



John & Inger's Gallery

Diane Johnson Stokoe

29 May at 08:33

The backdrop for this page was taken from Dean's life story: "I soon found that the world was much larger than just the two or three rooms of our house. I remember mother placing me on a kitchen chair, where I stood up holding to the back and looking out of the window to the east, at the high mountains, the clear blue sky and the beautiful white clouds as they seemed to drape and nestle about the summit of Mt. Timpanogos; also the view to the west was just as breath taking. Here was Utah Lake, the many miles of marsh lands and swamps, with the vast number of birds and other type of wild-life that play up and down the valley near the shores of the lake.

Those first scenes of my childhood have remained with me and had a life-long influence on me. I still get a great deal of joy and happiness out of just gazing at the God made beauty of our wonderful Utah Valley."

Diane Johnson Stokoe

28 May at 20:03

I woke up our first night on board the Diamond Princess with a poem on my mind which would have been a nice post script to the Alfred Johnson story. I kept thinking I should get up and write it down but I was very tired after 3 plane rides, long layovers and a 90 minute bus ride to the ship. Suddenly our cabin lights went on. Thinking it was a short in the electrical system I asked Tom to get up and turn the lights off. He did but then they came on again. So I said, "Quit bothering me, I'm on vacation!" The next morning I couldn't remember the poem but feel there must be more to our story. We got home last night and since today is Memorial Day, I've opened "John & Inger's Gallery" for you to share your photos and stories about our Johnson ancestors.



[Diane Johnson Stokoe to John & Inger's Gallery](#)

Comments

31 May at 00: Does anyone have an original of Murl and Alfred's wedding picture? Mine's a copy and has become a bit damaged over the years.

Comments

[Linda Jones Cook](#) I only have a copy.

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) Do you have photos and/or stories about Leila you want to contribute?

Thanks **[Chad Johnson](#)** for reminding about the picture CD that Noel made in 2007. I found lots of photos I can use but others will have to add their comments and stories.

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) Just found an original on Noel's CD. I'll have Cameron fix the problems and post the original.



[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

Yesterday at 07:40

[Judy Tolley](#) provided this photo of Alfred holding little Ted with Francis with Nathan. I'll be in Provo tomorrow if you have photos you want me to scan and share here. Get them to **[Corinne Johnson Young](#)**.



[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) Could this be Harold rather than Nathan? We only have two photos of Harold -- the hairline is the same. [Corinne Johnson Young](#) It's Nathan and the face resembles him.



[Noel Ericksen Thomas](#) Who is to the left of Dean? Who is Alfred holding?
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[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) Harold! Grandpa's holding little Ted. So fun to get your feedback on the photos.



Diane Johnson Stokoe

31 May at 06:38

Dad officiated at the marriage of Ted and Wanda, her sister Juanita was maid of honor.



Diane Johnson Stokoe

31 May at 06:38

Dad wrote this in 1958:

Our very close neighbors have been my brother Ted and his wife Wanda and their children Dale and Judy. This has been a wonderful associating for Wanda and Ted have been like brothers and sisters to our children. Corinne has spent hours in their home while our home has been a second home to their children. We have exchanged work and whenever I have needed Ted's help, whether it was a simple task or helping to lift the heaviest pieces of machinery on the farm, as soon as i asked he was there to do it. Wanda has been very close to us too. She is always concerned about us and never a day passes that some word of friendship and love is not exchanged. We have lived together as neighbors in closest harmony and love, with never an exchange of ill feelings.



