

Estes Brook Evangelical Free Church
Years of Service: August 1933 – September 1937
Location: Estes Brook, Minnesota

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Alfred, Julia, Iola and Sally (Merle's wife) Stone
Photo from the Iola Stone Sandberg Collection

Iola graduated from Milaca High School in 1937.

Source: Recollection of Iola Stone Sandberg



Building of Highway 23 Home – Milaca, Minnesota
Photo from the Iola Stone Sandberg Collection

When Alfred left Concord, NE to be the pastor of the Estes Brook Swedish Evangelical Free Church, the men of the Concord Evangelical Free Church offered to come and build a home for them. They volunteered to build the home and their only request was that Julia feed them. She was known to be a good cook!

Source: Recollections of Iola Stone Sandberg



Home of Alfred and Julia Stone -Milaca, Minnesota
Photo from the Iola Stone Sandberg Collection

Alfred received this call letter from The Swedish Free Church of Estes Brook, Minn. On June 19th, 1933:

Rev. Alfred Stone : Dear Brother in Christ. Peace. The Swedish Free Church of Estes Brook, Minn. have decided to give you a call to become their Pastor and take up the work here for at least to the first of the year, if you are coming to Minnesota, and wages we can not promise any more than \$25 per month if we do not get help from the Free Church if so it would be a little more then. They also would like to know as soon as possible if you want to take up the work here in Estes Brook on these conditions. I have not written a call letter before so I don't know how it will be. Hoping I can do better some other time. May the Lord bless you. Written in behalf of the Swedish Free Church of Estes Brook. Sincerely, Frank Carlson, Sec. Princeton, Minn.

Source: Letter in Merle Stone Collection



25th Wedding Anniversary of Alfred and Julia Stone - 1936
Pictured left to right: Merle, Sally, Iola, Julia and Alfred Stone
Photo from the Merle Stone Collection



Estes Brook Confirmation Class