

CARL (CHARLES) EUGENE OSCAR RUNDQUIST  
22 June 1834 ----- 7 January 1902  
(Written in 1983 by Clara Fowler Averett Burnett a Granddaughter)

Carl (Charles) Eugene Oscar Rundquist was born 22 June 1834 in Kungsholm Parish in Stockholm city. Charles is not a given Swedish name. Carl is the logical Swedish version. His mother was Amelia (or Emelia) Sophia Rundquist. She was a 20 year old girl, a "pigen" (never married girl) and resided 'in Bergsklippan Village of Kungsholm Parish in Stockholm. No mention is made of Carl Oscar Eugene's father, other than that his mother was unmarried at the time of his birth. But Carl Oscar Rundquist gave his father's name as Charles Oklund when he was endowed at the time of his marriage in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Perhaps "Carl" was told the name of his father by his mother Emelia Sophia. Research found two Carl Oklunds living in the same area, but no connection was made. When only a few weeks old his mother took him to an orphanage in Stockholm then went to Varma in 1835. In Clara Burnett's records, a granddaughter of Carl, she says that his mother Amelia left to make her home in Germany.

Upon hearing what happened the grandfather, Peter Andreas Rundquist, went to the orphanage and got the baby. Peter's wife was Brita Christina Olsson.

Carl Oscar Eugene was blessed May 9, 1861, at Linkoping, Sweden, by A. W. Nilsson. He was baptized September 1861 at Grebo, Sweden.

The research found three children listed to Peter Andreas and Brita Christina Olsson.

Peter Magnus born 30 November 1811  
Amelia Sophia born 17 February 1814  
Elias born 1 July 1817

(Note: Clara Burnett's record shows Carl Oscar Eugene being named after' his grandfather, but Universal Genealogy Center found Peter Andreas Rundquist to be his grandfather.)

Brita died 1818 and Peter Andreas 1847. Peter Andreas's father was Peter Rundquist born about 1746 of Ronneby, Blekinge, Sweden and married to Catharina Maria Northoff, born about 1752. They were the parents of six children, Peter Andreas being the second child.

The father of Peter Rundquist was Jacob Rundquist, born about 1720 and his mother was Helena, no last name given, born about 1724. They were parents of five children, Peter being the oldest. They are all from Ronneby, Blekinge, Sweden. Jacob Rundquist is the last name of Rundquist, on our direct line as far as research has found.

Mr. and Mrs. Northoff, the parents of Catharina Maria Northoff (wife of Peter Rundquist) are the last of that line to be found. Mr. Northoff was born about 1724 and Mrs. Northoff was born about 1728.

Britta Christina Olsson, wife of Peter Andreas Rundquist is our second great-grandmother. She was born about 1775 in Karlskrona, a large city in Bleking County. It was a military post. One of the parishes is called Amiralitets which includes many military personnel and their families. The three children of Brita Christina Olsson's and Peter Andreas Rundquist's children were born in Amiralitets Parish, but only our fourth great grandfather's name was found.

Back to the story of Carl Oscar Eugene. He made his home with his grandfather who was a timmerman (carpenter) and Carl Oscar became very skilled in the art of stone cutting and masonry work.

When he was twenty-six years of age he married Helena Sophia Berggren 22 September 1860, in Atvill, Ostergotland, Sweden. They had eight children but of those eight only three lived to be adults. They are as listed below:

Carl (Charles Augustus), born September 4, 1861 in Rodsten, Grebo, Ostergotland Sweden.

Twins, Emma and Lena, born March 24, 1865. Lena was stillborn and is buried in Sweden. Emma came to Utah with her parents, died 24 April 1889.

Franz Jonas, born December 7, 1867 in Utah, died 14 December 1870.

John Albert, born June 25, 1869 in Utah. Died 1 April 1870.

Ellen Marie, born 10 April 1871, in Utah; died 26 August 1872.

Emily Elisabeth, born November 30, 1872, at Hooper, Utah. She was the Mother of Clara Elisabeth Averett Burnett, mentioned above as Clara Burnett. Emily Married Ephraim Fowler 5 December 1900. Died 12 June 1934.

Anna Louise, born 21 April 1874, at Hooper, Utah; died 6 December 1881.

Carl first heard the gospel preached on the street corners of Sweden. He was very impressed and excited about the Latter Day Saint religion. He wanted to come to Utah right away. He spoke to his wife Helena about it. She was enthused about the church but was very reluctant to leave her homeland. It was almost unthinkable for her. She was an only daughter of Jonas Andersson Berggren. He was listed as Jonas Andersson, the name Berggren added at some point in time during his lifetime. Her father was a ship builder with plenty of money. She was used to traveling from Island to Island by boat. She was use to the water and beautiful island. It was hard for her to even think of walking miles and miles to reach Utah.

Jonas Andersson Berggren was born 21 November 1784 at Rumbult, Hannas, Kalmar, Sweden. He married Maria Christina Osterman, 28 October 1830 at Atvid Ostergotland, Sweden. He died 22 November 1807.

Maria Christina Osterman was born 29/30 December 1803 in Atvid, Ostergotland, Sweden, to Peter Peterson Osterman and Maria Olofsson. She died 1869.

Carl Oscar and Helena Sophia Berggren left Sweden. We found they sailed on the ship named Cavour, leaving Hamburg Germany, June 1, 1866 and arriving in New York City July 31, 1866. We are still searching for the company with whom they came to Utah. They brought two children with them, Charles (Carl) and Emma. It is interesting to find on the list the ship had, that Carl Oscar was listed with correct birthday, and wife "Caroline". But the two children were listed with correct dates, as Carl (Charles remember is the same as Carl in Swedish) and Emma. We don't know why or how Helena Sophia became Caroline, but with the same birth dates we feel certain it is Helena Sophia. Also we have always heard that our grandfather Charles Augustus Rundquist came across the plains when he was about six years of age and as he was born in 1861, it fits.