Kay and Ted

Diane Johnson Stokoe

Yesterday at 06:08

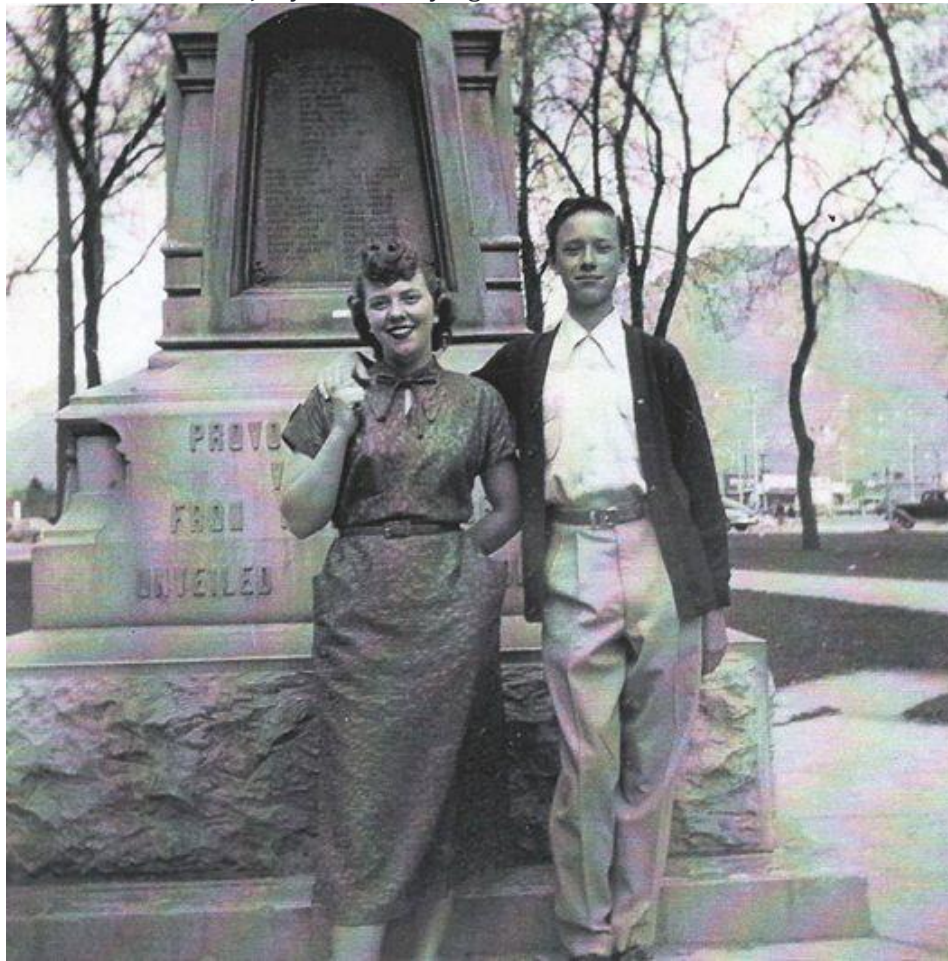
"Bon voyage Kay off to his greatest adventure."



Diane Johnson Stokoe

1 June at 06:06

Kay with Wanda's sister. Thanks Judy for identifying Arlean Carter.



Corinne Johnson Young Are you sure this is Barbara. I Don't remember her looking like this but I could be wrong.

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Diane Johnson Stokoe I didn't recognize her either but since it was the only photo with a woman, I thought it might be Barbara Excel. Kay's pretty young here. It was probably someone else.

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Judy Tolley It is actually Mom's sister Arlean Carter.

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Diane Johnson Stokoe

Yesterday at 06:08

8Sheila Ericksen, Mandy Spice Johnson and 6 others

Comments [Troy Johnson](#) We sure do miss Kay.

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[Corinne Johnson Young](#) Head stone was and is just right. So good to see it.

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) Interesting that Kay and Alfred both died at age 83.





Diane Johnson Stokoe

8 hrs

Here is the entire 1950 Johnson Reunion photo with little kids including [Laraine Johnson Kent](#), third from left on the front row. Janet and Paula Taylor are sitting on the other end wearing striped shirts.

