

Oct. 6 - 1972

Dear Nancy -

It was a joyful surprise to hear your voice on the phone, the other day - Wed. - we got Lisa's note yesterday, that was a happy surprise, too. We have been getting quite a bit of attention from the people of St. John's Church Minn. since our illness -

The beginning of the week Barbara Willets called to see if we were strong enough to take a ride around Minknetonke Lake and have dinner with them at Lyman Lodge.

Same thing special going on out there on Wed. evening - Oct. 4th -

They came for us at 4 o'clock, it was a beautiful sunny day - The scenery was lovely all the way especially around the lake - at the dinner, we saw quite a few people from St. John's, including the "Bear girls"

It was very enjoyable, but as I expected I was a bit propped yesterday. Oscar holds up well, partly because nothing interferes with his sleep.

He held his nap after dinner on Wed. and slept well after the party, we got home fairly early - but it always takes me longer to get ready for bed, than it does him - and he is able to shut every thing out of his mind

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when he goes to bed - Not me, I have to relieve every thing - and toss about awhile.

Remember? Louise Dale, Barisone - Helen's, baron palq since 8 grade days. She is one of the U. High group that have been getting to - gether once a mo. for lunch through all these years - Louise & Helen had a divorce in 64 or 65 - Louise has been in welfare work for about 10 years. and enjoys her work - She has dated through the years - different men -

Last Dec. she married a widower, who's wife had died a year or a bit more ago - He has a family - they are adult and on their own - This man is a little younger than Louise, but Helen says - She looks older -

I can't remember, what he does for a living, but he seems to have plenty of money - They have had some nice trips, time in a lovely big new house.

For the first time in Louise's life she says she feels she has security and real happiness - They entertained

The U. High group and their husbands for supper last Sun. night -

The husband, John Iverson - barbecued ribs, a big plenty for all of them - Helen said he was a perfect host - Took orders for drinks for every body - before dinner - Took care of it with ease -

while he was cutting & serving the meat

3 - He had taken off his coat and
wore a chef's apron. - The supper was
served buffet style. - The tables were
set with all their pretty dishes & silver.
Helen remark was that John was not
a novice at that sort of thing. when he
was through serving the meat - he put
his smart looking coat back on, and
took his place at the table - when it
was time for the guests to go home -
He stood at the door & shook hands
with every body. Louise was a bit in
the back ground -

I am going to tell you a bit about
Oscar's parents - Remember they are your
great grand parents - one came from
Umeåland, ^{Sweden}, the other from Dalarna ^{Sweden}
These are different States - Oscar is not
sure they were friends or sweethearts
before they set sail for the good old
U. S. A. If it was a budding romance
it came to full bloom during the
journey - Grand ma - Emma Nelson - had
a brother living in Duluth, Minn. and
a sister living some place in Ill. - I guess
I have it Kankakee N.E. part of Ill. - They
went there and were married.

Grand ma's brother Andrew Nelson
married a Peterson girl. ~~was~~ Her parents
lived in Ashland Ill. - (we don't know
how those two young folks met & wed)

But I think we have a link in the
chain there - Grand pa, John Nicholas
Johnson and his bride, moved to Ashland
where he got his first job in a

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in a "saw mill" an establishment in which timber is sawed into planks, boards, etc. This was a very lucrative business in that era. It's hard for us now, to imagine miles of solid woods.

I will come back to wooded lands - But must break in with some thing I find important and interesting.

After Oscar's parents left Ashland - they took up farming at Sanborn Wis -

O. is going to tell you how that started.

Mr. & Mrs. Peterson ^{in Ashland} & Oscar's parents stayed close friends through the years - like one would say - "Till death does us part" and since life is everlasting to those who believe in Christ - their friendship never ended.