Clara Burnett had them immigrating to Utah May 9, 1866, but it must have been later than May as further information has been found. A son was born to them, Frans Jonas, 7 Dec. 1867, but he died in 1870. Clara also had been able to find records showing that according to Weber County, Utah census, Carl Oscar, his wife and small son were living in the Weber River Valley as a farmer.

He soon moved to Hooper, Utah where he bought a twenty acre farm. He planted it into fruit trees and always had a plentiful supply of a variety of fruits. He also raised his own vegetables. They shared with whoever needed them.

There he made the adobe brick and built a two story adobe home. (My note: These were regular clay brick--not adobe as we know them.) It had an outside stairway. The upstairs were never entirely finished off into rooms but was used anyway. It had a large porch that extended clear around the entire house, with outside entrances to the house on each side. He also made a brick and adobe kiln. There he made many of the bricks that were used in buildings in Ogden, and Salt Lake City. He also worked as a stone cutter whenever work was available.

Helena Sophia was born 4 September 1831 in Ericksberg T. Kalmar, Sweden. She died 11 July 1912 in Hooper, Utah.

Daniel H. Wells performed the Endowment House sealings on 1 July 1872 for Carl Oscar and Helena Sophia, our great-grandparents. It was on this endowment record that Carl Oscar gave his father's name as Charles Oklund.

Records do not show just when he met his second wife Annie Jacobsen. She was born in Kungskolm, Stockholm, Sweden. She was forty-two years old when she immigrated to Hooper. Carl Oscar immediately fell in love with her. They decided to marry, but when Helena heard of this she would not approve of it at all. She never had anything to do with him again. (My note: It has been said there couldn't be a second marriage unless the first wife approved). (My 2nd Note: We do not have a marriage date for Carl and Annie, but Helena had a child Emily Elisabeth in 1872 and another daughter, Anna Louise born 31 April 1874). (3rd Note: If our memory is correct it seems like we heard Bert Rundquist talk about her as if he knew her, and probably Clara did also).

So he married his Annie, and acquired an eighty acre farm in Roy Utah. In reading the Abstract of Title to the property it reads in part: The United States of America to Carl Rundquist. Patent, dated March 30, 1881. Recorded March 29, 1890. Description of land given; Pursuant to the Act Of Congress approved 20 May 1862. "To secure homesteads to actual settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto. Signed by the President, James a Garfield, and By Wm. R, Crook, Secretary. Anyway we assume Carl and Annie homesteaded the land in Roy, Utah 1872 and in 1881 he was given the Patent.

Note: On all the transactions on this property Helena Sophia has been noted as giving her mark, (X). Evidently she never learned to read the English Language.

He (Carl) built another large home on this place. It was a comfortable and much loved home. He again planted fruit trees, along with beets, tomatoes, etc. He raised horses and cows, also hay and grain to feed them. He also cared for his first wife and two children, but lived with Annie. Annie loved children but never had any of her own. She loved chickens and had a large flock of them so they had plenty of eggs and meat. Meanwhile Carl built another kiln in Roy and continued his work as a stone cutter and mason. He worked wherever a skilled stone cutter was needed and did a lot of work on buildings in Salt Lake City.

On January 7, 1902, Carl Oscar Eugene Rundquist died in Roy, Utah. He was buried in the Hooper Cemetery. A few weeks before his death he had been kicked in the chest and after a few weeks of intense suffering he passed away. He was sixty-eight years old. He was the only one of his Rundquist family to come to Utah. On the ship Cavour records, there were other Rundquists, but none connected to this family.

We have no records of Annie, except her full name was Annie Jacobson.

The death notice for Helena Sophia Rundquist published in the Ogden newspaper dated Friday, July 12, 1912. It read:

"Mrs. Ellen Sophia Rundquist, for nearly a half century a resident of Utah, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ephraim Fowler of Hooper. Mrs. Rundquist had been in failing health for nearly five years and for the past six weeks her condition had been serious. She was born in Sweden, September 4, 1831, and came to Utah in 1866. In 1869 she settled with her late husband, Carl Rundquist, in Hooper, where she had since resided. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Fowler and one son Charles A. Rundquist of Roy. She is also survived by ten grandchildren. The funeral arrangements will be announced later."

A very small notice of Carl Oscar Eugene Rundquist's death was published in the Ogden newspaper, noting that he was a pioneer of Utah, emigrating from Sweden.

In the book "Footprints in Roy", written by Emma Russell, the following is written:

"In 1879 Carl Rundquist installed a brick kiln on his property and manufactured bricks from the clay on his land. Carl and his wife Annie were immigrants from Sweden and were early homesteaders in Roy. Mr. Rundquist was helped in his business by his son Charles, who with his wife lived on a farm adjacent to his father's property. The young Mrs. Rundquist was the former Mary Christina Elggren, daughter of Adolph F. and Johanna Samuelson of Salt Lake City.

The records show that Carl Oscar Eugene Rundquist and Helena Sophia Berggren Rundquist were buried in Hooper Cemetery, but there is not any record at the Hooper Cemetery of where in the cemetery they were buried.

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Additional information has added by Elaine Rundquist Child, a great-granddaughter, as it had become available through further research done by Universal Genealogy Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

We hope that more information will be found on this Pioneer Family who had such faith and courage to bring them from Sweden to Utah before the railroad, when they had to walk and make their way across the plains.