More from dad's journal: "Nathan, Mary, Jess and I were at the Salt Lake to listen to Diane compete in the Farm Bureau Stake talk meet. I believe it was the greatest thrill of the whole year when they announced that "We will now introduce to you the person who will represent Utah at the national Speech Meet at Chicago in December, "Miss Diane Johnson." . . Nathan and Mary were as excited as we were. I was glad they were along, for they too were proud of her. . . After five days in Chicago we returned home by way of the Burlington Raid Road to Denver, thence by Union Pacific through Wyoming. . .

The next day I had another close call with death. As I was working on my tractor my clothes became caught in the power take off and were torn from my body. As my torn clothing wrapped tighter and tight I struggled harder and harder to keep from being pulled along with it. Finally the engine died and I was safe again, with barely a few scratches. . . The Lord has been good to me and mine. Six times in my life I have been very near death, all through accidents, but my life has been spared. This brings my journal up to March 1, 1960. I am 50 years old and have enjoyed quite an eventful life. We as a family have been greatly blessed with very good health. . . I feel that anyone who works hard, prays often and remains close to his church will be happy and he that has good health has great wealth.



[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

34 mins

John retired, moved to Provo and divided his farm between sons Alfred and August about 1915.



Comments



[Judy Tolley](#) What a wonderful picture. Love it!!



[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) Credit Noel for copying original photos and sharing them on a CD.

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

2 June at 23:01

August married Ruth Taylor on May 14, 1913 after returning from his mission to the Eastern States. They lived with Alfred and Murl until John and Inger moved to Provo. Then they moved into their home



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Inger Sward Johnson: Born at Ostra Vram Christinstad Sweeden 2 May 1848; Schooling commenced at 8 years of age; Graduated 14 years. Married to John Johnson at Endowment House 15 June 1870. Farmers wife, height 5'5 Weight 125 lbs, color of eye blue, color of hair black, General Condition of Health: good. Specially interested in: Charety work. Residence: Provo City.

"I moved with my husband to Lake View in 1873 when the ward was first organized. I was chosen as president of the Primary for many years. I also labored as teacher in the Relief Society and counselor in the Young Ladies M.I.A. When my husband was chosen as Bishop of the ward I was chosen as president of the Relief Society which position I occupied for eleven years after that I labored as a special missionary in the ward till moving to Provo."



Erika Kent Maness The Relief Society President for ELEVEN YEARS...I can't even fathom...



Diane Johnson Stokoe

5 hrs

Photo of the home John bought for Alfred with an eye to the future. Alfred was 22 when he married Murl, age 18 on May 16, 1906. The previous owner had defaulted on the loan. John is the tallest member of the family on the front porch. Built around 1900, this photo was taken about the time of the purchase.



