

Elsie Ingaborg Schell Research Report, Ahnen 5

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Open Research questions

- Find article in Duluth newspaper about their departure to Seattle
- When did they purchase the house, and when did Selma sell?
- Link news article about bakery
- Link Kitsap Co. purchases and tell that story
- Link will

Executive summary

Timeline

Birth 11 December 1867 in Sandsjö, Jönköping, Sverige, son of Carl Axel Frans Käll & Maria Swensdotter¹

Confirmation 11 December 1867, Björnaholmen, Norra Sandsjö, Sandsjö, Jönköping, Sverige²

Departure 1888

Arrival 1888

Citizenship (bef. 1900)

Married Selma Andersdotter, Duluth MN

7 October 1904 Birth, in Duluth, St Louis, Minnesota, noting parents {Charles Käll/Schell & Selma Andersdotter}.³ *Secondary source for birth but does note 7 October 1904, Duluth, St Louis, Minnesota, USA. It might be interesting to order grandma's SS application.*

¹ Ancestry.com, "Sweden, Indexed Birth Records, 1859-1943" database and images; citing Swedish Church Records Archive; Johanneshov, Sweden; Sweden, Indexed Birth Records, 1880-1920; GID Number: 100006.42.6100; Roll/Fiche Number: SC-596; Volume: 245; Year Range: 1867.

² Confirmation Bible in the author's possession. Image of the presentation page in his Ancestry.com gallery.

³ "U.S., Evangelical Covenant Church, Swedish American Church Records, 1868-1970" Ancestry.com online database with images; citing Covenant Archives and Historical Library; Chicago, Illinois, USA; Swedish American Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, and Burials; Parish: First Covenant Church; CAHL Film: 145; SSIRC Film: 48740_I601542.

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1905 residence in Duluth MN⁴. *Enumerated in MN State Census.living on N. 4th St. with parents and older siblings*

1910 residence 604 E. Howell St., Seattle, parents & children.⁵ *Charles is noted as Baker, in a bakery, partner. Elsie was 5th of 6 children, the youngest, Ted, being born in Seattle.*

20 March 1925 daughter Elsie married Thomas Cowan ⁶ *Primary evidence of marriage & witnesses.*

7 August 1926 Birth of grandson Ted, Seattle, King, Washington.⁷

Died 5 February 1937 at age 69 in Swedish Hospital, Seattle, King, Washington

Research notes

- a. Analysis of known information and available sources for the time and place.
- b. Analysis of each source consulted.
 - i. Citation.
 - ii. Abstract/transcription/translation (what does it say).
 - iii. Interpretation (what does it mean).
 - iv. Evaluation of reliability of the source. Is it an original document? Does the informant have first-hand information? Could the informant have a reason to lie? Could the recordkeeper have altered the document?
- c. Comparison and correlation of sources.
 - i. Analyzing if different sources are about the same people and locations.
 - ii. Detecting and resolving conflicts between evidence.

⁴ "Minnesota, State Census, 1905", , FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:SPQC-XHN> : Sat Jan 18 21:11:08 UTC 2025), Entry for Elsie Schell, 1905

⁵ "United States, Census, 1910", , FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MGJS-PT2> : Wed Jul 24 19:51:02 UTC 2024), Entry for Charles Schell and Selma Schell, 1910.

⁶ Marriage of Thomas Cowan and Elsie Schell 20 March 1925; witnesses Walter Cowan and Gladys Schell, Seattle, King, Washington. King County Marriage Records, 1855-2017, Washington State Archives, Digital Archives, <http://digitalarchives.wa.gov> : accessed 26 January 2025.

⁷ "Washington, County Birth Registers, 1873-1965", , FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:D6P7-4XPZ> : Mon Mar 11 01:57:23 UTC 2024), Entry for Theodore Elwin Cowan and Thomas Cowan, 7 Aug 1926.

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iii. Aids: timelines, tables.

Conclusion

a. Assessment of the evidence, including a proof argument or statement if the research supports a conclusion.

Suggestions for further research

Appendix

- a. Images of sources consulted (cross-referenced from research notes).
- b. Possibly: other overviews, such as charts, maps, property lists, lists of associates.

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