

Chapter 7

John Edward Dalen

June 7, 1881



November 30, 1979



Biographical Details

John Edward Dalen was born in Pope County, the seventh of June, **1881**. He was the second child born to Johannes and Guri Dalen, and their first son.

On July 24, **1881** he was baptized in the St. Pauli Lutheran Church located near Lowry in Ben Wade Township. His baptismal sponsors were Thor Johnson Rise, his wife Ingeborg Jakobsdatter, Ole Erikson, Romsok Hansin, Ole Johnson.

John was confirmed at age 15 ½ in the St. Pauli Lutheran Church on July 5, **1896**. His grade was "Good".

7/6 81 24/7 81 John Edward Johannes Johannesen Guri Dalen

Thor Johnson Rise Ingeborg Jakobsdatter Ole Erikson Romsok Hansin Ole Johnson

Confirmed July 5, 1896 John Edward Dalen 15 ½ Johannes & Guri Dalen St. Pauli - G.D.

In **1894** John attended St. Pauli Church summer Norwegian Bible school



In the **1900** US Federal Census John was living with his widowed father and his 6 siblings in Reno Township, Pope, County, Minnesota

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
John Dalen	Head	Male	59	Norway
Mary Dalen	Daughter	Female	23	Norway
John J Dalen	Son	Male	19	Minnesota
Sigurd Dalen	Son	Male	17	Minnesota
Emil Dalen	Son	Male	15	Minnesota
Martinus Dalen	Son	Male	13	Minnesota
Julia Dalen	Daughter	Female	11	Minnesota
Otto Dalen	Son	Male	17	Minnesota

1906 Canada, Northwest Provinces Census

In 1903 John and his brother Sigurd emigrated to Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada to homestead.

Name: John Dallen
Event Type: Census
Event Date: 1906
Event Place: 33, Assiniboia East, Saskatchewan, Canada
Gender: Male
Age: 23
Marital Status: Single
Relationship to Head of Household: Head
Birthplace: United States Of America

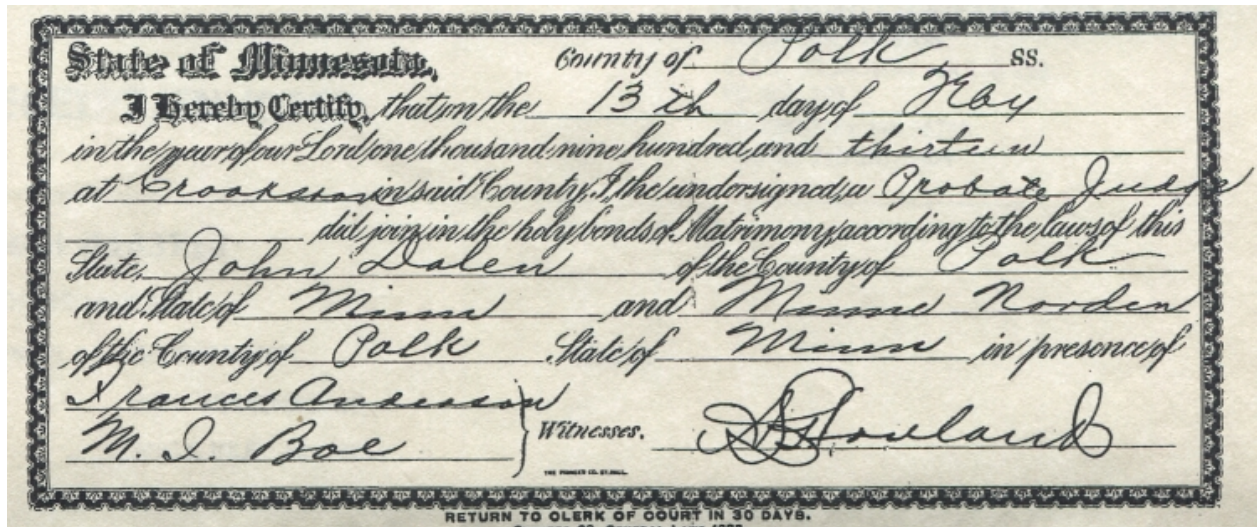
In 1907 John became a naturalized Canadian citizen.

