked with pick and shovel and at various jobs at first. Then as a clerk in several Department stores. Finally for several years at Dickson Bros a Mens Furnishing Store. Later he became representative for Travelers Insurance Co and represented this company for several decades. A member of Swedish Order of Valhalla for more than 50 years. Always proud of being a Swede but never too active in any secular organization. A charter member and one of the organizers of Bethel Lutheran Church. Later he became a member of First Presbyterian Church where he held several positions and when he passed away in 1967 he was designated Elder Emeritus. He was also a life member and a past president of the local branch of Gideon Society. His wife Mary M. was born of Swedish parents in Iowa, 2 sons of which one was killed in an accident years ago.

Winblad von Walter was a family that belonged to the Swedish nobles in the distant past. The name is still registered in the calendar of the nobles even if all the privileges have been lost.

The only other scion of the nobility that I have run into was one Alexander Von Torne. He had been a sailor in his younger days and

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SWEDISH ORDER of VALHALLA. Organized Dec. 15 1884. Of 22 persons who had declared their intention to join the proposed Swedish organization 19 were present at the organizational meeting. All were young men in their twenties, except Capt. G.F. Lindquist, a Civil War veteran who was 56. He was elected the first president. The original name selected was Freya Society and the name was changed to Valhalla a few months later. The first meeting was held in Svea hotel 1102 Railroad Ave, now, Commerce St. Proprietors W.P. Sundberg and Hjalmar Nyman. In 1959 the organization celebrated their 75th anniversary. Just prior to this all their records were deposited in the Swedish Archives at the University of Washington. A resume of the activities of the Order for this period was prepared from this material and also deposited, a copy will be found in my files and accounts of the lodge can also be found in Skarstets and Bergmans histories. At this late date it is almost impossible to trace any one that knew very much about the charter members. Capt. Lindquist came to Tacoma in 1880. Operated a tent and awning concern and like most Civil War veterans had political interests. He died in Seattle in 1912. His biography can be found in Skarstets History and such facts as I have been able to obtain besides can be found in my files

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Our Forfathers lived a sound and healthful life. In Great Grandfathers time everybody went to bed early at night and got up early the next morning. Ate their coarse grain mush for breakfast with pale blue milk, topping their breakfast off with sour salted herring or rancid pork. Warming themselves by the woodfire on the open hearth. If there was work to be done, some distance away of course got up hours earlier.

No one went to the toilet and flushed their dirt down the sewer and ruined the waters in lakes and rivers. They went to the outhouse. You may be sure that they got their butts chilled and hardened. Especially when the mercury happened to drop below zero.

Great Grandma had no Washing Machine. She washed down by the river. Rinsed her sheets and the rest of the wash between the ice floes in the soft and clean water, and probably went half nuts from freezing. But she certainly got hardened off and inured to a life of hardships.

There were no youth groups who demonstrated and created trouble and a lot of noise. They held Barn dances and picked fights with one

THE SCANDINAVIAN CORPS OF SALVATION ARMY. Seems to have been organized about 1905, occupied a basement location on the N.E. corner of So. 13th and Tacoma Ave for many years. Saturday nights the corps usually went down to Commerce St. to drum up attendance in front of the Scandinavian Saloons of which there were several in the early days, in this vicinity. Their numbers were never very great but they managed to keep going after a fashion, although the pickings must have been rather slim at times. They held meetings both on Saturday and Sunday nights and as they were never dull they usually drew fair sized crowds especially from the young people who arrived in droves from the old countries then days. Their officers were on rotation and none of them stayed long enough to make much of an imprint as a rule. Except Capt. Fred Anderson, who had an extended stay he was ordered to Portland but came back before long, his successors did not seem to be able to be able to make things go. So he came back and served several years again. Until the first world war. When he was ordered to the front and served in France for the duration. When he came back he had earned the title "The Pancake King" There he had rigged up a steel plate on a wheelbarrow in which he fired and it was said that: "when the Germans had evacuated a town. Capt. Anderson was the

up and invited them to hold the next meet in Tacoma. - God bless him for this. It turned out to be the biggest ting that ever happened to the swedes in Tacoma. He lived to be quite an old man. His wife preceeded him in death . There was no children.

GUS CALLSON. BORN in Ostergotland Sweden in 1865. Came to Tacoma from Iowa in 1889. A Tailor. Partner in the firm of Callson and Ahnquist for several decades. Became a member of Valhalla shortly after his arrival, very active in rhe lodge in the early years . Also a member of the first male choruses which existed. Never married untill ~~mid~~ well into middle age. From then on he attended the lodge only ~~occasionally~~ occasionally, but remained a life long member. 3 children.

ANDREW CHRISTOFFERSON. BECAME A MEMBER IN THE EARLY NINETIES and had held several offices in the early years. Born in Vermland Sweden he arrived in Minnesota in 1886 at the age of 17 and to Tacoma a few years later. He had been a member of the original Valhalla Band . He dabbled in politics but never quite made it to any elected office. He was quite trader however and succeeded in getting some appointed positions for the promise of delivering blocks of votes to the winning candidate. also active in several lines of business.

had covered most of the world. Here he worked as a longshoreman and went by the name "Sandy van Thorn."

Incidentally Mr Anderson was froze out of the firm by the other stockholders according to rumors. However this seems to have been the beginning of the end with inexperienced management the firm soon become insolvent and went under. Later Mr Frithiof Dahlin aquired the property and conducted the business under the same name until his demise.

Hjalmar Nyman and W.P. Sundberg, were partners in Svea Hotel ~~and~~ ans Saloon for several years. Later they went separate ways and operated various saloons until the state went dry in 1916. at that time Nyman operated The Baltic and Sundberg the North Pole, saloons. Sundberg also aquired a large farm at Firwood out in Puyallup Valley. Resume of both can be found in Skarstets History. Chilberg is a name that keeps bobbing up. There must have been several of them. One J.P. Chilberg seems to have been in business here in the seventies, and was the first treasurer of Valhalla. At this writing I have not been able to collect any facts about him. All the rest of the first officers of the new lodge seems to be forgotten. Pete Holmgren, a tailor and an early member of the lodge came here in 1883 and lived to be over 100. He is mentioned in Skarstets Hist. Gus Callson, also a Tailor and partner in the firm of Callson and Ahnquist, was also one of the early Secretaries. Alfred Sundell who came here in 1883 served many years as secretary. He had a decorating firm, and seems to have been in the window glass business at one time . Hugo Ohlin, the first secretary Worked as a clerk in department stores when I knew him. Two of his daughters were teachers in Stadium High School at one time. One C.W. Lindstrom seems to have been quite active in the early days. Partner in the firm of Lindstrom and Berg Cabinet works. Most of the above mentioned
IN SKARSTETS HIST.

another until some were injured and some were maimed for life. But this was also good training for a life of hardships.

The air was not poisoned by sulphur and carbon monoxide fumes from oil stoves and furnaces. They cut their own wood and spent hours at the woodpile splitting it up. Those who had no timber had to get out and steal some to keep the worst of the cold out of their homes.

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first one there and by the time the soldiers arrived he was busy making "FlapJacks. (some preferred to call him The Flap Jack King) After the war he did not return to his corps. Obtained a job as custodian in one of the local schools. Where he remained until his retirement. He passed away a few years ago at the age of 88. The second time he served the corps he was instrumental in getting a permanent home for the corps at So 12th and L Sts. By various means he raised sufficient money to buy the lot and erect the building and presumably it got paid for some time. After the corps disbanded the property was sold to a super market and is now used as a parking lot. (The corps disbanded towards the middle fifties.) He was born in Smaland in the late sixties and had attended the War College in Chicago in the early nineties Another cadet was one Albert Dahlstrom who had started a sect of his own and in his travels he came to Tacoma In his preached he roasted all other preachers including his former classmate .Capt. Anderson, - we called him "Glada Fredrik" back in Chicago. From then on he was known by this sobriquet among the swedes, but he did not seem to mind.