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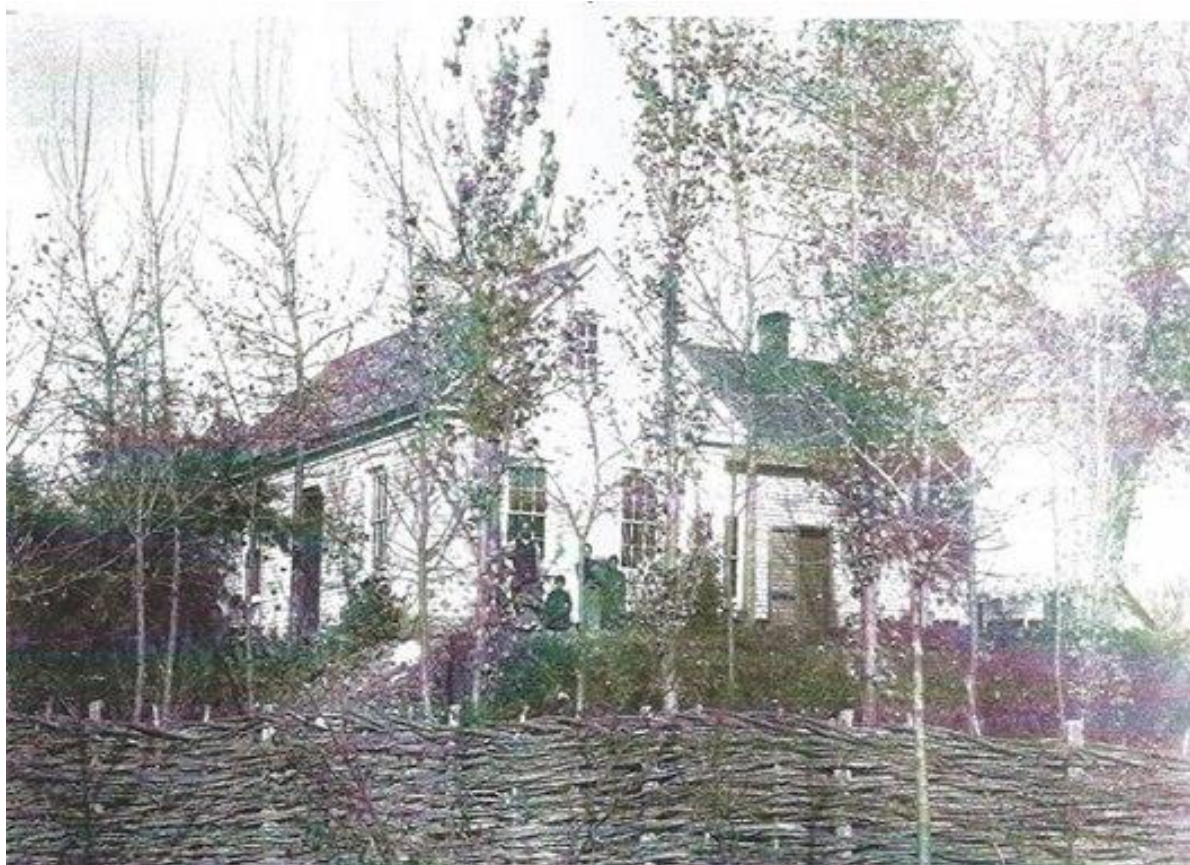
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4 hrs

This is the house that August and Ruth moved into after John retired. This photo was taken in 1889 just before John left for his mission to Norway. John and Inger are standing on the front porch with Alfred between them. August is in Inger's arms. Note the waddle fence which August took down when he moved in with Ruth. Both August and Alfred's homes were on land in Lake View that the family owned and farmed. John also homesteaded land on the shore of Utah Lake.



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Yesterday at 09:26

Here's Francis with two of her sisters riding in front of the Manti temple.



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Yesterday at 09:23

While Alfred and Murl were busy with a farm and young family, Francis Madsen was attending Art school in Chicago, teaching school and enjoying horse back rides in Manti



[Sheila Ericksen](#) That is a neat picture. Which one is she?

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[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) The one on the dark horse looks like this photo on the next page of Francis.



[Mark Kent](#) That's a cool picture.



[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

Yesterday at 09:32

Francis was the youngest daughter of Peter H. Madsen. She was raised on his 180 acre farm in Manti with brothers Orson, Nelson and Stanford and 4 sisters--Cora, Antoinette, Luella, and Eunice shown here with their mother Karen Maria Hansen. Francis is seated next to her on the right.



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This story was written May, 1937 by Ellen Johnson Bunnell, Inger's oldest daughter.

August Sward was born in Sweden, May 21, 1819. There's a story that tells in his youth he was raised on a farm near a forest. His chore each day was to drive a pig into the forest and let it feed on nuts as nuts were abundant. One day grandfather's parents left him at home alone. He was tired of driving the pig into the forest. He hoped the pig would get lost but the pig always followed him home. So, he came up with a brilliant idea. Putting the pig into a gunny sack he loaded it onto a wheelbarrow and wheeled it into the forest. Ha ha! Now the pig won't follow me home. But when he dumped the sack onto the ground, the pig didn't move. Opening the gunny sack, he found the pig dead. Apparently, it had died of claustrophobia and suffocation. This was more than he bargained for. "Now they'll tan my bacon," which was an expression for getting beaten. When his father and mother returned, they found him sitting on a gate post crying and saying, "Now they'll tan my hide; I will have a whipping. I shall have a whipping, for the pig is dead in the sack."

