

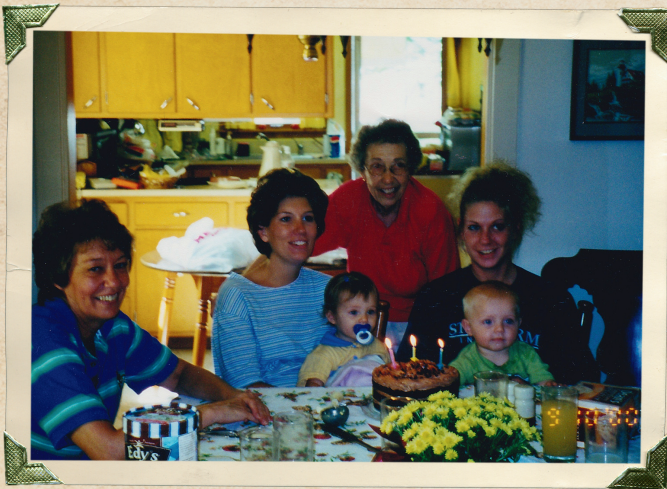
Maternal Line



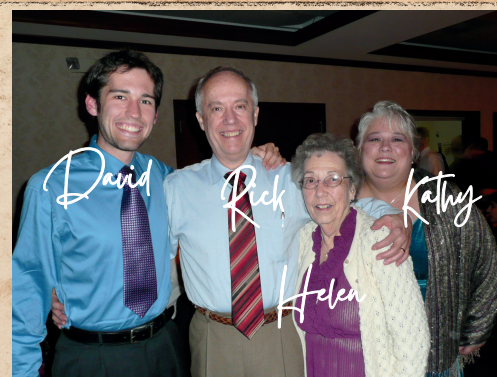
1974



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Allen & Helen Johnson Family

Grandparents



1945



Allen Johnson (1922-1998) married Helen Arlene Bennett (1921-2008) January 3, 1945. They raised their two children in Woodstock, IL.

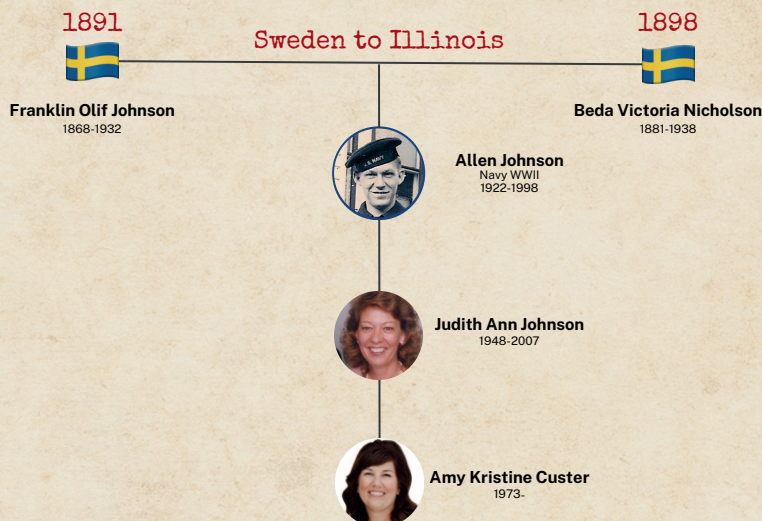
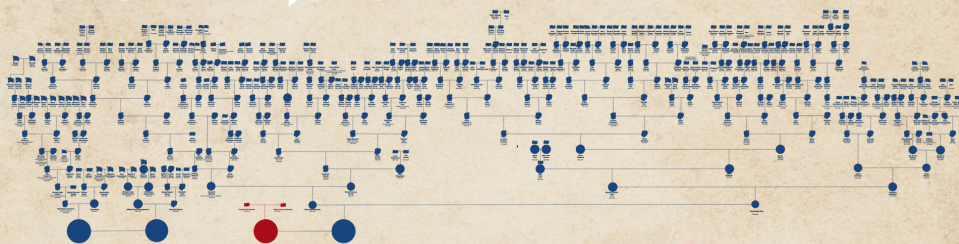
Richard Allen Johnson (1945-) married Kathy McNealy
Judith Ann Johnson (1948-2007) married Bill Custer

Allen served in the Navy during WWII. He was then a forklift driver for a diecast tool manufacturer. Helen worked many years as an operator for Bell Telephone. She loved gardening and sewing.



1966

Johnson Tree & Relations



After each family immigrated from Sweden around 1900, Allen's parents, Frank and Victoria, married in February 1903. They raised their twelve children at 308 Railroad Street in Woodstock while Frank farmed and worked for the railroad. Allen told of his mother peeling potatoes all morning to make potato pancakes for supper, "They'd all be gone!"