VASA FRIENDSHIP CLUB. During the depression years in the thirties some of the sisters in lodge Norden met occasionally in each others homes for a cup of coffee and perhaps a game of cards. As time went by more of the sisters were attracted and finally the average home was hardly large enough to accommodate these gatherings. The more prosperous forties had arrived and the sisters started to meet at Valhalla Temple for their monthly gatherings. By now they were formally organized with certain by-laws and elected officers. During the years they have been able to gather substantial sums of money through luncheons, dinners, bake sales and rummage sales. With these earnings they have been able to extend considerable charity to people in strained circumstances. Especially at christmastime. In this respect they have assumed the financial expense of the lodge for monetary gifts to needy members as well to other needy countrymen. They also underwrote a large part of the expense of the last district convention held here in 1970. As original members of this group we recall Mesdames Carl Anderson, Louis Person, Ed Rosenquist, Nels Person, Steve Forslund, Eric Danell, Elmer Wilson, Mary Gustafson and perhaps a few more that I can't recall for the moment. Others who have taken an active part through the years we might mention Clara Olson,

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AXEL UDDENBERG, Born in Stockholm Sweden in 1855. Followed the sea. Attended navigation school and received his masters-licence at the age of 21. Commanded both sailing and steam wessels and visited every important port in the world. Came to Puget Sound and Tacoma for the first time in 1888. When his ship called here for a cargo of lumber for Australia. From there he went to Dutch Indies for a cargo of coffee and spices for Holland. Arriving there he relinquished his command and returned to Sweden. With his family he emigrated to Tacoma in 1890 settling onto land at Spanaway which he had bought on his visit in 1888. This he developed into a good farm which he operated until 1899 when he disposed of the same and bought a Hop ranch which he operated until 1906 when he sold out and moved to Tacoma where he operated a general store for about a year. Sold out and moved to Gig Harbor where he erected a building and opened a General Store. (This store was still operating in the mid-twenties

Mr Uddenberg, was married to Angelina Uddenberg, a distant cousin in Hull England (time and date not given) 6 Children. Hobart who was born in Australia, Robert C. Bettie, Dorothy, Sigae, Arthur, who were born at ~~the island of~~ Maccassar on the island of Celebos and Aida who was born at Spanaway.

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SOME OLD*TIME VALHALLA MEMBERS I REMEMBER.
The only two of the charter members that I can recall that still retained their membership when I first became a member were W.P. Sundberg and Hjalmar Nyman. Two more were still around Hugo Ohlin and Robert Boman. Who had dropped out years before. Mr Sundberg was living on a farm out in the valley, near Firwood. Still had a saloon "The North Pole, close to the junction of Pacific and Jefferson ave's Hjalmar Nyman operated the Baltic Saloon in the middle of the block on the west side of Pacific Ave between 15th and 17th Sts. Neither one was then active in the work of the lodge, but, as a rule attended most of the social functions of the lodge. Mr Sundberg outlived all of the charter members on the 45th anniversary of the lodge he was present and received a jewel for his contributions to the lodge through the years. His son W.B. Sundberg was initiated in 1914 and is still a member. ---Nyman retired after the state went dry new-years 1916. It was said that he had made and lost more than one fortune in real estate. Seems as he possessed some desirable property when the Milwaukee Road came in where he recuped some of his losses. He passed away in the mid-twenties. He was a quite a literate man In the early nineties he had been a member of a swedish literary club and was one of the sponsors of the first swedish newspaper in Tacoma

ALFRED STENSTROM. Was born in Vastergotland Sweden and arrived in Tacoma in 1883. Became an early member of the newly organized Swedish Lutheran Church. Now First Lutheran Church organized in 1882 When the first chapel was built on the lower side of Tacoma Ave. South of South 11th St. Members of the congregation done most of the finishing work. Mr Stenstrom, and a lady member Susie Swanson done the interior and exterior painting. With a large influx of Swedes in the late eighties the congregation outgrew the seating capacity of the chapel. A committee consisting of Messer's A. Stenstrom, G. Pahrson, and N.A. Klaseell, were appointed to select a new site for a larger church. A site on the N.E. corner of So. 8th and I St was selected where an edifice seating 450 persons was erected and dedicated in 1889. This church was destroyed by fire in 1924. In 1889 Mr Stenstrom, was married to Christine Anderson also a native of Vastergotland Sweden. There were two daughters born to them Elvira, who eventually became Mrs Christenson and Ethel who changed her name to Anderson in due time, also a son Alvin. Mr Stenstrom probably followed construction work. In Tacoma City Directory for 1890 he is listed as a Pile Driver and living at 1505 So G St. After the turn of the century a tract of

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Elsie Person, Anna Loman, Doris Johnson, Evelyn Becklund Mae Olund, Ragnhild Forslund, Lilly Nelson, Lovisa Hast, Edith Alm, Anna Johnson Inga Anderson, Ruth Nelson Sigrid Carlson, Viola Anderson, Gertrud Sandin and many more.

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Arthur who went down with his ship in 1923. The family has taken a great interest in the social and community life in Gig Harbor.

(Bonney)

in 1890. In his will he had provided a sum of money for a party for his old friends after his demise. Citing an old Swedish phrase: "Ej med suckar skall mitt minne firas" (Not with sighs shall my memory be remembered.) We heard that the fellows really let their hair down on that party. ---- Peter Holmgren, Born in Harjedalen. Arrived in Tacoma in 1883 with his family. He was not a charter member although he was a resident of Tacoma when the lodge was organized but was an early member. A tailor by trade he operated his own business as long as his health and strength permitted. Lived to be over 100 years old. The odd-timers were strong for etiquette in the early years so in the minutes from these years it is noted that Mr Holmgren was obligated to have white gloves and crepe on hand at funerals for departed lodge brothers for the members to wear. ---- Alfred Sundell, born in Vestmanland Sweden in 1861. Arrived in Tacoma in 1883 after spending a year in Kansas. He was a painting contractor, but had been engaged in other lines of business. Active in Valhalla where he was one of the early members. Served as secretary for more terms than anyone has since. Also served as organist and pianist for long periods. In 1903 attempts were made to organize a male chorus under his direction. Subsequently he was a member of the Swedish Male choruses which existed.

land at Fife was acquired, where the family located afterwards. After his retirement the son Alvin, formerly a foreman with the N.P. R.R. in the Bridge and Building Dept. Moved to the old homestead and now lives there with his wife Frances, nee Brown. Daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Anton Brown, also pioneer Swedish residents of Tacoma.

MAJA LISA BENSON. Came to this vicinity about 1950. When she and some associates established "The Viking Restaurant and Smorgasbord" on old highway 99, just south of the city limits. She was then known as Maja Lisa Lindberg. She later married a Mr Benson who passed away after a rather brief marriage. Apparently she had arrived in U.S. about 1947 and had resided in Renton and Seattle before arriving here. After operating the Viking Restaurant for about 15 years, she accepted the position as executive chef at Elks Club, in 1965 when the new temple was dedicated. While there she arranged a smorgasbord which was named "The Jolly Corks Buffet". Which gained a coast-wide reputation as being the best hors d'oeuvres table on the Pacific Coast and was patronized by Elks members from near and far. In the ~~early~~^{late} sixties she conceived the idea of holding a "Lucia Festival" with serving of Swedish Christmas delicacies including Lutefisk and Grot. This met with an immediate success and has now become a tradition in this stead American organization, and always draws a crowd of about a thousand each year. Students from ~~XXXXXX~~ Pacific Luth. U. presents The Lucia Tableaux every year

First Lucia Festival held in 1968

Mr and Mrs Carl A. Anderson.

Carl Albin Anderson, was born in Grycksbo Dalarna Sweden in 1898. Left there for Canada in 1917. After a short sojourn there he arrived in Tacoma a year or two later. A cabinet maker by trade he was employed in several furniture factories both as a craftsman and supervisor. Later went in business for himself which he continued for several years or until 1954. When he was offered an advantageous position by a large Portland Ore. furniture firm. Which he accepted and the couple removed there but still retaining their ties here to a great extent. Immediately upon arriving here he became member of both Valhalla lodge and the local lodge Norden of the Vasa Order. In both lodges he advanced through the chairs and always held some office in either lodge all through the years. About 1935 he held the office of Dist. Master for the Pacific Northwest Dist of the Vasa Order. Married about 1924 to Anna M. Person, born 1900. Daughter of Mr and Mrs Nels Person, who arrived here prior to 1900 after several years in Minnesota. Anna joined the Vasa lodge while still in high school and was elected pianist of the lodge the same night. Later served as secretary for a number of years and in other capacities. also served as Secretary for a couple of decades for the P.Nw. Dist of the Vasa Order.

