

## SNIPPETS FROM OSTERSUND \*

*Delsie Olson Cousineau & Wally Gustafson*

*Pictures provided by the Adamson family*

Ostersund, ONTARIO



Alfred och Ingeborg Adamson lever i björntrakter. För några år sedan lufsade en grizzlybjörn in bakom husknuten. Alfred skyndade efter sitt gevär, fick korn och sköt. Den fällda björnen var så tung att man behövde en traktor för att forsla bort den.

*Alfred and Ingeborg Adamson live in bear country. Some years ago, a grizzly wandered through their backyard and Alfred Adamson quickly grabbed his rifle, took aim, and fired. The dead bear was so heavy that it had to be moved using a tractor.*

Alfred Adamson is the youngest son of Andrew and Constance Adamson, who immigrated to Canada in 1907. Alfred is shown here with his wife Ingeborg on their property in Ostersund, Ontario - named after Ostersund municipality in Sweden. In later years Ostersund was renamed Laclu, ON.

(The above is copy of an article published in a Swedish newspaper. It was written by a Swedish journalist who was traveling around Canada visiting Swedish immigrants. The bear was a black bear not a grizzly.)



Constance Adamson, Louie Monk, Ingrid Adamson, Andrew Adamson holding Alfred

Andrew and Constance Adamson immigrated from Norway in March 1907 and traveled directly to the Kenora Area with their 7-month-old baby daughter, Ingrid. Andrew was Finnish and Constance was Norwegian. They homesteaded the property in Ostersund (now Laclu) in 1908. Their son Alfred was born in 1914.



Original Adamson farm house



The cattle and a horse below the farm on the frozen ice of Rice Bay.



Andrew Adamson using horses to pull hay into the hayloft of the barn. Alfred Adamson, is the little boy in the picture. Approximately 1919.



Adamson farm 1930's



Andrew Adamson, built wooden row boats for the cottage owners. He is in the picture towing 2 of the rowboats on Lulu lake.



Alf Adamson in his 1934 Ford pickup



Adamson farm 1920's



Ingeborg Adamson's father, Knute Olson who emigrated from Sweden. The picture was taken in Keewatin Ontario.

Wally Gustafson wrote: My grandmother's brother's name is **Ebbe Petter Johansen**. We believe he had the first gas station in the area. Also, the photo of the sign which reads, "GAS" then "COAL OIL" underneath was put right into the shore to let the campers in the area know he had fuel for their vehicles as well as their lamps and lanterns available. His property went from the shore right up to the road where he had his gas pumps.



Ebbe Johansen



Gas sign by the lake





CONSTRUCTION CREW WORKING ON THE OSTERUND ROAD 1918

BELOW THE C.P. CAMPERS SPECIAL AT THE LACLU STATION 1930s

ROAD CONSTRUCTION CREW WORKING ON THE LACLU ROAD IN THE 1930s  
 FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ERIC FANDEN  
 ALFRED SUNDIN ALBERT HAGER SIGMUND GILBERTSON  
 KENO HENDRICKSON HELMER TURNER ALF ADAMSON  
 ARTHUR HAGER — EDDIE TAYLOR FRONT  
 ROW GEORGE MOONEY WILLIE HENDRICKSON  
 WALTER TAYLOR



Road commission meetings held in the Osterund School house the 21 day of January 1928.

Road Commissioners appointed for 1928. 1 Frank Hoxcell  
 2 F. Hendrickson  
 3 A. Adamson.

and pointed out to pay \$3.50 per day for the year 1928, and to collect \$3.50 per day for the ones not doing Statute Labour. and to pay \$400 for the team.

and appointed two men to go to Genora to see about road work the men appointed were.

Men signed 1 A. A Adamson  
 2 Frank. Hoxcell

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 F. Hendrickson  
 Albin Hager  
 & Erickson  
 Karl Davidsson  
 Frank Hoxcell

**The original property owners surrounding Lake Lulu and in Ostersund (LaLu) at the turn of the century and shortly after are as follows:**

**Commencing at the east along the south shore:**

1. John Taylor & family    2. Anderson & family    3. August Hager & family  
 4. August Skoglund & family    5. Gustaf Johnson & family    6. Andrew Johnson & family (Johnson Island)