Nina Johnson Colby Masters 1904-1954, married Orrie Colby 1927
 Lillian Johnson 1905-1925
 Frances Johnson Freund 1906-1967, married Peter Freund 1928
 Dorothy Johnson Genther 1908-1979, married Victor Genther 1928
 Franklin Johnson 1909-2001, married Jeanette Kantz 1941
 Granville Johnson 1911-1990
 Victor Johnson 1914-1995
 Kenneth Johnson 1916-1971, married Norma Schewer 1940
 Robert Johnson 1917-1997, married Margaret Hart
 Donald Johnson 1919-1984, married Grace Sohst 1976
 *ALLEN JOHNSON 1922-1998, married Helen Bennett 1945
 Gloria Johnson Bradley Peterson 1925, married Tom Bradley 1948,
 then Melvin Peterson 1969

Victoria's ten siblings were
 Mary Nicklason Knutson 1879-1937
 *Beda VICTORIA NICHLASSON JOHNSON 1881-1938
 Charles Nicklason 1883 -1962
 Magnhild Nichlason Carlson 1885-1942
 Eva Nicklason Reiner Johnson 1887-1963
 Gus Nicklason 1890-1967
 Bert Nicklason 1893-1966
 Martha Nicklason Eden Mulbrink Powell 1895-1959
 Hulda Nicklason Nielsen 1897-1966
 August Herman Nicklason 1899-1976
 Anna Nicklason 1904-1918

Emor & Sinah Bennett Family

Great-grandparents, Emor Glen Bennett (1897-1961) married Sinah Helen Rich (1898-1997) and raised three daughters in Saunemin, IL.

Helen Arlene Bennett Johnson (1921-2008)
Lura May Bennett Walkington (1926-)
Carol Leigh Bennett Rickert (1930-2022)

Great-grandparents



Helen said, "We lived on the edge of town where my father had a small hatchery. He raised leghorn chickens, a cow, and ten tame rabbits. He sold the chickens to farmers and other hatcheries. People called me 'Little Emor,' as I was always with him on deliveries of gas and baby chicks. After a few years Dad bought the hatchery."

My mom had a large garden, fed the chickens, gathered the eggs, and cared for the 4-bedroom house. She had a large, old cook-stove where she burned corn cobs and sometimes coal in the winter to help heat up the kitchen. She had a small room between the kitchen and bathroom called the pantry. It had a sink with a wooden drain board and a pump that you sometimes had to prime.

We did have running water in the bathroom and also on the back porch where she had a washing machine and a wooden ice box. She had to buy 50-75 pounds of ice in the summer. She put a card up on the front door so my dad's brother, Uncle Paul, would deliver it. He also helped run the meat market. He got the ice from a small pond in early spring and, after cutting it, stored the ice covered with sawdust for most of the summer to keep it from melting.

There was a gas station west of our house, then my grandparents' home. They were my mother's parents who lived on a small farm just on the edge of town. The grade school was next to their farm. I only had a block to walk to school. My dad wouldn't let me walk around town after school. He said, "There's nothing uptown for young girls."

All the children were born at home with a midwife. Mom had a rough time giving birth to Carol, but we were all so glad to have a little baby around. Mom had lost a baby in between each of us girls, and one that was born before me. Pearl Rising was Mom's nurse for a couple of weeks.

My mother's brother Merrill and wife Ruth lived across the street from us. They had four boys and one girl. We all had fun playing together. The boys loved to tease me."



Amy and her great-grandmother Sinah Rich Bennett in 1973.

Earlier Bennett Family

James Greenberry Rich (1844-1920) married Sinah Ernestine Wallace (1850-1932), Sinah Rich's maternal grandparents, on December 24, 1867, in Lacon, IL. Susan Norton is Sinah's paternal grandmother.

James & Sinah Carrithers



Susan Norton



1812-1893

3rd great-grandmother

3rd great-grandmother

Mary Wheatland's daughter, Emma Florence Church, married Henry Bennett in July 1895. They raised their two children, Emor and Paul, in Saunemin, IL.

Mary Wheatland



1836-1918

2nd great-grandparents

Henry Bennett



1857-1914

Emma Church



1863-1911

2nd great-grandparents

1894



Back: 3rd great-grandparents
John Perrett Rich (1845-1936),
Helen Maria Paddock Rich (1846-1914),
Sinah Ernestine Wallace Carrithers (1850-1932)
James Greenberry Carrithers (1844-1920)

Middle: 4th great-grandparents
James Rich (1813 England -1895),
Mary Ann Perrett Rich (1812 England -1896),
Margaret Jane Thomson Wallace (1822-1897),
Rev David Anderson Wallace (1818-1895)

Front: 2nd great-grandparents
Maurice Denzell Rich (1871-1949)
Viola Etta Carrithers (1870-1943)
holding her baby Lela, Sinah's older sister

Emor Bennett (1897-1961) and his father Henry in 1898. Henry owned a lumber yard in Saunemin, IL.



Great-grandfather
and 2nd great-grandfather