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Alfred Stenstrom born in Waslingetland arrived in Tacoma in 1883. An early member of The Swedish Luth Church. (Now First Luth Church) Organized in 1882. Was here when the first Chapel of the congregation was built in 1883, on the lower side of Tacoma ave. South of 11th St. Mr Stenstrom and a lady member Susie Swanson did the interior and exterior painting on this Chapel. By 1888 the congregation had outgrown the seating capacity of this Chapel and Mr Stenstrom, G. Pakson, and N. A. Klasell were appointed on a committee to select a site for a larger Church. They selected a new site on the ~~SW~~ E corner of South 8th and I st. A large edifice

In the neighborhood of "Sblook" the Indian Cemetery among them Peter Rundquist, Carl Kerish & Jacob Kerchner all Mexican War veterans. Kerchner had an Indian wife and Rundquist married one of his daughters. Sblook is the present Indian Cemetery and Casaradia - Rundquist was a blacksmith and he made shoes, bakes and plows for the farmers. Rundquist removed to Steilacoom and became a blacksmith for the garrison. His shop used to be pointed out as a place where Capt. afterward General Grant dropped in snow and then to reminisce about their Mexican War days. This is a pleasing fable. Grant never was in Steilacoom while Rundquist was there. In 1849 it is possible that Grant visited St. Steilacoom for a few days. It is possible

Nicholas DeLun was a Charter Member of Willamette Lodge in Oregon in 1891. Installed as Tyler

Had mention in Lafayette Lodge in 1853. Was present at org of Olympia Lodge in -
Was near Olympia Lodge
App on Committee to draft by - Law
Sen Warden 1863

Scandinavian Bank

Early in January 1923, the Sup Court affirmed the conviction of Ole Larson of the previous Nov, carrying a sentence of from 3 to 5 years in the penitentiary. It was thereupon announced that 11 cases still standing against him should be dismissed. In all 32 cases Criminal cases had been filed against him, 19 were dismissed one resulted in acquittal, and 3 convictions. On Jan 30 - Gustaf Lindberg, was given another rehearing by the Sup Court, on the conviction of borrowing \$13,000 from the bank, while a director without proper action, being taken thereon. On Feb. 15, Larson was also given another re-hearing; but on June 7 his appeal was decided against. On the 18th he presented himself

In the summer of 1972 she decided to return to Sweden where her mother and sisters are still living. Before she left the Elks Club tendered her a reception which was attended by several hundred members of the order and their wives. Both officials and the personnel agree that the place may not be quite the same without Maja Lisa. She is a native of Vesterbotten Sweden but intends to reside in Stockholm where she will try to introduce the American style Hamburger to the public on her return

Directed the Vasa Ladies Chorus during the entire time of its existence. Always served as accompanist when home talent was featured at the lodge meetings.

The couple have one son Carl Ivar and some grandchildren.

Carl A. Anderson, died in Portland Ore. in May 1972 and is buried in Mt. View Cemetery in Tacoma.

was erected and dedicated in 1889. This church was destroyed by fire in 1924.

In 1889 Mr Stenstrom was married to Kristin Anderson, also a native of Westergotland. After the turn of the century some Indian land was acquired in Puyallup Valley near Fife where Mr + Mrs Stenstrom spent the rest of their days. Their son Alvin Stenstrom now occupies the original home

that Sheridan, Hunt, McCallant, Pickett and others who became famous in the Civil War did chat with the Blacksmith while they had their horses shod —
Delin came to N.Y. in 1846. — Came to Portland 1850
To Tumwater - Tacoma. — The first cargo from this mill was sent to S.F. in 1853. On the brig George Emory. 350,000 ft. Mill Capacity 2000 ft per day
Brig had to wait several months before the cargo could be cut. Gotrade Muehler was about 15 when she came with the Judsons in 1853. Married Nic Selin in 1854 at the age of 16. Their first children were born in Steilacon. But their daughter Grace Alice was born in Tacoma in 1861 - Feb. 28. Ret to Tacoma after 2 years in Steilacon in 1857 - Sold the mill and claim to John L. Parkman in 1861. Moved to Seattle

Demolished in 1865 from Olympia
Lodge
Had joined Villanet
Lodge in 1852 Decap in 53

at the Penitentiary in Walla Walla without a guard being sent for him — On July 6th the Fed Court set a minimum price of \$430,000 on the Bank Bldg skeleton. The 1st dividend of 10% amounting to about \$405,000 was paid on Sep. 10th to the depositors. On Oct. 29th the Sup. Court denied a re-hearing of Gustaf Lindberg; but the following day Lieut. Gov Wm J. Coyle, acting Gov in the absence of Gov Hart issued a full and complete pardon to the convicted banker. His action was severely criticised in Pierce Co and Elsewhere in the State. Coyle had been a close friend of a son of the banker for years

Stellacoon Creek became
Chambers Creek shortly after
Thomas M Chambers took
a claim in this vicinity
and with a Gun defied Hudson
Bay Co. to dislodge him
To more safely establish himself
he urged other Settlers to take
up claims near him
Later he built a Saw mill and
later a Grist mill near the
mouth of the Creek

C B Wright had donated the land
for Wright Park some years prior to 1890
with the understanding that at least \$1000
a year should be spent there Nothing
had been done with the 2730 acres and
there was talk of reversion to the Land Co.
a park board was appointed
E. O. Swagrel was employed to improve
the area. one One George Browne
was about to embark on an European
trip and was authorized to buy plants
& trees not indigenous to his area
Swagrel with a crew of men
cleaned up the logs and underbrush
and turned two Swamps into a little
lake, and then began grading
Some plants and trees Brown had
selected and shipped could not stand
the winter There was some political
machinations and alleged that he
spent too much money Eben R Roberts

1895 Truedson & Co
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Dispensing Druggists
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1895 Seand Am Bank
1539 - 1541 1st Ave
Pres. A. E. Johnson Cashier H. E.
Knutson Directors Fred Weyenberg
Olof O. Searle Peter Munsell
Arvid Rydström Louis Fors
& Hansback

Bank failed on Jan 17-21
failed to open on Jan 15
10. thousand depositors
Forbes P. Harbell was appointed
special examiner by Gov Hart
Guy & Kelly, legal advisors
Failure was due to gross
mismanagement according
State Park History
Larson had appropriated
\$60000 to his own use
Judge Cookman appointed
Harbell as receiver
Jafet Kindeberg and
Eric O. Hindblom in SF
was sued by the receiver

Park Hotel Puyallup
Started by Ezra Meeker
never finished torn down
10 years later by E P Truedson

Big fight started in Yakima
Marshal Chidester shot
himself in the leg Others
said that the shooting
was done by the Big Swede
in the army

The Allstroms
Parents Louis P. + Eva
Henderson Allstrom both born
in Stockholm
Came to Tacoma in 1889 from
Eskola Allstrom organizer
Allstrom Timber Co in 1907

Hallstrom Jonas F
Fireman T M. Co
Res 2415 N. 28th
Charles Jetter St P Mill
Albert G. Jallyman

Johnson Hilma
Steung Wash Rubber Co
1733 So E
Johnson John
Fireman Wheeler
Carpenter

Court House erected 1892

Byrd's Mill built in 1857
By Andrew and Preston Byrd
sons of Adam Byrd who
came in 1852 and died in
53 at Chambers Mill

Frank

Succeeded ~~Sam~~ Schwagerl he follows
the original plan to some extent

1875
Green AXEL M
Waiter, W.D. Wallace
Rooms 718 So Yakima
Quintation Fred
Millman St P. Lbr
P. B. Bear 13 1/2 S 11th
H. D. Wallace Reslaw o.s.
1120 So C - Res 1510 So L
Peter J. Johnson
Carriages Buggies
and Spring wagons
manufactured stone
cutters tools Dressed
W.M.

to return \$4,955 when
was due with interest to the Bank
J. Chubbey of Seattle
Jan 7-22 Gustaf Lundberg
was given a sentence of
1-5 years ^{real term} following the
conviction on Dec 3 1921

Chas E Hagberg
Born in Vermont 1876

Lewis Hagberg
Died in 1907

Andrew Hagberg
Born 1859

Came to Tacoma in 1898
via Mich + Minnesota

Fred Johnson

Sold out in 1914

Organized North Tacoma

Shingle Co in 1902

Allstun Lewis Laborer
Res 9 and 5 1/2th
Allstun Samuel printer
Allstun Anna
Senog 2514 So 12th
Mrs Eva.

Israelson PA
Carp Cornell Bros
2213 So I

Alfred Chelberg
Ben Melner
Scandia Saloon
1315 The ave

Alf Roms same adress

Ben Swanson

Lundberg Bros Corner 1101 St G

Johns 934 W Prospect

Olin Hugo Ck Ellis Grand
3103 S 12th

Vår stora Landsplågor

no 309 1 vers

Och Herre Gud i högden bor,
Så till vår nöd och jammer stor,
Här ute i Sveriges rike: Ty onds kon
tager överhand, Så här, som i
mång annat land Bland män
och kvinnor like

6 vers Stora högfard man här dagligt
Hvart är det öka mer och mer,
I hus i kläder, I de stora
och i rikas präkt, I de stora
och i armars fört, På land,
i höf och städer

7 vers Ej går så snart en mans om,
Så i det maner, nu senast kom
med nytta förbytas måtte en man,
nu dräger kvinnan, En kvinna i
främmande dräkt hon går, Ewad
det månde kosta.

