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STROMBERG, PETER JUNIOR

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Peter Stromberg Junior was born April 10, 1860 in Christianastad, Sweden. He is the son of Peter and Maria Stromberg, also born in Sweden. There were five children in this family: Gustav, living in Sweden; Louise, dead; Swan, of Illinois; Peter, of Sauk Centre; and Nels, who is living in Sweden.

Peter Stromberg, Junior had a common grade school education in Sweden.

Peter Stromberg and Hannah Nelson were married in Sweden. In 1881 they came to America. They decided to come to Minnesota because they had several friends who lived there.

Hannah (Nelson) Stromberg was born on November 14, 1852 in Sweden.

On their arrival from Sweden the Strombergs landed in Quebec, Canada. They went from there to Minneapolis, and then on to Hoffman by train. Mr. Stromberg decided to come to Sauk Centre as his old friend, J. P. Laraon lived there.

Mr. Stromberg had to walk from Hoffman to Glenwood and on to Sauk Centre by foot, as the Soo railroad had not yet been built.

He then decided to move here as he received a job on the Great Northern Railroad, where he worked until he was seventy years old, when he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Stromberg have two children, Anna, of Montana and Cecelia, of Sauk Centre. They have four grandchildren.

Mr. Stromberg says that when he first came here only horses and buggies were used. Then the bicycle that he first remembers seeing had an enormous front wheel and a very small back wheel. Cars were not seen here until after 1900.

When Mr. Stromberg first settled in Sauk Centre many trips to St. Cloud had to be made to get supplies. He states that it took a whole week

to go down there and back with a load of supplies. Oxen were used to make the trip.

Mr. Stromberg said that years ago the crops were wonderful, getting thirty-five to forty bushels per care of wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. Stromberg are still living. They own their own home in Sauk Centre. Mr. Stromberg is seventy-seven years old, and Mrs. Stromberg is eighty-five years old.

Interviewed: Peter Stromberg Jr.
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