Sanborn is about 9 or 10 miles from Ashland, no cars in those days - by horse and buggy it was quite a trip, especially in case of an emergency - Grandma had 2 babies and with each one she was taken to Peterson in Ashland before the set date for their birth, so she could be sure to get to the hospital in time - Oscar was son no. 2. Carl was the first he died quite young we don't have dates on him but think he must have been, 1 1/2 or 2 yrs old at death.

In case you don't remember O. was born Oct. 15, 1884 - Albin 1887 - died May 6, 1904 with Pneumonia - David 1889 - ^{Feb 11} Sebe 1892 - he died - 1959 - He was diabetic also heart trouble

5th Clara comes next the only girl -
Her birthday is Oct. 10 - we think, 1895
Otto Born March 28, 1899 died March 15 - 1904
also of pneumonia - That was a very sad
time for the John Johnson family
Otto March 15 - Albin May 6 - Both very
healthy boys until they got pneumonia
Little Otto was just 5 yrs. 11 mos. - 16 days
Albin age 17 yrs 10 mos. - 7 days - both
in 1904
Joseph Emil - whom we always called
Joe - was the last, ^{DEC. 16} Born 1900 - died June 15
1972 -

He was a dear sweet person, I always
felt very close to him - Oscar took me
to Duluth to meet his relatives there,
also to Sandborn to meet his family
Joe was only 10 at that time, his 11th
birthday coming up soon.

Oscar, being the oldest child, was not
always easy - when even his mother
was in Ashland, and even when she
was at home, she had a big garden
that she cared for, canned part of her
produce, and Oscar helped her a lot
with cooking as well as another house
hold duties - He was well trained in
his youth, - and it made him a
wonderful husband and father.
He even baked bread when his mother
was in the hospital. -

Sat. 10-7
Now just one more thing about
my family ^{then} were much older than Oscar,
my father Friedrich Wilhelm Ferdinand
Pupp - Born March 21st, 1844
Pino
Germany
Died Nov. 16, 1916 - age 72

6. my mother - from Sangerau Germany
Amelia Annalia Pommerening
Born - Sep. 18, 1846 - Died March, 12, 1918
age - 71

Your mother Vivian Born May 10 - 1913 -

Aunt Helen July 3 - 1915 -

Helen, if my figuring is right was only 16 mo. old when my father died - she could not remember him Vivian was by 2 yrs. & 2 mo. older - she did remember both of my parents - Helen, remembers my mother and has memories of our visits to their home.

my family arrived in Rochester New York from Germany in May 1887. I was born there Aug. 5, 1888 -

I never knew - or don't remember just when they came to Wisconsin to set up farming a few miles from a small town of Abbotford Wis.

In my older years, I have often regretted not finding out more about, what must have been real difficult years for them -

I do remember we had a happy home - They were kind loving parents, and a good Christian family -

Augusta my oldest sister was 15 yrs older than I was - I am not going into our family history - only to mention that Augusta married Fred Gundt a neighbor hood young man - They were moved into one of the those wooded areas I spoke about earlier in my letter, I mean woods, there were no roads going to their plot of ground, or what later was

Augusta & Fred Gundt married Dec. 15, 1893

7 a farm - Their nearest town was Fenwood Wis - Since I know they had very little money, I think their land must have been a "Home Stead" deal - government control - O. is going to explain that - His folks took advantage of that too -

There were a few other settlers that had come in sooner - and had a roof over their heads - They would share what they had, to help the next family get to start - It must be walked through the woods - choose the spot for the house - Then begin to cut down trees - no power saws or tools -

cut cross saw - good axe, crowbar -
"a straight iron or steel bar: used for a lever cant hook - a wooden lever with a movable iron hook near the lower end, used for grasping and canting or turning over logs etc. - with these trees they built their first log houses - a barn for the cow or cows, for their milk & butter, chicken coop or barn, for eggs - and in time have enough chicken to have some to eat - Fred, had a gun, and liked to hunt, almost to a fault -

That was their meat ration - and I think in this way, he was able to pay of some of his debts to his kind neighbors,

About this time a saw mill started up in Fenwood - I can't believe it, but at that time there was a river, & forceful water flow to bring the logs down to the saw mill - a big boarding house was built in Fenwood to house & feed a day & night crew -

8- Then the Aundts were not only able to sell some of their timber to the saw mill - at the same time were clearing some of their land so they could have a big garden - and seed some grain, for their use - wheat & rye for bread - oats & corn for feed for their cattle and so they progressed - Fred worked in the saw mill during the winter, that was profitable & good.