12 vers Ty genom bättring nu alltid
förin igen faller trädets tid: Ty

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Den folkliga läkekonsten hade stor betydelse i forna
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När de egna huskurren inte hjälpte måste någon
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Vidskepelse och tron på de magiska makterna
var stor. - Mången gång kunde även
den sjukas hälsamhet påskyndas

Vidiga Stina - Emma Brybo Kalle
Rissnor + Alclina

Rissnora Lagerbar, springkorn, vitlok
Hernes testamente. Kamfer Svavel blomma
lang peppar, bavgald muskot, tissa tassla
slagvatten, Essentia dulcis rabarberpulver
terpentinolja, tal-smans kraft, sting speruluo
Sjämans dyvelostreck.

It was the duty of the sheriff in the
early days to take census and report
males subject to military duty

The list for 1859 contains 185 men
among them A. P. De Lin, Nicholas
Delin Peter Ringquist -

Peter Ringquist was drawn for jury
duty in 1876 & John Hanson in 1876
J. P. Chelberg prominently mentioned

Edw J.
Area Hotel 1104 RR
Chas Berg prop Bus
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STP

Chalberg Isaac Post
1003 Pacific

Mrs M A somms
Hotel wife

Chalberg Hotel
& Restaurant 1011-1013
Pacific ave
June

Störvis är för handen, King,
respektens och hunger med
är det ej nog? bevakta that
till vårt fadersland -
15 verser

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Vidrigas Emmanas Salva jas ja apoleket an idag

Among prominent citizens are between
80 + 87 Charles H. Lindstrom. Olof B Olson
Arvid Rydstrom are listed in 88th Quarterly
Erin E. Pooling 1899

SWEDISH RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN TACOMA. At the beginning of the second decade of this century it was estimated that Tacoma had a Swedish population of about 1000. In my opinion this was grossly underestimated. Be this as it may. The fact remains that the spiritual needs for this colony were well provided for. 9 or 10 churches were active in spreading the gospel among them. Beside a host of traveling colporteurs and evangelists, representing various brands of faith who were so common then days the lines were sharply drawn and there was very little tolerance between the various denominations. Both the ministers and the laity seemed to be truly convinced that their particular faith was the only true religion and that the Lord looked favorably only on their denomination. More or less they regarded all sekts but their own as competitors. Not all of the ministers of the different denominations were professionally trained. As a consequence some of their sermons could be quite irrational. As a general rule the lutheran ministers were better prepared than any of the rest. There was no unanimity among the other churches would have to be professionally trained, a spiritual zeal and the gift of oratory was deemed to be sufficient. Some of the older ministers who had perhaps only received a rudimentary education in sweden and only depended on the above mentioned gift could get quite emotional to

Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church was located at So 58th and Birmingham St. in South Tacoma was organized in 1909. The first regular minister was Rev. Axel M. Green, who seems to have arrived in Tacoma from Sweden in the nineties and later gone east for his education. He served until 1915. After a pastorate in Seattle he was appointed Supt of Emanuel Hospital in Portland where he remained the rest of his days. He was succeeded by Rev. Herman Anderson. Others who served were Rev. Edlund Rev. Hugo Thorene and finally Rev. E.A. Larson. A number of students and supply pastors served during vacancies. The congregation was never able to grow in the thirties the membership consolidated with the Bethel Luth Church and the property was sold to the Catholics who have named the chapel "Bennett Hall".
Bethel Swedish Luth Church. Located at So 54th and I St. was organized in 1914 by Rev. Axel M. Green who served until he moved to Seattle in 1915. The other ministers who followed are the same as those who served Immanuel as mentioned above. Since Rev. Larson's retirement the congregation has been served by Rev. Lyndon K. Murk. An abortive attempt to organize a Swedish Episcopal Church was made by one person named Fryxell who claimed to be an episcopal clergyman and a consecrated bishop for the Swedes with jurisdiction over Pacific coast states and Alaska.

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THE SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH. Was organized in 1893, when the Swedish members of an existing Scandinavian Baptist Church withdrew and formed their own congregation. After an ambulatory existence the property at So. 12th and J St. was acquired in 1899 and a frame church was erected and dedicated the following year. This church is still standing and now known as The Truth Temple. Swedish services were conducted until in the thirties when an announcement in the daily paper proclaimed that now: The Swedish Baptist Church had shed the last vestige of its Swedish traditions. Henceforth all the services would be conducted in English and the official name of the church would be Central Baptist Church. Some years later property was acquired at So 11th and Grant where a modern church plant was later erected. As far as can be remembered this congregation kept aloof from participation in any Swedish undertakings. A notable exception was when there was a drive locally for the Swedish Museum in Philadelphia in the late twenties and later when the 300th anniversary of the memory of the landing of the first Swedish Colonists in Delaware was celebrated locally. No membership status are available but seems to have hovered around 175 to 200. In 1941 the membership stood at 182. Central Baptist church now has a membership of over 700. Present pastor Rev. Bror O. Lundgren D.D. Born in

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Swedish Bethany Baptist Church in Puyallup was also organized by members who withdrew from the Tacoma Church. Mr. Philip Erickson was probably the guiding spirit there for several years. While he was residing in Puyallup. Further data is lacking. This church seems to be a going concern yet. It was known as Pioneer Ave Baptist Church for a season. Lately it is again advertised as the Bethany Baptist Church with the prefix Swedish eliminated.

Incidentally The Scandinavian Baptist Church stood at So 10th and K. Sts. It seems to have been a struggling congregation after the Swedes pulled out, and finally disbanded. The church building badly in need of repair stood until towards the thirties when the property was acquired by Faith Temple, a pentecostal congregation. A fire-proof edifice was erected. Incidentally a countryman K.W. Lagstrom, who had been a janitor in their former location and who was a carpenter by trade done practically all of the finishing work in the new church for practically nothing. Later this congregation acquired the former Covenant Church at So 10th and I St. The church was sold to some Italian fraternal societies and now known as the Forum Auditorium.

RESUME'S OF THE FOLLOWING MAY BE FOUND IN SKARSTET'

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WASHINGTON OCH DESS SVENSKA BEFOLKNING.

Carl Johan Ahnquist. A local Tailor very active in the Swedish Lutheran Church here during his lifetime.

Gustaf Berg. Partner in Lindstrom Berg Cabinet Works.

Algot Berggren, Builder.

John Reynolds Brown. Physician and Surgeon. Passed away in 1927.

Olof Bull. Violinist and Orchestra Director.

Gus Callson. Pioneer Tailor one of the early secretaries in Swedish Order of Valhalla.

Charles Ericksson. Contractor and Builder Partner in Erickson Bros

Hjalmar Erickson. Painting Contractor. Partner in Erickson Bros Dealers in Paints Oils and Wallpaper.

Carl A. Hallin, Mechanic. Pres Hallin Gas Engine Works.

Carl E. Hogberg. Brick Mason Contractor. Part time politician In the latter part of his life he operated a Marina at Day Island.

Peter Holmgren Pioneer Tailor. Lived to be over 100 years old.

Ernest Clarence Johnson. Born of Swedish parents in Illinois was for a few years president of Scandinavian American Bank.

Peter Johnson. Blacksmith. Partner in Fawcett Wagon Works one time City councilman later had a Auto Repair Garage.

Andrew Larson. Cabinet Maker & Bldg Contractor.

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Swan Samson Pioneer Restaurant and Hotel Proprietor.

Tobias Sandegren. Editor and Printer. Publisher of Tacoma Posten, Puget Sound Posten etc.

Emil Stenberg. Attorney. Enjoyed a large Swedish clientele. Was belong to Valhalla but unable to speak Swedish.

W.P. Sundberg. Pioneer Hotel and Saloon proprietor. Later farmer at Firwood in the Puyallup Valley.

Alma L Swanson. Was in the Title and Abstract Business.

J.F. Vissell. Pioneer Bookseller and Steam Boat and Travel Agent.

Chas Williams. Contractor Haberdasher and active in various lines

the point of being ridiculous. Scolastic standards were raised and it is safe to say that the ministers who were ordained after the turn of the century possessed a higher degree of learning.

THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES WITH THE PREFIX " SWEDISH " WERE ACTIVE IN THE EARLY PART OF THE CENTURY:

First Swedish Lutheran. Founded in 1882. Now known as First Lutheran Church.

Swedish Mission Church. Also known as The Swedish Tabernacle. Founded in 1889. Now known as The First Covenant Church.

The Swedish Baptist Church. Organized in 1893. by persons who earlier had been members of a Scandinavian Baptist Church Founded in 1885. Now known as The Central Baptist church.

