

JERNBERG FAMILY HISTORY

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Carl Johan Jernberg was born on June 21, 1877 in Helsingland, Sweden. His parents were Carl Axel Jernberg and Christina Johansdotter. He had one brother, Axel Emanuel Jernberg. Carl arrived in USA in 1893 from Helsingland, Sweden with his mother and younger brother Axel.

Carl lived in Lancaster, Minnesota (area called Caribou) until 1909. He hauled wood near Lancaster and thrashed in North Dakota. He went by oxen to Stuartburn, Manitoba and then by train to South Junction, Manitoba. In 1909 they bought a quarter section of land, a "Homestead" near South Junction, Manitoba and moved there. There was good timber on that land but nothing open for growing crops of any kind so they built a log house and barn and cut their hay near Mud Creek (now called the Sprague River) in Minnesota and hauled it home on sleighs during the winter. At that time there were no roads, schools, store or church in the area, their nearest store was at Vassar or Sprague and means of transportation was either on foot or by oxen or later, horses. He was a very hard worker and made a living mostly by cutting and selling pulpwood, cordwood and fence posts. In later years, with the help of the children, they brought a lot of the land under cultivation so were able to sell cream, butter, eggs, potatoes, etc. in exchange for groceries.

Ingeborg was born in Bardu, Norway on December 11, 1884. Ingeborg was the daughter of Ivan Bakken and Gunhild Foshaug. She immigrated to the United States on March 18, 1903 on the "Salmo" of the Cunard Line, when she was 18 years old.

Carl and Ingeborg had nine children. Harry Jernberg married Rose Owczar and they raised their 3 children (Judy, Donald, JoAnne) in Sprague. Stanley Jernberg married Irma Bergman and they raised their 4 children (Gladys, Beverly, Leland, Linda) in Sprague.