In May 1903 - my sister Amelia married Charley Hintz - they took 80 acres of woods right across the street from Aundts - and went through the same process - only it was a bit easier because they were able to stay with Augusta & Fred, and reap some of the benefits of their experience - Both sisters lived to enjoy nice frame houses to live in and good barns - Fred died of a heart attack when Vivian was a baby - a few years later Augusta sold their farm and bought a house in Abbotsford. Amelia had tragedy's in her life - Her first baby was a girl, only lived a short time, Amelia Baptized it her self - and she died in her arms - we were taught to never let a baby die without being ^{Christened} & any person may perform this sacrament if it is impossible to get a Priest in time - Martin her second child lived to adult hood - but was tragically

9- killed while loading logs
Oscar her third child - was such a
nice looking, had a wonderful
disposition died with acute appendicitis,
That left just Karl - He always was
a bit of a problem child.
Amelia lived all her life in that
first home, and loved it in spite of
hardships - She was born Feb. 25, 1885
and died from Cancer - Jan. 15 - 1942

Chauley & Karl stayed on the farm
a few years Karl had a wife, two
daughters & a baby on the way - when
she left him - They had a divorce.

Helen moved to Wausau - and has
worked most of the time, and still
does - Her 3rd child was a girl too -

They are all three happily married -
Karl was born June 13 - 1914 and died
April 5, 1956 age 42 - Chauley his father
had died 5 years earlier -

I had 4 sisters & 1 brother - not any
of them lived to be 60 - I was the
delicate puny one, and have passed
my 84 birthday - My darling sister
Helen, was born Feb. 3 - 1886 & died Sept 16,
1915 - age 29 - Yaww Aunt Helen Creasey was
only 2½ mo. old - Sister Minnie left me
at the age of 25 - Not any of my family
were fortunate enough to have had
the good care Oscar has given me.

I have had his care when ever it was
necessary, and a loving understanding husband.
MY-LOVED - OSCARS-TURN -

Continuation by Grandpa

My folks homesteaded 160 acres.
(to keep this land, a house and barn,
had to be built, and some land cleared)
a mile from Saxonville Wis. the part
that was timber land ^{on our farm} was all burnt
over by what was the Hinkley fire
that started in Minnesota and went
through Wisconsin, it burnt out
many farmers. In Saxonville, a
saw mill 2 stores, 2 saloons, railroad
station, school house, and all residences
were burnt out. Our buildings were
in the middle of our field away
from the timber and had a pond
near the house ^{this saved our buildings.} We had several
burnt out farmers staying at our
place sleeping on the floor and in
the hay barn. Mother taught me
to read and write before I
started school at age 5, in Saxonville.
School had about 30 pupils, from
first grade to what might be called
8th grade, one teacher. It was
some time rough going in deep

2- snow and cold weather,
at age 16 I worked in the Saubone
shingle (wood roofing) mill that
summer, next winter I helped to
make railroad repairs at Matchwood
Mich. following summer I landed
a job at Ashland on a pond, streaming
logs onto a carmer up into a sawmill.
One day I slipped off a log into the
pond, no one was going have a laugh
on me, I just walked off the job.
some time later I decided to collect
my pay, the superintendent
was surprised to see me, they expected
I was somewhere under the logs.
Next job I was delivering bag in
a furniture store. When fall came
I decided to go to work in a logging
camp, there I was put in a crew
of eight men picking logs in big
piles at a railroad siding, to be
shipped to a saw mill, railroad
siding was 3 miles from camp,
we ate breakfast before daylight and
walked 3 miles to work, lunch was
brought to us, after work ^{we} walk ^{back}

3/10 to camp, and supper after dark.