August became a corporal in the Swedish army. He was well liked by the officers above him and the private whom he trained. Grandpa's name was Aaka Aakeson but it was changed to August Sward when he joined the army. When August converted to Mormonism he was denied his pension and other

privileges that his military companions received. By trade he was a cabinet maker and most of the furniture in his Utah home was of his own construction. [Uncle August was a talented cabinet maker.]

On September 4, 1846 August married Elna Olsen. She was born in Oatravram Skone, Sweden May 20, 1824. Her mother, Hannah Anderson, was born in Vaye but moved to Ostravram when she married John Olsen. When grandma was a toddler that city burned down. Leaving Elna with a neighbor, Hannah went to see the fire. When she returned the toddler was missing. After frantically searching she discovered Elna in a nearby rye field much to her relief.

The driveway to Hannah and August Olsen's home was fenced on either side by rock walls. Near their house was an orchard of apples, plums, pears, gooseberries and currant bushes. Lovely flowers were planted underneath the living and bedroom windows. In front of the house was a beautiful grove where grandma spent many of her childhood days.

Elna would talk to the trees, often composing rhymes and jingles, a talent that she enjoyed throughout her life. She composed poems that she had engraved on the tombstones of her children, Elna and Karl who had died young. When my father [John Johnson] was on a mission to Norway he visited Sweden and saw the graves. He sent some of the flowers that grew on the graves to grandma and grandpa Sward which they had framed. On the east of the Sward home were the landscaped gardens of the agricultural school where Lilies of the Valley grew wild. Hazel nuts and other shrubs thrived abundantly.

The nightingale and thrush sang incessantly. The call of the cuckoo could be heard throughout the land. Superstition was very strong among these northern people and if a cuckoo was heard before breakfast they believed it was an omen of disaster. So great grandfather Sward always ate a bit of bread before leaving the house. As a Lutheran, he spent sleepless nights reading the psalms or his hymnal.