**On the North side of the lake from Lake Louise:**

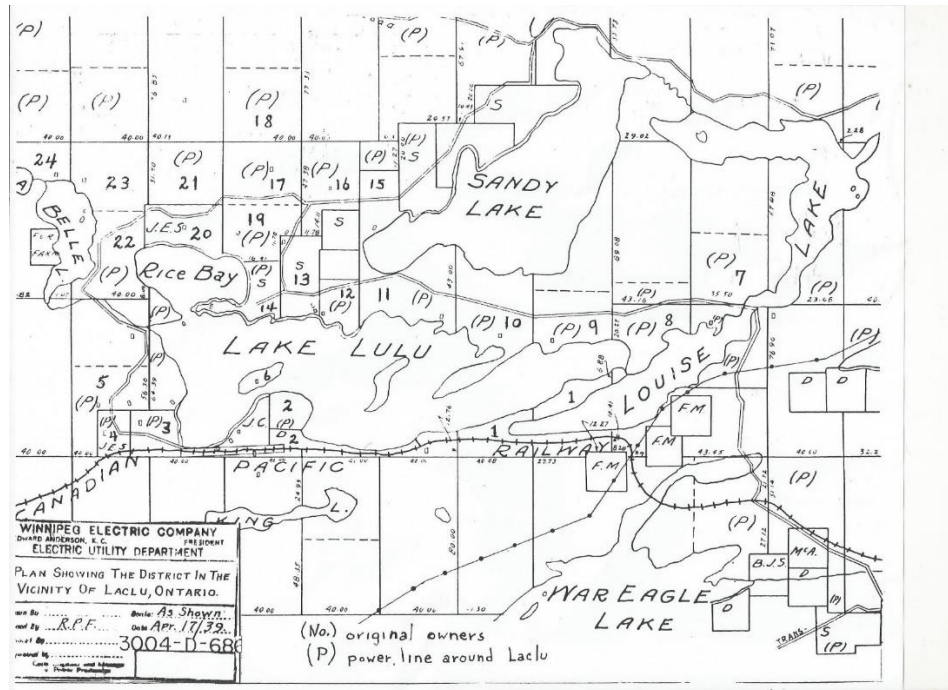
7. Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Beak    8. Frank Hendrickson & family    9. Mr. & Mrs. Eric Fanden  
 10. Oscar Swanson & family    11. Andy Anderson & family    12. Fabian Hendrickson & family  
 13. Mr. & Mrs. Vic Johnson    14. Victor Hager    15. Andrew Turner (Sandy L.)    16. John Gilbertson (641)  
 17. Ed Heino (Ostersund Rd.)    18. Frank Haksell (Ostersund Rd.)    19. Andrew Adamson & family  
 20. Gust. Johnson & family    21. Charlie Schroder & family    22. John Green & family  
 23. Gust. Green    24. Otto Schroder & family (Lake Rosina)

All of the original settlers have now passed away. A few of the original parcels are now owned by other members their families. The others have been subdivided into smaller parcels or lots and are now owned by many more residents and campers.

A great deal of credit must be given to all of the original settlers, for all of the hardships they had to endure, opening up this area.

They did however, accept whatever came along, they made time to visit neighbours and have some enjoyment a relaxation along the way. They were always ready to help a neighbour whenever assistance was required.

It is rather amazing that a large number of the original settlers lived to a fairly old age. There was no such a thing going to a doctor unless there was a serious injury or illness. All babies were born at home with only a neighbour's wife in attendance. Some families had as many as 14 children with no fatalities.



(To be detached and given to passenger before leaving the ship.)

**LANDING CARD**

Name **MR. EBBE JOHANSEN** Age **37**

S.S. **EMRESS BRITAIN** Date Stamp **MAY 19 1922**

Class **THIRD**

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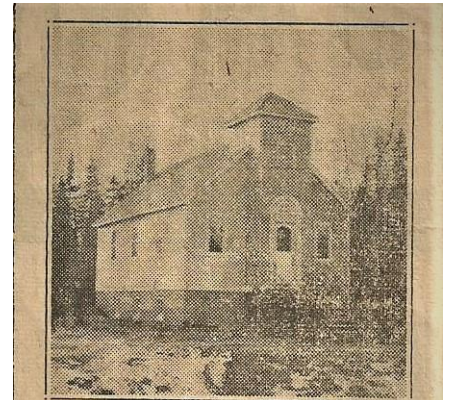
**LANDING CARD**

Name **MRS. THEA JOHANSEN** Age **37**

S.S. **EMRESS BRITAIN** Date Stamp **MAY 19 1922**

Class **THIRD**


Ebbe and Thea Johansen's landing cards



The above is a picture of the newly erected Laclu Bethlehem church which was recently dedicated. Services are held regularly every Sunday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. Rev. Theodore Larson conducts the services.

Laclu Bethlehem Church

**FEE \$5.00** Form G. 33  
16m-Sept. 1923

  
ONTARIO

No. **1148**

**GAME AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT**  
**RESIDENT TRAPPER LICENSE**

This is to Certify that Mr. Andrew Adanson of Pellatt having paid a fee of Five Dollars, is entitled to trap fur-bearing animals within the Province of Ontario, on territories not legally prohibited, during the various open seasons of 1923 and 1924, ending May 21st, 1924, as stated on the back hereof.

**NOT TRANSFERABLE**, and must be carried on the person, and upon request shall be shown to any officer of the Department or to any licensed trapper.

**Not valid for taking beaver and otter south of the French and Mattawa rivers.**

No extension to the open season, as stated on the back hereof, shall be granted for the taking of beaver and otter or other fur-bearing animals.

Licensee allowed ten days after the close of the open seasons to dispose of pelts.

