

Carl Albin Berg was born in Bohuslän, Sweden. This is in the southern part of Sweden out in the country. Born July 14, 1890.

PARENTS Johanna and Carl Fagerberg. Father was a worker in the factory. Worked with metal. Lived in a little city.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS One brother and five sisters. Johan Fagerberg, Anna, Hilda, and Ingrid. They all live in Sweden now. A sister was in the U.S. but has gone back to Sweden.

GRANDPARENTS Do not remember seeing them when he was small. Grandfathers were factory workers also.

CHILDHOOD HOME Not there anymore. Regular house. Other people lived in the house with them in the upstairs.

CHILDHOOD Went to school in the town where he lived. Was also a church in town, went once in a while. Had religious instruction in the school. Confirmed in the church.

CHRISTMAS Always gave presents. Had chicken or turkey. Mother baked a lot for Christmas. Had lutfisk.

SCHOOL Went for 6-7 years. Worked in the butcher shop after school until he came to Canada and then U.S.

Fourteen came together in the gang. Went to Canada in 1909. Was 17 years old. Landed in Vancouver, B.C. Came over so he would not have to go into the service.

Got ship in Göteborg. Went to Liverpool, England after going to Denmark. Rough water at sea. Landed in Canada.

Started work on the road in Canada. Hard work, laying rail. The boys he came over with spread out all over. Carl did not have any relatives to come to.

ALASKA For two years in Nome. Worked two summers doing gold mining, did not see much gold. Paid well.

Worked at Paul River in Canada at a paper mill. Was with his friend, John Carlson from Sweden.

Met people here through work. Was working with mixed nationalities.

Worked for the Bank of California for 29 years in Seattle, Washington.

Moved to Seattle after the paper mill and worked for the bank. Did a little of everything. Was trained on the job. Moved to Seattle in 1916. Came down to Seattle with a friend from Nome, Alaska.

HARDEST THING ABOUT COMING OVER Language held you back some.

Went to school to become an American citizen. Became citizen in Seattle.

Met Wife in Seattle. Emmy Erickson. Met at a dance. Went to the Swedish Club in Seattle. Swedish Organizations: Swedish Club, Vikings, and the Vasa Order of America.

TRIPS BACK TO SWEDEN 1957. Wife went with him. Stayed longer than had anticipated because they did not have any reservations to come back. Childhood home is still there. Not too many changes.

CHILDREN One son, Roy David. He worked in a factory in Ballard.

Worked as a janitor in the bank.

Happy he had come to America. Did not want to go back to Sweden to stay.

Worked during the Depression for the bank and did painting for other people. Did not have any trouble during the Depression.

Built the house that they are in now. Have lived here since they came to Seattle.

Still can speak Swedish, 'never forget that'. Speak more English than Swedish in the home. Son does not speak Swedish.

Lived in a camp when he worked up in Nome, Alaska. Not much work there in the winter. Lived in a camp when he was working on the railroad.

Continues talking about the camps in Alaska.

Bosses for the camps were pretty good.

Saw Eskimos in Alaska. They were by themselves.

Saw first black person when he came over. There were black people in Sweden too.

Was not hard to get used to the food as the camps usually had real good food.

Went to the Clubs once and a while. Played bingo. In Nome, there was not any recreation. Worked everyday. 'Eat and work.' Made about \$4-\$5 a day.

Took the boat up to Nome. Took six days to get there. Left from Seattle.

Train ride when he first landed was fine. Pointed at the food that you wanted. Gang of boys all took the same train. Had a good time.

Recreation not much in Vancouver when he was working on the railroad. Got together with friends and a drink now and then.

What has it meant to be Swedish?

SWEDISH ORGANIZATIONS Just belonged, never held a position. Go to the Swedish Club meetings.