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SWENSON, GUSTAV SANFRED

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Gustav Swenson was born in Sweden on September 2, 1865. He was the son of Victor Swenson. In 1870, he came with his parents to America. They came directly to Stearns county, where they settled on a farm east of Brooten. He grew to manhood here.

On May 23, 1887, Gustav Swenson was married to Jorgine Baalson, at Big Grove church by Rev. Giere. Jorgine (Baalson) Swenson is a daughter of Ellen and Kari (Ostenson) Baalson, the first settlers in North Fork township. Jorgine was born near Anoka, Minnesota on June 26, 1865.

Gustav and Jorgine (Baalson) Swenson established a home in Colfax township, Kandiyohi county where they lived for many years when they acquired the Swenson place east of Brooten in 1889. Ten children were born to them: William, of Brooten; Henry of International Falls; Arnold, and Elmer of Brooten; Clara of Baker, Montana; Clarence and Silas of Brooten; Florence, now Mrs. Odland, 2 miles south of Belgrade; Arthur, at home; and Holger, a teacher.

Gustav Swenson had three brothers, John, Louis, died in 1936, and Sam; and one sister, Mrs. August Odell, who is dead.

Gustav Swenson was killed by the train a short distance from his home in February of 1936.

Interviewed: <sup>Mrs.</sup> Jorgine (Baalson) Swenson  
Date: July 27, 1937  
By: Melba Peterson

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE GUSTAV SANFRED SWENSON BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK X. PAGE 13513

John P. Soderstrom and Florence M. Swenson

Granted a Marriage License March 9, 1916

No return filed

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK J. PAGE 249

Sanfried Swenson and Jorgine Baalson

Married at Big Grove Church, May 23, 1887

By: Rev. Nils Giere

Witnesses: Victor Swenson and Ellen Baalson

DEATH RECORD BOOK 2 PAGE 13 LINE 311

Sanfred Swenson, Born in Sweden, September 2, 1865

Son of Victor Swenson and Annalina Swenson

Died February 1, 1935

Age 69 years 4 months and 29 days