

*Johansson
Family*

The Johansson - Levine Family Bible

Submitted by Don Bryant

This Bible, published in Stockholm has no date, but apparently is from the mid-1880's. It belonged to Anders Johan Johansson-Lavine who was born 5 January 1852 in Ödestugu, Jonköping, Sweden. He married Hulda S. Magnusdotter 27 February 1876 in Sweden. The family emigrated in 1886 to the United States and lived in Chicago for a short time before moving (by 1891) to East Chain Lakes, Martin County, Minnesota. They later followed some of their children to Sparta Township, Kent County, Michigan. Anders (known as Andrew Lavine) and Hulda are both buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Sparta, Michigan. Anders died 24 June 1922, just three days after Hulda. The Bible is in the possession of Don Bryant.

Inside front cover written in pencil:

Erick girk till California
den 23 November 1905

(the 4 is erased and 5 written over in what appears to be same handwriting and pencil)

Written on the next page in various ink and pencil. The first five lines are in the same ink and handwriting. The remaining entries are all in the same handwriting, but obviously different ink:

Dottren Dina Sophia födder den 28/6 1876
Sonen Erick Magnus födder den 8/7 1878
Sonen Simeon födder de 23/6 1881
Sonen Johan Arvid födder den 8/12 1883
Och dag den 21/7 1884
Sonen Bror Arvid födder den 10/7 188[5]
Sonen Arthur Wilhelm födder den 19/12 [1888]
Sonen Hilding Edvin födder den 28/9 1891
Sonen Erick dag den 29 /
Jannerari 1906

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100 Years Ago

The Greenville Independent

Small weekly newspapers provide genealogists with a cornucopia of information about the lives and times of ancestors. Summer 1903, was a busy time for the folks of Montcalm County. Vacations and trips to new places, storms, tragedies, weddings, farm labor, etc., were all mentioned during this time. There are even articles about a "ten-year-old degenerate" and a speech by Carrie Nation. Even if your specific ancestor isn't listed in the following excerpts, you still receive a clear picture of the life led by those in living in rural Michigan at the beginning of the Twentieth Century.

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Montcalm County Pays Over \$1100 U.S. Revenue Tax on Liquor Selling

Montcalm County pays over \$1100 to the U.S. government revenue tax on selling liquor by retail, each U.S. license costing \$25.00. The U.S. revenue office in Grand Rapids has a record of the licenses granted and this record is open to public inspection. Unless there has been an accidental mistake, the following is a correct list of those paying U. S. revenue tax.

Carson City—Wm. A. Crabb, F. J. Chamberlin, W. H. Thayer, The Carson City Social Club.

Coral—Wm. E. Bolio, H. M. Gibbs.

Crystal—Alexander McCabe, Crystal Pharmacy.

Edmore—H. P. Beebe, Charley Bower, Glen D. Salisbury, Edmore Merchant and Farmer Club.

Fenwick—John Bullock.

Gowen—Stickney drug store.

Greenville—W. W. Slawson, Passage & Averys, C. W. Passage, H. C. van Dinse, Greenville Business Men's Club, T. I. Phelps, Lyman H. Taft, The Farmer's Club, The Scandinavian Club.

Howard City—Sid V. Bullock, H. M. Gibbs, Wm F. Nagler, Howard City Hunting and Fishing Club.

Lakeview—J. W. Kirtland Drug Co., C. W. Vining, Lakeview Gun and Rod Club, Lakeview Social Club.

Langston—F. D. Briggs.

McBride—Enoch Nelson, Jacob McCrea & Son.

Pierston—Samuel Geary.

Six Lakes—Collin E. Bechtel.

Sheridan—Wood & Company, John and Wm. Dolan.

Stanton—E. D. Hawley Co., Shepherd & Bachman, E. L. Stevenson & Co., The Stanton Club.

Trufant—Chrysler & Son, Albert Medler, Avery Van.

Vestaberg—E. F. Owen.

Vickeryville—Frank Heacox.

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Personal Mention

Hal Anderson and family and Mrs. G. F. Middleton yesterday started on their return home to Aberdeen, Washington. The recent great fire in Aberdeen did not destroy any property belonging to the Anderson-Middleton Company.

Fred Curtis, two years in Omaha, is visiting his parents in Greenville. His wife is visiting elsewhere. Fred with his clarinet has been engaged to play in a large military orchestra and band at the St. Louis exposition next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Newton of Fairplains had a recent visit from quite a few of their relatives. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Henry and Charles Jr. of McBride; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Norton of Smyrna; James E. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eckert, Miss Mabel Henry, Mrs. and Mrs. Charles W. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pulhemus, all of Greenville. This may be called a Norton reunion.

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Levi Krick, an Otisco farmer, a night last week was driving to Smyrna when he was abruptly ordered to hold up his hands. He picked up a horseshoe in the bottom of the wagon and threw—knocked down one bandit and then rapidly drove off with his team.

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A Reception in Honor of Mrs. R. A. Hoffman

In honor of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hoffman, Mrs. E. Pittenger entertained at a twelve o'clock dinner, Oct. 8, at her home in Seattle, the following ladies: Mrs. Glass, wife of Rev. R. C. Glass, pastor of Grace M. E. Church; Mrs. Cover, formerly of Greenville, Mich., and a daughter Minnie, now Mrs. L. Mortger of Dawson, Alaska; Mrs. A. Pulver; Mrs. H. Squires; Mrs. M.