Swedish Methodist Church was founded in 1891 and dissolved about 1927

A Swedish Free Church. Which probably was an off shoot of the Covenant church existed but ceased to exist in the twenties. There are no records available. Church still standing at 14th and M St. So.

Scand. Salvation Army. Came into being in 1902. Gave up the struggle towards 1950. Their Hall was located at So 12th and L St was sold to a supermarket and the property is now used for a parking lot.

Swedish 7th Day Adventist Church was located at So 56th and M St ceased to exist in the late thirties. No records available.

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Among the traveling colporteurs we recall Ephraims Messengers. who came around every fall for several years. Just what the tenets of their religion was I never learned. Sufficient to say "all denominations were wrong but themselves. They never came single. Always in a group of 2 or 3.

Albert Dahlstrom, made the circuit regularly for several years. Early in life he had attended Salvation Army's war college in Chicago in the nineties. Later he professed he had come to a conclusion that most of the denominations were all contrary to the teachings of the Bible So he had started a sect of his own with a mixture of his own and included several rites including adult baptism.. He had been a controversial figure in the middle west. Out here he tried to start a colony of adherents on some stump land he had aquired at Granite Falls, above Everett. He was noted for his affairs with women. After having some affair in Tacoma which included transporting women over state lines. Uncle Sam got interested and he was arrested. Skipped bail and went to Sweden. Where he also was reported to have been quite a Don Juan and operated a moving picture theatre in Limhamn in Skåne.

Most of the churches depended on revivals for their membership and usually depended on traveling evangelists for this purpose. The swedish language was dispensed with in all the churches in the late twenties.

Vaterbotten Sweden has now served the congregation for over 30 years. Early in his pastorate Swedish Midsummer Festivals were held for several years.

Just as the swedes withdrew from the scandinavian Baptist Church in the early nineties the Swedish Finnish members withdrew from the Swedish Baptist Church and formed their own congregation some time before 1910. Their membership was never very large but the church also served as a focal point for some Swedish finnish activities. The congregation aquired the former Swedish Mission Friends which seems to have been located at about So. 18 and J st and moved it to So. 23 and Sheridan. After some 2 or 3 decades the congregation petered out but the chapel still stands and is used by a pentecostal congregation of some kind. Among the ministers we recall A. Stormans who before studying for the ministry had been a member of the local Swedish Baptist Church. He was followed by Rev Herman Myhrman, who along with his ministry also was a student at The College of Puget Sound, later served as a missionary in China and upon his return taught in local high-schools. Was also active in democratic politics for a season.

O.F. Larson. Bldg Contractor. Erected some of the larger Buildings in Tacoma Such as Jason Lee Junior High, City Store Room. Union Pacific Freight Shed etc Had large contracts elsewhere.

Gustaf Lindberg. Wholesale Grocer. Investments.

C.W. Lindstrom. Pres Lindstrom - Berg Cabinet works.

Capt. Gustave F. Lindquist. Civil War Vet. First pres. of Valhalla

C.O. Lynn. Mortician.

Nels Mattson. Restaurateur.

Hjalmar Nyman, Pioneer Saloonkeeper. One of the organizers of Valhalla and the first vice president.

Gustave Pahrson. Pioneer Tailor active in church and fraternal organisations.

Ernest Peterson. Photographer. Photographed most of the swedes but was never active among them.

John Rignell. Prop Svea Saloon until the state went dry. Tried road building farming and a few other things before he passed away.

E.E. Rosling was an early Attorney in Tacoma.

Arvid Rydstrom. Civil Engineer. Active both as an engineer and a contractor.

FIRST SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH. Was organized by the pioneer missionary Peter Carlson, in 1882. A brief history of this congregation is found both in Skarstets and Bergman's works. The first regular minister Rev. G.A. Anderson served the congregation from 1884 until 1893 when he removed to Spokane and later served at La Conner. He was succeeded by Rev P.A. Matson who served until 1899. When he transferred to the Minnesota conference. Where I believe he at one time served as president of Gustavus Adolphus College. Very little can be learned at this late date about the contributions and characteristics of these early ministers. During Rev. Mattsons pastorate Tacoma suffered a severe economic recession but nevertheless a rather large debt on the church edifice erected in 1889 had been paid off. Rev. C.E. Frisk, arrived in 1900. He seems to have been an aggressive and somewhat domineering minister. During his pastorate important improvements were made to the sanctuary and a parsonage adjacent to the church was built. The membership had increased to 350. He may have been a little too aggressive and stepped on some toes of the more prominent members of the congregation and a schism developed. He resigned the pastorate in 1910. After serving the Swedish Luth Church in Ballard he accepted a call to Taylors Falls Minn. where he served until his retirement. He passed away in Pasadena Calif a few years ago well past ninety. .. Following Rev. Frisks resignation there was a vacancy of over ~~two~~ ^{two} years (over)

Before the final plans for the new edifice were submitted there were considerable discussion about where the structure should be located. Some favored the old location, others were anxious to acquire a site 2 blks further north, facing Wrights Park. Which was finally selected. Contracts were let piecemeal and work progressed as finances allowed. Silver teas and other means of raising funds were the order of the day. Edward Young a prominent builder and a member of the congregation was in charge of the construction. As stated before as soon as conditions permitted the basement was used for the services. There was some alarm when the window wells outside the basement started to settle and part from the foundation. Older members recalled that the site was a fill and had been a garbage dump in the early history of Tacoma. The fears that were expressed then that the whole structure may settle has proved groundless no cracks have developed as yet after nearly 50 years. ... Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, of Duluth Minn. was highly recommended as a successor to Rev Bloomquist, and was extended a call which he accepted. He had received all but his theological education in Sweden, and had arrived in U.S. at a rather mature age. On a visit before he assumed the pastorate it was discovered that he was an ineffective speaker and that he had a peculiar accent. No doubt he was an earnest and sincere clergyman. His misfortune

Minneapolis born Carl E. Rydell, who had served a congregation in San Diego, Calif. assumed the pastorate next. He was a mild mannered and less controversial minister than his predecessor. Sporadic services in Swedish were held on special occasions and he was quite active and participated in the festivities commemorating the 300-year anniversary of the arrival of the first Swedish colonists in America. And in raising funds for the Swedish Museum in Philadelphia. Could carry on a conversation in Swedish, but hardly proficient enough to preach a sermon. He served for perhaps a couple of decades and was generally well liked and even succeeded in smoothing some of the ruffled feelings prevailing when he arrived. Never too robust physically he was finally forced to resign on account of ill health but remained in the city until he passed away. Early in his pastorate he purchased his own home and the church disposed of the lots and parsonage at So 8th and I Sts. Paul T. Seastrand, the son of a middle west Augustana minister, who was serving a church down in Texas was called and accepted the pastorate. An excellent orator with a firm voice. In Sweden he would probably been fit timber for a bishop and equally well a lawyer or a banker. With his stature he could have earned his living as a blacksmith or a longshoreman. He spoke Swedish quite well and claimed he probably could have learned more

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE FOLLOWING WILL BE FOUND IN HANS BERGMAN'S HISTORY OF THE SCANDINAVIANS IN PIERCE COUNTY.

- John D. Anderson, who had a grocery in the Public Market for years.
- Carl Edward Anderson, a waiter.
- Axel L. Anderson, Had a confectionary and was in the insurance business. Charter member of the local Vasa Lodge.
- Adolph Anderson. Building Contractor.
- Gustaf Anderson. Mens Furnishings, Dry Goods.
- G.J. Anderson. Jeweler. Watch Maker.
- C.J. Anderson, Edgewood Farmer.
- John Berglund, Edgewood Farmer.
- Rev. Ernest C. Bloomquist. Clergymen. Pastor First Luth. Church.
- Hans Bergman, Editor. Publisher.
- John Bergstrom. with Dupont Co. Former Minister.
- Gustaf Bjorkman. Grocer.
- John Peter Bolander, Pioneer Railroader. Gardner.
- Dr John Reynolds Brown, Physician and Surgeon.
- Ernest Bornander, Florist.
- C.E. Carlson, Fire Chief.
- Fritz Carlson, Berry Rancher. Puyallup.

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- Gustave Pahrson. Tailor.
- Oscar Paulson. Grocer. Salomon Paulson Locomotive Engineer.
- John Paulson. City Detective. Alfred Paulson. Grocer
- Anna Paulson. Mother to the Paulsons listed above.
- Nels Pearson. Blacksmith, Farrier. Puyallup.
- Ernest Peterson. Photographer.
- Charles Peterson. Painting Contractor. Paint Dealer.
- John F. Rignell. Saloonkeeper.
- Arvid Rydstrom. Civil Engineer.
- Tobias Sandegren. Editor. Publisher.
- Carl Svedberg. Carpenter. Cont. Leonard Svedberg Carp. Cont.
- Peter Sellgren. Waller Road Dairyman.
- Almia L. Swanson. Real Estate. Abstracter.
- Andrew Sellgren. Farmer Hoods Canal.
- Peter Veborg. Jeweler.
- Elmer Wilson. Blacksmith.
- Walfrid Westlund. Minister.
- Eric W. Young. Salesman Shoe Dealer Puyallup.

