

Frank Skon--

Born 1861 in Sweden. ~~Fa~~ther died when he was four, his mother when he was eight. Had to make his own living; His first job was mending fish nets. He then delivered bread by horse and wagon. He would turn his horse out loose at night and his dog rounded it up and brought it in every morning. He saved his money and bought a bakery shop in Sweden.

He came to the United States at age nineteen, leaving his money in the Swedish bank, as he planned to return. He never did, except for a visit. There he met his future wife; She was a Johnson girl-- a distant relative of his father, who had come to visit from Norway. They were married and their first child, Eleanora, was born in 1891. She was brought to America in a pretty little basket that will be presented to the Historical Soc. later. Their first Christmas back in America, a second daughter, Beda, was born Dec. 24th. 1892, in the former Allen Kennedy home, now occupied by the Hebert family (1990) A baby boy died at six months and Mabel was born three years after Beda. Three of her cousins were also born there Einor, Gustave and Pearl, who later became Ed Martin's wife (mother of Amos and Shirley)

Beda's father was a very thrifty man and once owned five homes in Rib Lake. He cut timber for a relative, Al Bergeson's grandfather in the town of Hill for a while, Then went to work for J.J. Kennedy, at the mill. As he was grading lumber one day he fell from a high pile and died the next day.