Valid when countersigned

BY A. J. Lefebvre Issued

Date April 11/22 1924

R. J. Campbell  
Deputy Minister.

## REGULATIONS

**Re SHIPPING AND MARKING:**—"All receptacles, including bags, boxes, baskets, crates, hand baggage, trunks, packages and parcels of every kind in which the skins of fur-bearing animals or the skins or pelts of protected animals, game or fish, are packed for transportation shall be plainly marked on the outside in such a manner as to give a list and description of the contents and the name and address of the consignee and consignor, and this applies to pelts, skins, game or fish when being transported by hand or otherwise, and shipments of skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals can only be made either by express or by parcel post."

### ROYALTIES

"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ship to any point outside the Province or attempt to take or ship to any point outside the Province, any raw or undressed skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals or to have such skins or pelts sent to a tanner to be dressed or plucked or treated in any way without first having obtained a permit from the Department. Royalty must be paid on each and every skin, as follows:

Beaver.....	\$1 00	Marten.....	\$1 00
Bear.....	60	Mink.....	25
Fisher.....	1 50	Muskrat.....	05
Fox (Cross).....	1 50	Otter.....	2 00
Fox (Red).....	75	Raccoon.....	10
Fox (Silver or Black).....	10 00	Skunk.....	10
Fox (White).....	1 50	Weasel (Ermine).....	05
Fox (not specified).....	50	Wolverine.....	40
Lynx.....	50		

### OPEN SEASONS

**BEAVER and OTTER.**—December 15th to March 31st next, inclusive, north of the French and Mattawa Rivers. Close season, south of French and Mattawa Rivers.

**RACCOON, MINK, MARTEN and FISHER.**—November 1st to April 15th, next, inclusive.

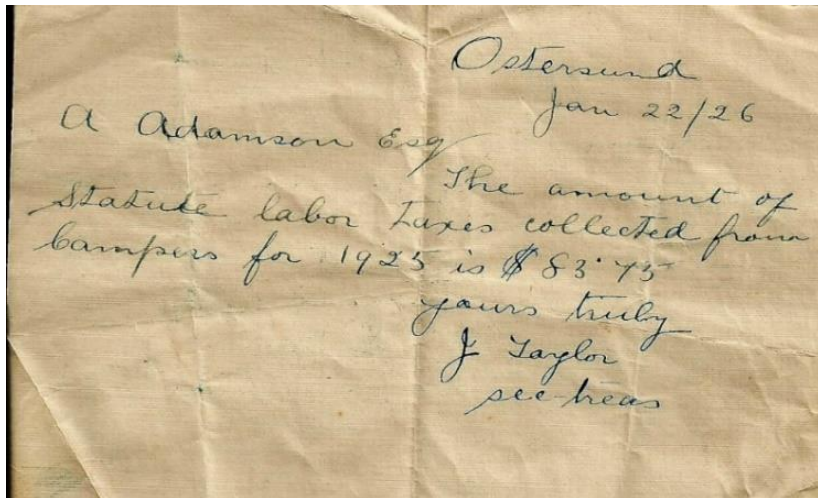
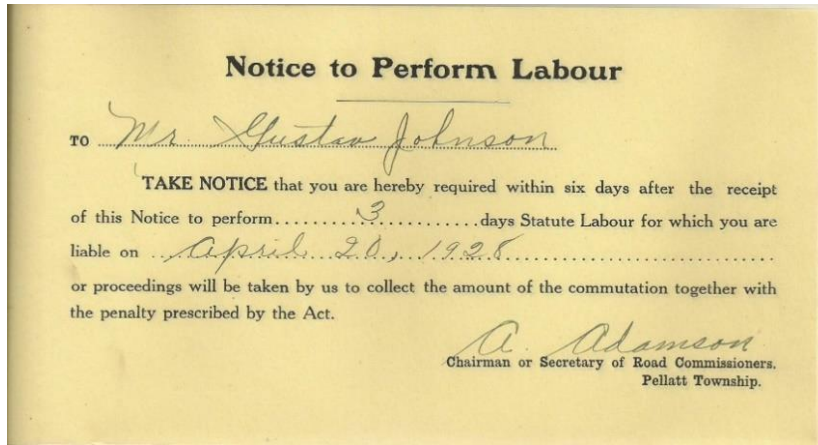
**MUSKRAT**, south of the French and Mattawa Rivers, March 1st to April 21st, inclusive.

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**Ten Days After Close of Each Season Allowed to Dispose of Furs.**

\*Trapping was a good source of income for farmers and other country dwellers. Fur bearing animals were plentiful and in demand. The provincial government also earned substantial funds from annual licence fees and royalties paid for every pelt. Wildlife management and habitat conservation were supported by these funds.





\*Notice to perform labour to a local farmer. Instead of paying Statute Labour taxes in dollars, landowners would perform labour on road maintenance.

\*Ref. Fur Institute of Canada

**Thanks to the Adamson family and Wally Gustafson for the pictures, documents and information.**