During the vacancy Rev Herman Lind, and other pastors supplied the pulpit and performed the pastoral duties. In 1913 Rev E.C. Bloomquist, then of Portland ^{Me} accepted a call and was installed in November of that year. A resume of his pastorate will be found elsewhere in this file. He served until 1928 when he accepted a call to Rockford Ill. In 1924 the church edifice at So. 8 and I Sts. burned. Built in 1899. Until the building on the new church had progressed sufficiently so services could be held in the basement; morning services were held at Valhalla Hall and evening services in St Johns Luth Church. For special services as julotta and early morning easter services First C Christian Church, then located at So 6th and K St was usually obtained. For the first time in the history of the Swedish colony in Tacoma began to work together for certain national purposes. Previously the various groups were prone to pull in all directions. There was no real love between the different religious denominations and more or less the regarded one another as competitors. Naturally there was no cooperation between secular and religious organisations no matter how worthy the purpose may have been. As the years went by this attitude changed somewhat., largely to the efforts of Rev. Bloomquist, who was a good mixer. Like all human beings he had his virtues and his faults but nevertheless his leaving was a distinct loss to the Swedish people of Tacoma.

was perhaps that he had been raised on the west coast of Sweden in a district where most people were strong fundamentalists and followers of a 19th century clergyman named Schartau. His former pastorate had been an English speaking congregation. Upon arrival he declared that while serving there he had lost his capacity to speak Swedish and he insisted that the one morning service a month in this language should be abolished. This did not set too well with some older members and still less with the nominal Lutherans who had been raised in this faith before emigrating. They felt that they had been snubbed and a great deal of them looked elsewhere when in need of ministerial services. A great deal of the good-will the church had enjoyed from the Swedish colony was lost. The main sanctuary of the church was finished after he arrived. He was rather obdurate in theological matters causing some skirmishes at times. He had some followers some members were gained and some were lost in the end nothing was gained. In all probability he was the wrong man, in the wrong place at the wrong time. Before the mid-thirties his father in law passed away in the mid-west leaving a large farm to be managed. He left to attend the funeral and some time later tendered his resignation. Some years later it was learned that he had returned to the pulpit serving a congregation in Detroit Mich. where he passed away.

if he had been paid more than a nickel a week for learning to speak Swedish. He established a custom of one Swedish service on a Sunday afternoon in November each year. He always performed the liturgical part of the service, but always got Rev. E.A. Larson from Bethel Church to preach the sermon. He was a firm believer in that a minister should not stay too long in one location so after 5 or 6 years he accepted a call to Billings Montana and left. His successor Harald Sigmar is not of Swedish extraction (said to be Icelandic). So after a span of nearly 90 years the church is no longer Swedish even if the original Swedes paid for the 3 sanctuaries the congregation has possessed during this time.

O.C. Carlson. Miner. Alaska Pioneer.
 Andrew Christofferson. Construction. Politician.
 Olof Eastman. Edgewood Rancher.
 Frank Ekberg. Insurance. Notary Public.
 Charles F. Erickson. Building Contractor.
 Edward Forsberg. Cabinet Maker.
 Oscar F. Fredrickson. Butcher. Alaska Miner.
 Rev. Nels N. Grandahl. Minister Swedish Baptist Church.
 August Gustafson. Bungalow Cabinet Works.
 A.T. Gustafson. Custodian U.S. Fed Court.
 Alfred Holm. Poultry Man.
 Charles E Hagberg. Lumberman.
 Carl Hegglund. Confectioner.
 Peter Holmgren. Tailor.
 Mrs Mary Hanson Larson. Housewife.
 Carl Magnus Hedberg. Shoemaker.
 Axel S. Johnson. Cabinet Maker. Tacoma Table Manuf. Co.
 C.W. Johnson. Apartment House Operator.
 Emil Jacobson. Chop Valley Rancher.
 Dr David Hjalmar Johnson. Physician.
 Fred Johnson. Saw Mill Operator. ~~Frank Johnson.~~
 Frank Johnson Anderson Island Farmer

Bengt Johnson, Pioneer Anderson Island Farmer.
 Olof Johnson. Service Station Operator.
 Peter Johanson. Blacksmith. Prop. Fawcett Wagon Works.
 Carl Otto Johnson. Police Officer.
 Charles Julin. Mc Neil Island Rancher.
 Gustaf Larson. Clerk. Shoemaker etc.
 Olof F. Larson. Bldg Contractor.
 John Lundstrom. Tallyman Lbr Checker.
 C.O. Lynn. Mortician.
 Dr Arthur B. Magnuson Optician.
 Andrew Mattson. Plasterer.
 John Aug. Magnuson. Erecting Foreman N.P. Ry. Locomotive Shops.
 John Malm. Chop Valley Rancher.
 John E. Nelson. Fuel Dealer.
 Olof P. Neslund. City Employee.
 Gustaf Nelson. Mc Neil Island Rancher.
 Ernest V. Nelson. Police Officer.
 Eric Nyberg. Mc Neil Island Rancher.
 Peter Nylander. Painter and Paperhanger.
 Hjalmar Nyman. Pioneer Hotel and Saloon Operator
 Carl Johan Ostling. Anderson Island Farmer.
 David Fulton Olson. Accountant.

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CHARTER MEMBERS OF LODGE NORDEN #233 VASA ORDER OF AMERICA.

Pres. Gustaf Salander, Born in Ostersund Sweden. Arrived in Tacoma before the turn of the century. Worked for some years as an Iron Moulder. About 1907 he went into the grocery business in Valhalla Temple. Which he continued to operate until his demise in the 'thirties. His wife's name was Signe. One adopted daughter.

Gustaf R. Larson vice Chairman. Born in Halmstad Sweden about 1880. Worked mostly as a shoe salesman. Had learned the shoemakers trade as a youth. Came to Warren Pa. about 1903 and to Tacoma in 1911. Unmarried. Was active in the Swedish lodge, the Luth Church and in Thule Male Chorus during its existence. Pres. of the Pacific Coast Div. of Swedish Singers 1915-1917. Suffered a stroke about 1932. Went back to Pennsylvania to live with relatives where he passed away.

Nels Lindgren. Secretary, Born in Wadserbotten Sweden about 1881. Had been active in the Labor Movement there. Came here about 1910. Worked in restaurants for a season and followed other occupations. Served the lodge in several capacities and was District Master for a term about 1916. About 1920 he acquired a share in a Co-operative Veneer plant in Olympia and left the city.

JOHN (JOHANNES) STENHUS. Chaplain. Born in Sweden. A Tailor. Generally operated his own shops and in several locations. was something of a character. Circulated between Valhalla and other places and Salvation Army. In between he went on a bender. Just where he came from in Sweden is not known at this time. His membership was of short duration probably on account of a. p. d.

C.W. (Carl Victor) Johansson. Mentioned in Bergmans history. Joined lodge Nordeen at the second meeting. Elected delegate to represent the lodge along with Louis Parson when the District lodge was organized. Held several offices and done a lot of work for the lodge until he passed away in the thirties. Had learned the tinsmith trade in his youth. Never worked at it here. Had been an expressman. operated a cigar store, a confectionary, at one time had peddled butter milk and earned the sobriquet C.W. Karnmjolk. Owned considerable rental property. Just before the depression however he extended his holdings and perhaps spread himself too thin and suffered extensive losses.

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All this put a crimp in Sandbergs influence. The prohibition a few years later wrote the final chapter of an era. P. Sandberg tried other lines of business but was not too successful. He lost some of his properties and by the time he passed away there was not too much left. He was one of few Swedes that have been buried from a Catholic church with full requiem service, and buried in a Catholic cemetery. It was often rumored that in his dealings S. was in a partnership with a pioneer Catholic priest. No proofs, but the estate of the priest included a building that for years housed one of the most noted dives. Skarstets Hist. has a biography of Mr Sandberg.

Carl Svedberg. Carpenter. Trustee Born in Finland in 1889. Married Caroline Knudsen, born in Norway. 3 children Carl, Frances and Robert. Carl, is a prominent music teacher here at present. Mr Svedberg retained membership in the lodge until 1923,

GUNNAR BLOMBERG. Born in Smaland. About 1891. Arrived here in his early youth. Cement Finisher. Later operated a Grocery at Salmon Beach and one in the Public Market. Married Elsa Danielson, Born in Sala Sweden. One Son, Took active part, served as chairman of and in other capacities. After a controversy in the lodge. Largely caused by a haughty and domineering Grand Lodge officer Blomberg and several members resigned from the lodge in 1957.