Household Role Sex Age Birthplace
118 John Dallen Head M 23 United States Of America
immigration 1903, Langenburg, NW 18 20 30 W1
119 Sigurd Head M 23 United States of America,
immigration 1903, Langenburg, SE 22 20 30 W1
120 Emiel Dallen Brother M 21 United States Of America,
immigration 1905

On February 13, 1913 John married Mina Nordin in Polk County, Minnesota.

Minnesota Official Marriage System (MOMS)®

County	Certificate Number	Marriage Date	Applicant 1	Applicant 2
POLK	O/380	02/13/1913	DALEN JOHN	NORDEN MINNIE



There were no known children born to this marriage, and they parted ways at some point. In 1935 Minnie was separated and living in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



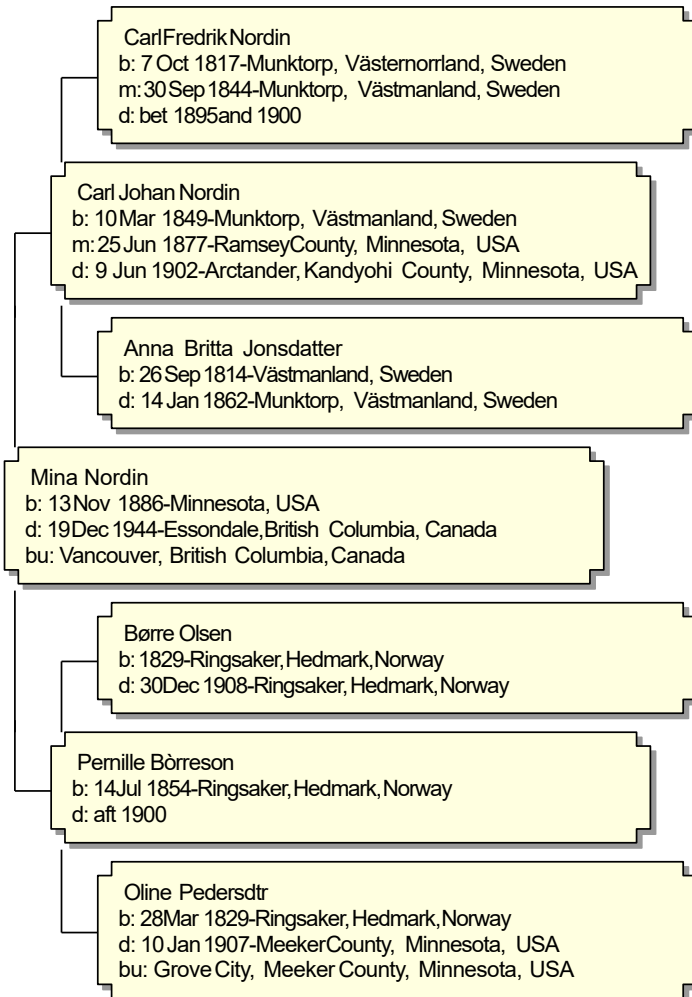
L to R: John Dalen, Otto Dalen, Minnie Nordin, Julia Dalen



L to R: Julia Dalen, Minnie Nordin, John Dalen, Otto Dalen

Mina Nordin (November 13, 1886 - December 19, 1944)

Ancestors of Mina Nordin



1921 Census of Canada, Saltcoats, Saskatchewan

Name: John Dalen
 Gender: Male
 Marital status: Married
 Age: 39
 Birth Year: abt 1882
 Birth Place: USA
 Relation to Head of House: Head
 Spouse's name: Minnie M Dalen
 Father Birth Place: Norway
 Mother Birth Place: Norway
 Year of Immigration: 1901
 Racial or Tribal Origin: Norwegian
 Province or Territory: Saskatchewan
 District: Saltcoats
 District Number: 226
 Sub-District Number: 3
 City, Town or Village: Langenburg Mun
 Section Number: 18
 Township Number: 20
 Range Number: 30
 Meridian Number: W1
 Municipality: Langenburg
 Occupation: Farmer
 Neighbors:
 Household Members:
 Name Age
 John Dalen 39
 Minnie M Dalen 36