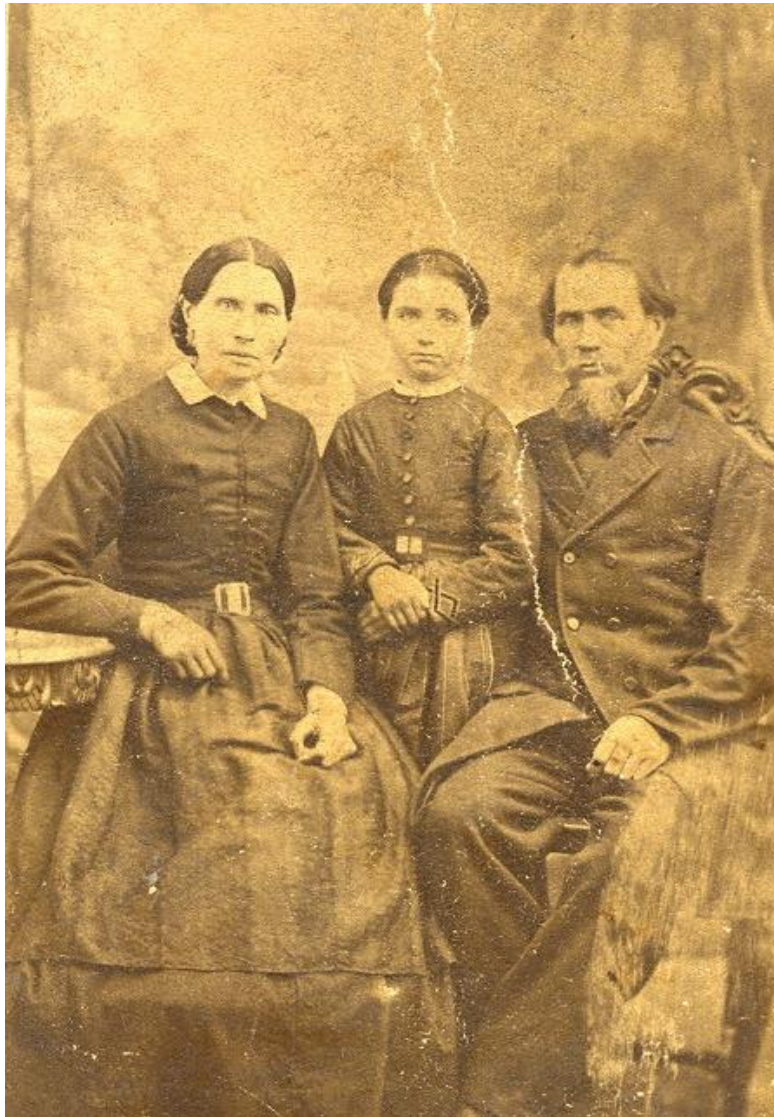
The Sward family were visited by Mormons and joined the church. They shared their home with missionaries for twenty years. Andrew and Inger were the first in the family to emigrate to America. The rest of the family followed arriving in Provo on September 29, 1873. They purchased the First Ward school house for \$375 and remodeled it for their home.

Grandpa had been in Provo two weeks when he got work in the Provo Woolen Mills. His daughters, Chesty and Anna, also worked there. Grandma helped to earn bread and sugar by making yeast. I remember a box standing in the corner with a bucket of foaming yeast and a wooden dipper in it. There was another bucket and a can to put her flour and sugar in. Neighbors would bring these items to exchange for her yeast. It was surprising how quick the bucket would fill up with flour.

I [Ellen Johnson Bunnell] lived with my grand-parents most of my young life. Grandpa never learned to speak English, but grandma did learn to speak and write it as well. She would read the Provo newspaper to grandpa in Swedish, then the Swedish newspaper to me in English, translating as she read.

They were a wonderful couple, always thinking of pleasant surprises for one another. When grandma was in town shopping, grandpa would usually have a new shelf or table for her kitchen or some other surprise. Grandma talked a lot about beautiful Sweden and her memories were kept alive by the beautiful flowers she always had by her home. In a grandpa letter to her, he thanked her for teaching him to appreciate nature. Grandpa was an invalid for five years but he had paid for his home and had saved enough money to take care of their old age and to pay for their burial. Grandma was active until her last sickness. Three months before she died she walked four and a half miles to my wedding. Grandpa died in 1891. Grandma died in September, 1892.

August & Elna Olsen Sward with daughter Anna
September, 1892.



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3Sheila Ericksen, Laraine Johnson Kent and Connie Jones Cameron

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Sheila Ericksen Thanks for sharing! It's fun to read their stories of what they did and what they enjoyed and what it was like in Sweden.



[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

11 hrs

Andrew Akesson Sward (1846 – 1926 md Augusta Jacobson); Inger Akesson Sward (1848 – 1928 md John Johnson); Hannah Akesson Sward (1850 – 1928 md John Williamson); Christina Akesson Sward (1863 – 1935 md James Sanders); Chasty or Kjersti Akesson Sward 1854 – 1940 md Andrew Knudsen)



