# **Early Years of Alfred Stone**

### **Born**

Alfred Stone was born with the last name Karlson (son of Karl Johanson) in Logsjo, Edsberg, Orebro Province in Sweden on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1874.



Karl Johanson and Wife Alfred Stone's Father and Mother Photo from the Merle Stone Collection



Alfred Stone's Brothers
Alfred, Sven (standing)
Axel, Emil, Gottfried (sitting, names need verification)



Alfred Stone's Sisters
Elin, Jenny & Anna (Not in sitting order)
From the Iola Stone Sandberg Collection

## **Immigrated to America**

Alfred moved from Sweden in the Spring of 1893 and stayed about one year in Tabor, Iowa.

## **History of Name Changed to Stone**

When Alfred came to America, he decided to change his name. Alfred Stone's father was Karl Johanson, Alfred took the last name Stenstrom because that was the name of his cousins and he liked it. The Sten in Stenstrom means Stone so he decided to shorten his name and have his last name be Stone. Alfred's brother, Axel, has the name Axel Karlsson Stone. He lived in Sweden. Alfred's brother, Sven, has the last name Stone. He lived in America.

### Visit to Sweden

Alfred returned to Sweden during the Summer of 1896 and came back to America in the Spring of 1897.

## **Return to America**

Alfred moved to Central City, Nebraska and worked there about one year. He moved to St. Charles, Illinois about 1901.



Alfred Stone in Saint Charles, Illinois
Photo from the Iola Stone Sandberg Collection

### Conversion

Converted to God in 1902, at the Swedish Methodist Church.