

Swedish Evangelical Free Church of Eaton

Years of Service: 1920 – December 1922

Location: Eaton, Colorado



Alfred, Julia, Merle & Iola Stone 1920
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Alfred and Julia's second child, Iola, was born here on June 16th, 1920.

Source: Recollection of Iola Stone & Written Recollection of Alfred Stone



Swedish Evangelical Free Church of Eaton Parsonage
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Swedish Evangelical Free Church of Eaton Church
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Church Minutes January 22, 1920

(Original Minutes in Swedish were translated by Merle Stone)

“Meeting was opened this day by Bro. Gust Carlson. Bro. Chairman P. G. Bolander continued the meeting by reading God's Word, and all joined in prayer to our God that he will be gracious to us, and give us His help in what is before us.

The meeting was called to select a Pastor to fill Bro. Elmer's place, because he is ready to move from us. We are many gathered for this meeting, and the Spirit knows this was of the heart and soul. It was decided to call Bro. Alfred Stone from Rush City, MN to be this congregation's pastor. Salary \$85.00 per month plus \$15 per month for janitor service, if he accepts this amount. Congregation pledged itself to pay the moving expense for the Pastor. - Secretary

Secretary reported that she sent the call to Bro. Alfred Stone to be the leader for the congregation, and that Bro. Alfred Stone accepted. He promised to have his first Sunday March 21, 1920, for which we are thankful to him as well as God. We pray that God's rich blessing will rest over Bro. Stone and his family. We as a congregation go forward with rejoicing over the forward moving in our church.”

Church Meeting Minutes June 11, 1920

(Original Minutes in Swedish were translated by Merle Stone)

“The Swedish Evangelical Free Church of Eaton held its semi annual meeting this day. Pastor Alfred Stone read from First Peter plus a few comments from the sermon and led in prayer that God's work may go forward. Vice Chairman A. J. Carlson greeted those in attendance. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Approved. Then time was allowed to greet the new members. Pastor Alfred Stone and Mrs. Julia Stone requested membership in the congregation. This was approved with pleasure...Resolved to send for six Hemlands Klockan (Heaven/Home Clock) song books, with music; also 24 of the smaller books without music. Bro. Stone will be responsible to order these books...The meeting had no further business; the meeting was adjourned with thanks to God. - Secretary”