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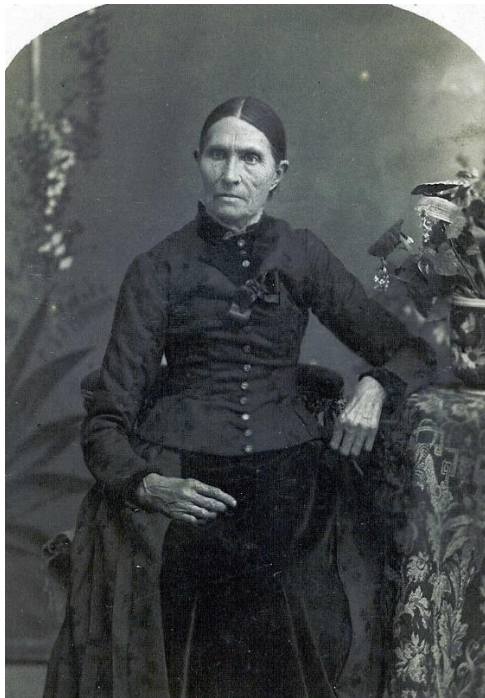
[Sheila Ericksen](#) So this is how the Williamson's are related, Inger's sister Hannah. And her sister Christina's daughter is in the family picture. Her name is Sanders. I can't remember her first name.

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

21 hrs

Inger's father Ake (August) Akesson Sward never learned to speak English. Which may be why Inger sent her oldest daughter to live with her parents. Inger's mother Elna Johnsson Sward who was a poet, read and spoke English well. She would translate newspaper articles into Swedish and read them to her husband.

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Diane Johnson Stokoe

20 hrs

Photo of Elna Johnsson Sward (1819-1891) and her daughter Inger Akesson Sward Johnson (1848-1928)

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

2 hrs

Leila was eleven when her grandmother Sward died at age 80 so they likely knew each other. As the only girl in the Alfred Johnson family, Leila was always close to her brothers but her life took a different path.



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5Sheila Ericksen, Judy Tolley and 3 others

Comments

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[Sheila Ericksen](#) Great pictures! The friend does look like Cleo Ream. She was one of daddy's girlfriends growing up!

[Connie Jones Cameron](#) That is Cleo for sure!

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13 hrs

Leila attended Beauty School in 1936. She is 3rd from the left in photo with 3 friends who also attended.

Note at bottom of photo: 536-24th Street, Ogden. Perhaps they all roomed together-



4Sheila Ericksen, Laraine Johnson Kent and 2 others

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[Sheila Ericksen](#) Aunt Leila looks so happy and full of life! Is the man Uncle Archie? Their hair looks like how my mom would do Grandma Birk's hair, with clamps and waves!! [Connie Jones Cameron](#) Wow....so fun to see these pics of Mom. Thanks so much for sharing. Never seen them before ❤️ She was a beauty indeed !!





Diane Johnson Stokoe

4 hrs

Leila with a friend in Rock Creek Park. Evidently lots of guys were attracted to her beautiful smile and vibrant personality.

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3Laraine Johnson Kent, Connie Jones Cameron and Linda Jones Cook

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5 hrs

Leila could do everything her brothers could do; probably some things a lot better.



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Popular and pretty, Leila had lots of friends. Can anyone name the guy she is with here. It's not Arch!



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4 mins

Leila had many beaux, but it was Archie Jones the athlete, who won the heart of the young beautician.



Arch married Leila, then her brother Nathan married Mary Birk making these guys brother-in-laws.

Diane Johnson Stokoe

Yesterday at 07:21

Leila with her first born stands at corner of the Lake View Church. Arch and Leila with two year old [Connie Jones Cameron](#).



Comments



[Connie Jones Cameron](#) So fun seeing these precious pics. I think I have these. Thanks so much for sharing. I'm so grateful you are doing this for all of us who are left of the Johnson clan. We come from good stock that's for sure. So proud of our heritage. 🙌❤️

True! An alternative health practitioner once told Laraine she had a "Cadillac body." We've inherited great genes.



Diane Johnson Stokoe

Yesterday at 07:23

Connie's 5th birthday party (child in front) with Uncle Kay, tallest of the party kids



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Diane Johnson Stokoe

Yesterday at 08:01

Arch, Leila and Connie Jones Cameron with Nathan and Grandpa.