JOHN OLSON. Born in Vermland, Sweden. Regular attendant at the meetings. Married several children. Various occupations. A bit shy and did not take a part in deliberations or other activities. Passed away in the thirties.

John A. Backlund. I am unable to recall this member.

Louis Pahrson. Elected Past Chairman. Later served as chairman and active for some years. Veteran Employee of St Paul mill Died '50

PETER SANDBERG. By now he is largely forgotten. But early in the century he was a factor in the political and economic life of Tacoma. There are numerous stories going around, or were, in earlier days so it will be hard to separate facts from fictions. When he first arrived in these parts he worked as a carpenter. As such he worked on the depots N.P.R.R. were building on their Grays Harbor Line. Rumor has it that on a visit to the city he went to a saloon for a drink. The bartender was rather clumsy and spilled whiskey all over the bar. Pete had the reputation of being a rather frugal man and hated to see anything go to waste, remarked that the bartender would probably make a better blacksmith than a bartender. Which made the bartender irate so he tore off his apron and challenged Pete to come inside and do better if he could. Which he did and before the day was over he had bought the saloon. According to conversations I have had with some of his contemporaries this story is at least partially true. As he prospered he extended his holdings and had an interest in several saloons, owned a wholesale liquor company, several hotels and other downtown real estate holdings. Finally he was rated as a millionaire. He became very influential in local politics and placed some of his own in the council as well as in other city departments. As an illustration: in the early part of the century there were complaints that there were too many prostitutes soliciting

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Ludvig J. Nelson. Treasurer. Not much data about him is available now. He was born in the province of Skane Sweden probably in the late sixties or early seventies. Seems to have arrived in Iowa with his parents as a young man. Just when he arrived in these parts can not be definitely ascertained. At any rate he was a veteran employee of the N.P. Ry. in the bridge and building dept. Was married twice but left no issue. Active in our Swedish organizations until he passed away in the thirties.

Axel L. Anderson. Fin. Sec'y. Born in Unkna Smaland in 1878. Arrived here early in the century. Operated a confectionary on K st. for a number of years. Was active in insurance and partner in various business enterprises. Repeatedly re-elected to the position of fin. sec'y and served as such at least half of the years between 1912 until he passed away in 1949. Married in 1912 to Alva Strandell who joined the lodge the first meeting the ladies were admitted. One daughter Kathelen, now Mrs Wright living in Calif. 2 sons Lennart a music teacher and Wallace now a Radio and TV technician.

JOHN GOTTFRID LUND. Was an early member and a hard worker for the lodge. Held most of the major offices and served a term as Dist. Secretary. He was born in Wasterbotten Sweden and came here about 1902. Married to Hilda Johanson born in Langasjo Smaland wh was also an ardent worker for the lodge Mr Lund operated a restaurant on K St. for many years. After a major operation he passed away in 1923 at the age of 42.

A fairly complete resume of Lodge Norden's activities was prepared for the 50th anniversary in 1962. A copy of which may be found in my files. Short biographies of some of the members who did yeoman work for the lodge may also be found in this card-file.

ARVID CARLSON. Master of Ceremonies. Born on the isle of Gotland Sweden. Single. Remained a member for about a year. His greatest interest in life, was dancing. Went to dance every week almost to the last. Passed away in 1970 when he was over 90. Needless to say that he was an accomplished dancer. When he and his partner did not win a prize waltz at a Vasa pic-nic in 1913 he lost interest in the lodge.

LEONARD VENNMAN. Inner Guard. A Blacksmith. Born near Sundsvall Sweden in 1890. Married. One son. Was for years the last remaining charter member until he passed away in the late sixties. Lived outside of the city and attended only occasionally.

GUSTAF PETERSON. Outside guard. Active for several years until he returned with his wife to Sweden in 1920. Born near Sundsvall in 1890. In Sweden he entered the transportation business and had franchises for bus traffic for a large area in the northern part of the country and reportedly became a millionaire. He re-visited Tacoma in 1950.

FRED BLOOM. Trustee. Born in Blekinge Sweden in 1878. Cook, Baker. Retained membership until about 1932. Single until about 45 married 3 times afterwards. No children.

tigg on the downtown streets. A city councilman made a motion to make a deal with Sandberg to erect a building to house these women and get them off the streets. Subsequently a building was built at 14th and A St. And Pete had coralled the largest part of this business for himself. Another example: There were 2 telephone competing with one another in the city. Efforts had been made to have them to consolidate, but to no avail. Finally Pete was delegated to tell them to get together, which he did in no uncertain terms and the consolidation was effected. This incident I heard Pete tell himself. Towards the end of the first decade of this century the city adopted a new charter and also adopted the commissioner form of government. The state legislature had also passed a recall law which allowed the citizens to recall public officials for malfeasance or misfeasance in office. A couple of years after the new council had been elected the mayor and the commissioner of public safety were recalled on moral grounds. Pete's Brothel was the main issue. Politics make strange bed-fellows. What actually happened was that the saloon-keepers were sore at the city council for passing an anti treating ordinance which forbid any treating in the saloons. and financially supported the recall campaign. All the dives were raided and closed by the police as they had been time and time again.

SWEDISH MALE CHORUSES. Impromptu quartets probably existed from time to time from the time the Swedish people began to gather socially in Tacoma. About 1903 there seems to have been an abortive attempt to organize a male chorus under the direction of Alfred Sundell. On the initiative of Frank Ekberg, Valhalla lodge took steps to organize a chorus in 1905. In a few weeks it was reported that a chorus was rehearsing under the direction of Olof Bull, a Swedish violinist and musical director. He soon gave up and was succeeded by Mr P.O. Peterson who had acquired some note as a band leader in earlier days. A Mr Hedberg, organist in the Sw. Luth Church conducted the group for a season. After which the Valhalla Male Chorus seems to have petered out. Renewed efforts about 1909 produced the Swedish Glee Club under the direction of Mr George Johnson a noted band leader and musician of Norwegian descent. This organization seems to have had a rather short life. A few of the faithful stuck it out. About enough to form a double-quartet. They sang what they could and when they could without any regular director. In 1912 another effort was made to increase the number of interested singers. A new organization was formed for some obscure reason they adopted the name of Thule. This group were able to stick together for the next 12 or 13 years. Mr Martin Carlson and Mr George Johnson, directed for short periods while the group

This was exactly what happened a few months later when he resigned. His relations with the chorus remained on friendly terms and when the occasion arose he was engaged as accompanist for the chorus and visiting artists. Mr H.P. Sather, conductor of the Svea Male chorus in Seattle took over the directorship. He served for the next couple of years. When Thule participated in the singers convention in San Francisco 1915. One of the older members had perhaps imbibed a little too freely and at the business session he resolutely took the floor and invited the singers to hold their next convention in Tacoma. Which was immediately accepted. This of course caused some consternation among the local singers who usually had a hard time just holding the chorus together. But everybody put the shoulder to the wheel and started working. Tacoma had a number of business and professional men of Swedish birth and extraction who pitched in and helped to formulate the plans. The two local fraternal lodges and some of the churches gave aid and the sangerfest came off on schedule. A record crowd of over 14000 persons attended the Grand Concert in Tacoma Stadium. All financial obligations were met and the event had been a grand success. After it all was over there was a lull. The boys were tired. Mr Sather resigned as conductor. After

Not room for duplicate organizations of the same kind. With a little cooperation and less spite work the Swedish singers in Tacoma would not have had to disband in the middle twenties when one considers that choruses are still going concerns in Pacific Coast cities in 1971. Sporadic and abortive attempts were made several times since to revive the interest without avail.

In the thirties some of the sisters in the local Vasa lodge met on occasion to practise singing for entertainment of the lodge under the direction of Mrs Carl A. Anderson. This developed into Vasa Ladies Chorus which was active until the middle fifties when the Andersons moved to Portland. For lack of a director the group gave up. Their last appearance was at the "jul-otta" in Bethel Luth. Church Christmas 1954.