Canada Voter Lists

Name: Mrs John Dalen
 Gender: Female
 Marital status: Married Woman (Married)
 Year: 1935
 Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
 Electoral District: Winnipeg North Centre

Minnie passed away December 19, 1944 in Essondale, British Columbia, Canada. She was buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, British Columbia.



Her obituary was published in The Province (Vancouver, BC) on December 22, 1944, Friday, Pa

DALEN - On Dec. 19, 1944, in hospital, Minnie Dalen, Prince George, in her 59th year. Survived by 1 brother, Leonard Nordin of Prince George; 3 sisters, Mrs. Emma Salmonson, Prince George; Mrs. Clara Johnson of Ormak, Wash.; Mrs. Sophie Ramsland of Seattle. Funeral service in Center & Hanna Chapel, Sat., Dec. 23, at 3:30 p.m. Committal lawn section, Mountain View Cemetery. buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, British Columbia.

After more than 30 years of farming John retired and lived in Saskatchewan until 1975.

At the age of 94 he returned to Glenwood, Minnesota. As a US citizen he was able to collect Social Security. The St. Pauli birth parish records were used for proof of citizenship and evidence of his birth parents and location.

The last two years of his life he was a resident of the Lakeview Care Center in Glenwood.

Right - John on his 98th birthday



Newspaper clippings saved by Julia Weisel

Mrs. Julia Weisel, Mrs. Clara Smith, Ray Hove, Carl [Earl] Weisel, James Lindquist from Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. John Dalen of Moorhead, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jensen and Eric from Brainerd attended the funeral of John Dalen Dec. 3. Mrs. Weisel is a sister of the deceased. They together with other relatives and friends had dinner and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dalen after the funeral.

John Dalen rites held

Funeral services for John E. Dalen, 98, a resident of Lakeview Care Center for two years, were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, at Hoplin Funeral chapel, Glenwood, with Rev. Bennett Opdahl officiating.

Mr. Dalen died Friday, Nov. 30.

Pallbearers were Earl Weisel, James Lindquist, Donald Cooley, Onen Dalen, John Dalen and Ronald Jenkins. Interment took place in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery, Lowry.

John E. Dalen was born at Reno township, Pope county, on June 7, 1881, the son of the late John J. and Guri Dalen. He grew up in Lowry and later went to Canada. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Lowry. He farmed most of his life, did carpenter work and did custom threshing for the neighbors during the time of steam threshing machines. The past four years he made his home in the Glenwood area.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, Lagenburg, Canada.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Julia Weisel of Minneapolis; one brother, Otto Dalen of Glenwood; and nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and three brothers.



John Edward Dalen was buried in the St. Pauli Lutheran Cemetery near his parents and sister Gina. John was baptized and confirmed in the St. Pauli Lutheran Church.

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John Dalen

By Phyllis Schepp as remembered by Herb Prince

John came to the Marchwell area in the early 1900s with his brothers Sigurd and Emil. He homesteaded on NW 18-20-30.

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For many years, he worked as steam boiler operator for Joe Reichmuth's threshing outfit.

After John sold his land to Henry (Senator) Schultz, John stayed there and worked as a handy man fixing and repairing around the yard. Later he worked for Verne Mehls, August Wesche and Jacob (Jake) Schepp.

John was known as a quiet well mannered man who spoke in a soft, quiet voice. He seldom got excited. He remained a bachelor.

In the early 1970s, John sold his house in Marchwell to Karl Nillson. He returned to Minnesota and lived there with his brother Otto until his passing in 1979.