[Connie Jones Cameron](#) Haven't seen this before but I remember many, many times on the farm. So fun.



[Judy Tolley](#) Love seeing our family's pictures. Feeling truly blessed.



Diane Johnson Stokoe

19 hrs

Leila's daughters: Connie born in 1937; Joyce arrived in 1943 and Linda was born in 1949. Photo of her youngest, [Linda Jones Cook](#), on right.



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[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

Arch, Linda and Leila on right. Connie with Joyce sitting behind her on the left. Connie Jones Cameron recalls, "The others are Daddy's stepmother next to Mom (Aunt Rhoda), and next to Joyce is Daddy's brother in law Jay and his two little girls. Pic is at Aunt Rhoda's house in Provo."



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5Jennifer Cook Teerlink, Sheila Ericksen and 3 others

Comments



[Jennifer Cook Teerlink](#) That's my cute mommy as a little girl! ❤️❤️❤️



Diane Johnson Stokoe

7 hrs

Leila and her daughters on Easter Sunday



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Corinne Johnson Young Joyce is not looking happy.

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Diane Johnson Stokoe I'm guessing she didn't like her Easter outfit. Probably wanted her Mom to take it back and exchange it for a dress like Connie's

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

7 hrs

Dean, Arch, Grandpa and Nathan enjoyed fishing



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[Connie Jones Cameron](#) And we got to eat them!



[Corinne Johnson Young](#) Wonder how Dad survived this day. It drove him crazy to just sit there and wait. Looks like he had a busy day though, which was probably enjoyable.

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)

7 hrs

Leila could fish just as well!



Connie Jones Cameron Wasn't her favorite thing to do however. She could do anything. A real athlete.

Diane Johnson Stokoe

7 hrs

Dean and Arch at Nathan and Mary's house.





Diane Johnson Stokoe

Yesterday at 06:12

Four generation photo: Leila, Grandpa and Joyce with little Jeffrey Scott Johnson, born Sept. 22, 1962.



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Diane Johnson Stokoe

31 mins

Joyce died in April, 1982 at age 39. Arch died in 1980 at age 69. Leila always worked as a beautician. As a widow, she visited Connie in California and Linda frequently and enjoyed golfing with her grandchildren. All her life Leila looked and dressed like a fashion model.



3Sheila Ericksen, Laraine Johnson Kent and Troy Johnson

Comments



Linda Jones Cook Our mom was truly beautiful and a wonderful person! I still miss her to this day 😊

Connie Jones Cameron She was beautiful inside and out. My favorite golfing partner. She loved playing with my son Mike and is giving him a pre-round haircut!

[Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) is with [Corinne Johnson Young](#) and [3 others](#).

5 hrs

On July 6, 1994 Leila was sealed to Arch in the Provo temple. Here she is with [Connie Jones Cameron](#), Ted & Wanda, Ron & [Laraine Johnson Kent](#), Everett & [Corinne Johnson Young](#), Tom & [Diane Johnson Stokoe](#) and [Linda Jones Cook](#). She died 4 years later at age 81. Who have not I identified?



Comments



[Laraine Johnson Kent](#) I remember Leila saying on this day, "It just takes some of us a little longer than others!" I am so grateful to have been able to be there! ❤️

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[Connie Jones Cameron](#) Helen and Jay Jeppsen (Daddy's youngest sister) next to Ted, and Melanie Cameron next to me on back row (my Kelly's wife). I love this pic. Such a special day ❤️🙏🙏🙏



[Linda Jones Cook](#) That was a wonderful day to be sealed to my parents. I received my own endowment prior to mom on August 13, 1991 and she told me that day she should've gone with me. But, it's never too late for anyone! Thanks again for all these wonderful reminders! Love you all so much especially Diane and Noel. [Diane Johnson Stokoe](#)