

PERSONAL BACKGROUND Maiden name Fisk and background behind family name. Born Leksand, Sweden, September 6, 1894.

PARENTS Mother - Clara Larson. Father - in the Army. He was a handyman, could do many things. Got name Fisk when he joined the army.

FARM LIFE Grew crops for food, didn't sell anything.

BROTHERS & SISTERS (See previous): 6 children/4 died when they were young.

Description of Spanish Flu

Brother Axel employed as a carpenter

GRANDPARENTS Maternal grandfather - Hans Larson. Maternal grandmother - Anna. Paternal grandfather - Karl Fisk

FAMILY HOME small farm in the country. Lived in log house that father had built. Mother was hard worker - worked as hard or harder than any man/Children helped with chores.

Employed at tourist hotel at age 16

Grew a lot of potatoes

SCHOOL DAYS Started age 7, went to school for 6 years in a 1-room school house.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING Bible class during school years. Confirmed at age 14. Preacher taught classes.

CHRISTMAS Presents not like here, lucky to get anything. Putting up the tree. Goes into detail on preparation of Lutefisk.

CHRISTMAS MORNING Up early to church. Walked on streets and looked in windows at trees. Talks of the turn of the century celebration in 1900.

BAKING Hard tack, describes this rye & white bread & cookies. Making trimmings for the tree & dancing around the tree.

MARRIED Christmas Eve 1918 in Sweden.

EMPLOYMENT Worked in hotel until she met first husband. Later at Graveyard-trimming grass & planting flowers later at a big store.

MEETING HUSBAND Met at a dance. Husband Nils Beckman-employed by the Army. Simple wedding held at home.

SETTLED IN LEKSAND Husband disappeared. She, encouraged by father, came to the U.S. Mother and brother came one year later.

TRIP OVER Left March 3, 1927. Arrived in Tacoma March 22, 1927. Trip by boat wasn't great - 4 to a cabin.

ELLIS ISLAND Lost track of friends. Stayed overnight. Many people there for weeks sitting, knitting and other handiwork.

ENGLISH DIFFICULTIES Didn't speak any English.

TRAIN TRIP Changed in Chicago and Minneapolis. Suitcase was stolen. Found a station man who could understand Swedish and he helped them. Father met them at the station.

IMPRESSIONS OF NEW YORK Didn't have a chance to see much.

FEELINGS LEAVING SWEDEN Needed to make a living, so it was necessary to go.

Father rented them a house. Later she bought a house.

EMPLOYMENT First job in laundry. Did housework in home for father and boarder.

Daughter came down with measles before entering school. Met many friends in school - no trouble adjusting.

Attended night school. Happy to be in U.S. Still has many friends in Sweden.

CITIZENSHIP Self, husband & daughter received it at the same time.

MARRIED In 1931 to Loman - from same area in Sweden as Anna. Met in berry fields in Puyallup. Loman employed as a logger in Mineral, later started Plywood business in 1942, deceased in 1949.

TRIPS TO SWEDEN In 1947 to see Loman's family.

WEDDING Brother married at same time. Stood up for each. Married at First Lutheran Church

Employed at Laundry for 9 years until 1939.

Speaks of daughter and her husband and their 3 children. Husband Jack builds boats.

HOBBIES Wove rag rugs, did many things in Sweden.

SWEDISH FOOD Family likes it. Makes potato sausage, lefse, lutefisk, and cookies.

CHRISTMAS Family gets together. No turkey but Lutfisk.

CHURCH LIFE Not really active. Daughter was active at First Lutheran.

Talks about folkdrÅkt.

ACTIVE IN VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS Ladies Vasa Auxiliary. Member for 51 years. Treasurer for group.

TRIPS TO SWEDEN 7 trips back

Father died of cancer/took care of mother for 25 years. Anna got home in Tacoma. Brother Axel got the farm in Gig Harbor after parents' death.

Brother's son taught at McNeil Island.

CHANGES IN SWEDEN home had changed, people had changed. Attended 50 year reunion of confirmation class in 1959.

CHANGES IN SWEDEN Very modern, modern appliances and all get a big pension. Stockholm torn down old buildings and replaced them with new.

Taught herself to play the guitar.

Closes with Swedish remark.