This company owned a saw mill at a little town Bebon Wis, about 10 miles away. When the camp closed in spring, I found a job at this mill.

In early summer we had some hard rains, and the mill had to stop sawing for a few days. I took the train to Ashland, 20 miles away,

going down the street I met a school friend, who started to brag about having a job on the railroad. It sounded good to me, so I went to the railroad and landed a job

as a flunky in the Round House, after a few months I was promoted to machinist's helper, about a year later I went on the road as locomotive

fireman.

Year 1909, 20 of us fireman were called to take examination for locomotive engineers.

I must brag a little, I came out with 98 in air brake and rules, top of the group, and in machinery I was No. 2 with a 96. I made my first trip

4/ as Engineer May 3rd 1910.

I was one of the crew that built the Soo Line through the wilderness from Awen Wis^{to} Superior and Duluth on Lake Superior.

Must tell you Grandmas favorite railroad story of mine. It happened on a freight train ~~from~~ on the way from Superior running at a speed of 30 miles an hour.

At a little town south from Superior there is cut (little hills going up on both sides of the track) here in the snow were 3 little pigs ~~the~~ (about the size of poodle dogs) in the middle of the track, they all went under the train, out from under the first car came one pig and up the hill he saw six cars back over came pig no. 2 and up the hill he ran, and about 12 cars back out came pig no. 3 and up the hill he ran.

Must mention another lucky one. On passenger ^{train} many years later, I hit a truck loaded with chickens scattering them all over the land, one live rooster jumped off the

Church work behind us,

Year 1933 I took on an extra job
selling insurance, till my 1947
accident.

"Like an old railroad man once
said I could write a book" maybe
not very uplifting, but would be
interesting reading.

Hi! my dears - This is a long letter,
but, comes out liver very briefly -

considering I have passed my 84
birthday - and Oscar will celebrate his
88 next Sun. Oct. 15.

Helen & Dang are having the Birthday
dinner - Evelyn & Bud Fieldsall will come -
being Dave & Lillie - They are bringing the
B. cake - Lucareys will take care of every
thing else - Dang will come & pick us up.

Yesterday Oct. 8 was Edwards birthday,
it would have been his 52 - That would have
seemed old to him - We had dinner with
Larry, Hita, & Hilkey - And called on Paul &
Alice before coming home - They live N.E.

Mpls - quite a bit farther out than where
we use to live - A new housing development
out there - Paul teaches school in Rush City,
Minn. and Alice works for a law firm in
Mpls. - That's what she was doing when she met
Paul - They each have about 45 min. travel
both morning & night - This is the best they have
ever lived - and are very happy - There is a lot
more to say - but I must close on this page.

We love you all very much
Grand Pa & Grand Ma

My Parents and their family came to Rochester New York from Germany in May 1887

Friederick Wilhelm Ferdinand Pupp (Okm Sr)
(Born Mar. 21st 1844, Died Nov. 16, 1916 Age 72
in Pirmo Germany)

Amelia Amalia Pommerening
(Born Sept. 18, 1846 Died Mar 12, 1918 Age 71
Sangerau Germany)

Born to them were:

1. Augusta.
2. Hannah.
3. Ernest
4. Karl
5. Wilhelmine (Minnie) Born Jan 18 - 1877 - Died June 29 - 1902
6. Fredrick Okm. (Okm Jr) age 25
7. Amelia Born Feb. 25 - 1885 died Jan 15, 1942
8. Helena Feb. 3 - 1886 died Sep. 16, 1915 - age 29
9. Maria "many Martha" Aug. 5, 1888 -
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11. Twins buried in the ocean.

all 3 died in childhood.

