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RATHBUN, ANNA (SYLLANDER) (JOHNSON)

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Anna Syllander was born in Gotland, Sweden, December 9, 1869. She came to Minnesota when she was twenty-one years old. Anna lived in St. Paul where she was employed as a clerk. She had received her schooling in Sweden where she finished high school. She recalls the subjects taught there were much the same as were taught in the American schools. She also relates that everything in Sweden was controlled by the churches and the reigning power over these churches was the King of Sweden. When she arrived in Minnesota Anna Syllander did not know which church to attend because there were so many, while in Sweden all churches were the same.

Anna Syllander was married to August B. Johnson in St. Paul. August was born February 14, 1859 and was a blacksmith by trade.

About a year after their marriage August and Anna (Syllander) Johnson left St. Paul for Brainerd where August worked for one year. Later they came to St. Cloud where he was employed in an iron foundry and then he went to work at the Great Northern Railroad carshops. He was employed there until his death on December 22, 1919.

On October 16, 1920 Anna (Syllander) Johnson was married to Demornington S. Rathbun, in St. Cloud, by Rev. J. M. Nelson. Rita Helen Wilcox and Alice E. Johnson were witnesses. D. S. Rathbun was born in Michigan on June 13, 1847, son of Cbra and Mary Ann (Proper) Rathbun. D. S. Rathbun was a descendant of an old English family who came to the United States when it was only a British colony. One of his ancestors was present at the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Demornington S. Rathbun died on July 20, 1932.

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Mrs. Anna (Syllander) (Johnson) Rathbun had two children. Sath Johnson and Alice E. Johnson. Sath died on January 9, 1923 while in the U. S. Army in the Hawaiian Islands. Alice E. Johnson was married to Richard Brean at St. Cloud on January 1, 1925, by Rev. Henry A. Steichen. Victor Hoffmann and Louisa Gresser were the attendants.

Anna Rathbun lives at 512 Eighth Avenue South, in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Anna (Syllander)(Johnson) Rathbun
Date: July 23, 1936
By: Gilbert Bunt

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOR THE ANNA (SYLLANDER) (JOHNSON) RATHBUN BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 1. PAGE 15602

Demornington S. Rathbun and Anna K. Johnson

Married at St. Cloud, October 16, 1920

By: Rev. J. M. Nelson

Witnesses: Rita Helen Wilcox and Alice E. Johnson

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 4 PAGE 17595

Richard Brean and Alice E. Johnson

Married at St. Cloud, January 1st, 1925

By: Rev. Henry A. Steichen

Witnesses: Victor Hoffmann and Louisa Gresser

DEATH RECORD BOOK Y. PAGE 5 LINE 126

Demornington S. Rathbun Born in Michigan, June 13, 1847

Son of Cbra Rathbun and Mary Ann Proper

Died July 20, 1932

Age 85 years 1 month and 7 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 7 LINE 169

August B. Johnson Born in Sweden, February 24, 1859

Died in St. Cloud, December 22, 1919

Age 60 years 9 months and 28 days

JOHNSON, AUGUST B. for the Anna (Syllander) (Johnson) Rathbun Biography

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION:

Birth of August Johnson, February 24, 1859, is correct as stated in the legal record.

Anna
Reinterviewed: Sylander (Johnson) Rathbun
Date: December 3, 1937
By: Walter Jernberg