The Swedish Finnish people got a mixed choir together about 1913 or '14. Was first named after their ethnic name. Then adopted the name of Finlandia. Mr Martin Carlson directed for a number of years after his demise Mrs Linnea Cord-Jensen, conducted for several years. Lately now known as the Runeberg chorus Mr Carl W. Svedberg, a graduate of Eastman school of music has directed.

tried to get started. About 1913 a Prof. Per Olsson, arrived to assume the position as organist and choir master in the Sw Luth Church. He was a member of American Guild of Organists and had studied music both in Sweden and in Germany. Been professor in some colleges and served as organist in large churches in the east. He was immediately engaged as conductor for Thule. Under his baton gained a favorable reputation and were invited to appear on programs for various organisations, such as Chamber of Commerce, P T A, Elks Club featured the Choir on the program when the new building was dedicated on Broadway in 1916 etc. in 1915 the chorons participated in the Swedish singers convention in San Francisco in connection with the Fair. These were fairly successful years for the singers. Like most geniuses the professor could be both irrational and irresponsible in some things. He had a large number of pupils studying under him. But was not always so particular to keep appointments and his finances were usually in poor shape. After a few years he removed to Seattle and later went back east. A young piano and organ teacher of Swedish descent had arrived in the city named A. Waldemar Noren, he was approached and tentatively accepted the position as director. He admitted that his experience in this field was rather limited and if things did not work out he would step out without any comment.

a period of rest efforts were made to find a new conductor. A couple came and went. Finally the Rev. E.C. Bloomquist, pastor of First Luth Church, an excellent musician was prevailed upon and directed the choir for the next 6 years. During his leadership the Choir no doubt reached the acme in their prestations and acquired a very desirable reputation. Rev Bloomquist was a very busy man and in the middle twenties he had to give up his position as director. Attempts were made to carry on but it proved well nigh impossible to get any kind of acceptable director. The interest waned and the organisation was allowed to quietly slip into oblivion. Like all other organisations the singers had their share of prima-donnas, malcontents and mischief makers to contend with all through the years. Some were in and out several times. Finally some of them got their heads together and organized a second chorus which in time became known as Vasa Male Chorus which had no connection with the local lodge except that some of the members were also members of the local Vasa Lodge. They did some practising but singing was not the most important. Theatricals, Variety shows, pic-nics and bazaars were more important and kept them in a rather excellent financial position. after 5 or 6 years they also had to give up and passed out about the same time as the other chorus. In the long run there was

Under his direction several accomplished singers have been attracted, and this chorus has acquired an enviable renown for their artistry.

Names taken from The Financial Sec'y of Valhalla 1889-1895
 all of these had joined the lodge prior to or after 1889 all were
 not necessarily in good standing

J. A. Anderson	1889		
A. J. Anderson	(1889)	August Berg	Box 703 City (1894)
N. Allan	(1889)	P. A. Berg	So Tacoma (1894)
John Anderson	(1889)	Nels Bremer	1519 So G. St. (1894)
Robert Allard	(1889)	Alfred Bedker	(1895)
Carl Anderson	(1889)	C. J. Carlson	Svea Hotel (1889) (1895)
Frank O Anderson	2302 So. L St. (1889)	Mrs. Callson	1517 So G. St. (1889)
Ambrosius Anderson	(1889)	Alfred Chilberg	1315 S. Tacoma Ave 1890
John P. Almqvist	(1889)	Chas Carlson	Svea Hotel 1893
Carl Andren	(1889)	John Carlen	1893
Almqvist John	(1889)	J. A. Carlson	1419 So G. St. 1893
Axel Anderson	(1890)	Andrew Christofferson	421 So J. St. (1893)
Chas. Anderson	(1889)	J. B. Carlson	% Visell (1893)
A. Anderson	Svea Hotel. (1893)	Albert Carlson	710 So. Oak St. 1894
D. M. Anderson	2902 So 12th St. (1894)	Emil Carlson	811 N. 11th St. 1894
E. M. Anderson	1301 So. J. St. (1894)	Oscar Carlson	601 N. G. St. 1894
John Atstrom	John 148 Mill Town. (1894)	Ben J. Carlson	Box 1194 City. 1894
Chas Anderson	(1894)	Hust Carlson	710 Oaks St. 1894
Andrew Anderson	2024 So. J. St. (1894)	Otto Carlson	710 So Oaks St. 1894
Chas A. Anderson	Tacoma (1894)	Oscar Dahlgren	1890
C. Berg, Chilberg	Restaurant (1889)	A. G. Edmund	1890
C. A. Benson	(1889)	John Erickson	1894
J. E. Bertle	613 So 14th St. (1893)	Lewis Ekman	Tacoma Police Dept. 1894

Erickson S. H. ^{Sundell & Erickson} Painters 1894	Nils Aug Lundquist 1890
Frank Ekberg Tacoma Public Dept 1894	C. W. Lindstrom. 1419 So. M St 1889
Charles Fredrickson ^{old Town} mill 1894	Anton Lindgren Svea Hotel 1894
J. Grundsman Svea Hotel 1893	Conrad Lindahl 909 So. C. St. 1894
A. T. Oualapoon 917 Pacific Ave 1894	Peter C. Larson Reported 1894
Peter Holmgren 1405 So. G. St. 1889	Lars P. Larson Occidental Hotel
A. Holm. 1894	Peter P. Lind 1301 So. J. St. 1894
Claus Hedlen 1889	Adolf Leadrain 1894
Arvid Hanson 1890	Otto Miller 1889
Anton Halty. 1890	M. A. Moline 1889
A. J. Holmes 936 1/2 Pacific Ave. 1894	John F. Miller 1893
John M. A. Nultin 1105 R.R. St. 1894	Nils Mattson 1893
Ernst Hegburg 501 So. L. St. 1894	Hjalmar Nyman 1884
Nils Holmquist Excelsior P.O. 1894	A. F. Workbeck 1889
Emil Holm 1894	P. L. Norman 1889
E. Hegburg 1894	B. F. Nelson 1417 So. J. St. 1889
John Hult. 1894	Aug Nordquist 1889
Aug. Johnson ^{Johnson} 1889	John Nygren 1890
Chas Johnson 1901 So. 19th St. 1889	John E. Nelson. 1890
Albert Johnson 2617 So. 12th 1893	John Nelson 1893
Johnson Edw 1893	John S. Nelson Tacoma Smelter 1893
F. E. Johnson 1894	Elof J. Nelson 1529 So. E. St. 1894
Sam Lager 1889	Peter Nelson. 1410 So. 11th St. 1894
John Larson 1889	N. G. Nelson 1010 N. 11th St. 1894
A. J. Lindquist 1884	Nelson L. J. 11 & C. St. 1894

Swan Nelson ^{S. 52nd St.} 1105 RR St.	1894	O. P. Piree 2508 So. 13th St.	1894
A. A. Norman Milltown	1894	Andrew Peterson	1894
C. G. Olson	1889	Chas Peterson Eleccion P. O.	1894
Swan Olson	1889	John Pitman Old Tacoma Mill	1894
Aug Osterlund	1889	Oakey Pearson	1894
Aug Olson	1889	Eric Edwan Rosling	1890
Otto W. Olson 1361 So. 1st St.	1893	Otto Rud ^{Tacoma P. & N. P. & Edson RR}	1890
Hugo Ohlin Cross Bros Dept Store	1884	E. E. Rosling ^{Pacific Nat. Bank 8th + Pacific}	1892
Alfred Ogren 80 Box 690 City	1894	Hans Roach ^{Tacoma P. & N. P. & Edson RR}	1894
Rudolph Olson Tacoma Hotel	1894	W. P. Sundberg Sweathotel	1884
N. A. Olson	1894	Eust Strand	1889
Peter Fredrik Olson	1894	A. G. Söderberg 1102 1/2 Tacoma Ave	1889
Ed S. Olson	1894	Chas Samuelson 1102 1/2 Tacoma Ave	1889
Otterstedt Bernolf	1894	E. Skellgren	1889
K. M. Peterson 1941 So 8th St.	1889	C. W. Sjökvist	1890
John Peterson	1889	P. Swarberg	1889
Oscar Peterson	1889	E. Skelleen	1893
Chas J. Peterson 629 So Prospect	1890	L. R. Strömquist 910 So 15th St	1894
P. O. Peterson 1903 So L. St.	1889	Aug Swanson P. S. Pac Land Co	1894
Chas Peterson Groceries 901 So 9th St	1893	Aug Swanson ^{employed Chilberg's Restaurant} 1723 Pacific Ave.	1894
Quatew Peterson 1519 So G. St	1894	Per John Stroglund	1894
Mels Peterson So 11th + C St.	1894	F. H. Smith % Wassell & Co 1105 RR St	1894

Swan Samson	Peoples Restaurant Zacama ave	1894
Unquist S. J.	2617 So 12 th St.	1893
J. F. Vissell	1105 RR Ave.	1894
John Wiklund		1889
A. G. Wickman		1889
Gust Wiklund		1889
P. A. Wedal	2708 So 12 th	1894
John Wickstrom		1893
Erick Esklund		1894