In my old book I have written "Grandpa Pupp's first wife had two children, a boy and a girl. - This, I think is not important -"

Augusta born in ^{Hanafelde Proussen, came to Rochester, New York in May 1887} Germany July 9, 1873.
Died May 2nd, 1927. (age 54)

married
Fred Okm. Arndt Dec. 15, 1893.
He was born in Sugar Bush Okie Sept 4, 1871
Died Dec 19, 1911.

Born to them were:

1. Gertrude Olive July 22, 1894.
2. Eulalia Wilhelmine Oct 19, 1897.
3. Ernest Okm. Mar 6, 1899. Died Aug 20, 1899
4. Walter Louis Sept 10, 1900
5. Leonie Augusta Helena July 9, 1902.
6. Gladys Marie Elisabeth Aug 22, 1909
7. Ada Minnie Jan. 18, 1911. Aunt Amelia baptized her, she died in her arms.
Born on Aunt Minnie's birthday."

my parents came to
 Abbotsford Wis. in May 1892
 Fred was married to Frieda
 moved to Fremont Wis April 1895 - then
 moved back to Abbotsford May 1918
 Dec. 15, 1893 - then a widow

Fredrick Wm (at Courthouse)
Wm. Pupp Jr. Born Mar 12, 1879
Died April 19, 1934 (age 55)
married June 28, 1903 to

Louisa Kroening Born June 11, 1882.
Died Dec 14, 1951 (69)

Born to them were:

1. Albert
2. Bernard
3. Mary
4. Margaret
5. William
6. George
7. Catherine
8. Edward
9. Anthony

died age 57
Amelia Pupp Born Feb 25, 1885, Died Jan 15, 1942.
married May 3, 1903 to

Charles Hints Born Sept. 5, 1877 Died July 22, 1951
Born to them were

1. Alma
2. Martin
3. Oscar
4. Karl. - Born June 13 - 1914 - Died April 5, 1956 (age 42)

died age 25
Wilhelmine (Minnie) Pupp Born Jan. 18, 1877
Died June 29 - 1902

Helena (Helen) Pupp Born Feb ³, 1886
Died Sept. 16, 1915. age 29

many mauntha

Maria (Mary) Pupp Born Aug 5, 1888

married Nov 9, 1911 to - ~~Marjorie Pupp~~
Oscar Johnson He was born Oct. 15, 1884

Born to them were

1. Vivian ^{MARY} May 10, 1913, Died Nov 20, 1962
in Fullerton Calif;

2. Helen ^{Lorraine} July 3, 1915 - .

3. Oscar (Edward) Born Oct. 8, 1920
died Feb. 12, 1966 - Minneapolis, Minn.

Buried at Hillside Cemetery 2600 - 19 ave. N.E. 987-7222
- family lot -

Sebe Johnson (Oscar's brother) Born Oct. 2 - 1892 - Died Aug. 17 - 1959
age 67

Albin Harold Johnson Born April 13, 1887 - Died, May 6, 1904
age 17 yrs. 10 mos. 7 days

Otto Clarence Johnson, Born March 28, 1899 - Died March 15 - 1904
age 5 yrs. 11 mos. 16 days

Emil Joseph Johnson born 1900, died June 15 - 1972

Oscar's brother Carl Gustav? born 1882 July 11 - St. Paul Minn

Jane Creasey - (Daug's mother)

Died Oct. 22 - 1961 (at Tomah, Wis.)

Hells - Sweethearts. - Now
if I've got something wrong
you can correct me.
I don't have Aunt Minnie's
so if you don't have it I'll
get it from her gravestone
as soon as we get to
Abbotsford
I have a copy too now
so will want to get it.
That I'd better send it now
or I'd stick it in a corner
and forget about it.
All our love Eulalia & Ed
Have to go up & fix Gertrude's
after supper.