

## JACOB AND ANNA DOLSON IN CHICAGO



*Jacob and Anna Dolson.*

*Visiting the Dolson family grave at Oak Woods cemetery in south Chicago in 2010.*

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| <b>NAME:</b>       | <b>Jacob Dolson (Jacob Hansson).</b>                                   | <b>Anna Louise Jonson Dolson (Anna Lovisa Jonasdatter).</b>   |
| <b>BORN:</b>       | June 16, 1833 in Hallföse, Dalhem, Sweden.                             | Aug 31, 1849 in Skepperstad Nedregård, Skepperstad, Sweden.   |
| <b>FATHER:</b>     | Laborer <b>Hans Hansson</b> (1793-1870), born in Dalhem, Sweden.       | <a href="#">Jonas Peter Larsson</a> (1826-1896), born in Stora Sälleryd, Vetlanda, Sweden.                  |
| <b>MOTHER:</b>     | <b>Anna Stina Rasmusdotter</b> (1792-1871), born in Östergarn, Sweden. | <a href="#">Inga Katarina Petersdotter</a> (1829-1904), born in Skepperstad Nedregård, Skepperstad, Sweden. |
| <b>MARRIED:</b>    | Oct 1869.  |   |
| <b>OCCUPATION:</b> | Coachbuilder ( <i>karossmakare</i> ).                                  | Housewife.  |
| <b>DEATH:</b>      | June 18, 1905 in Chicago (age 72). Buried at Oak Woods Cemetery.       | Dec 12, 1928 in Chicago (age 79). Buried at Oak Woods Cemetery.   |

Jacob Hansson was born in 1833 and was raised in the croft Hallföse Grund in Dalhem at Gotland. Gotland is a Swedish county but also an island in the Baltic Sea. Jacob served as a farmhand (*dräng*) in various farms until he became a sailor in 1854. He immigrated to the Unites States and was naturalized 1859 by the court of San Francisco. Before that he had taken the name Dolson. Not until 1869 did he come to Illinois and Chicago. Anna Jonasdatter was born in 1849 in Skepperstad, Småland, Sweden but soon the family moved to the village [Stora Sälleryd](#) in Vetlanda parish. Anna emigrated in 1867 with her sister [Christina](#) to America. On

May 20, they arrived to New York. In 1869 Jacob and Anna got married. At the time Jacob worked as a house carpenter while Anna was keeping home. They had seven children.

In 1870 the family lived in Swede Town on the North Side of Chicago. At the city fire in Chicago in 1871 the whole city burned down and the family had to hastily move from here. In 1880, and probably before that time, the family lived on the South Side, in Lake Township, at 5117 Wentworth Avenue west of Washington Park. In this area they come to stay. Jacob worked at a workshop as a coachbuilder. In 1902 their son Emil died and in 1905 Jacob passed away. Anna settled with her daughter Laura at 7043 Princeton Avenue. Anna died in 1928.

You can read the whole story of the Dolson family in my book "The Jonson sisters in Chicago", April 2013.

**Children** (no information of living persons is published):

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| <p><b>Louis Jacob Dolson</b>, born 1870 in Chicago.</p> | <p>From 1890 he lived at 5727 Wentworth Ave, one mile from the parents home, probably until 1895 when the newly married sister Laura moved in. In 1895 Louis married <b>Jennie Carlson</b>, born 1872. They lived on the North Side at 143 Roscoe Boulevard. In 1907 Louis managed the whole power plant when building a factory in Sycamore, and he got much credit when it was finished. Probably in 1907 the family moved to the South Side again, at 5338 Fifth Avenue (former Atlantic St) west of Washington Park, to the house where his sister Anna had lived in. In 1918 the family lived on the North Side again, in Ravenswood on the address 2164 Leland Avenue. Louis dealed as an electric engineer within several plants, including Desplaines Safety Deposit Co, Fairbanks Co and Butler Brothers. They lived in the house at Leland Avenue for the rest of theirs lives. The daughter Myrtle and her husband (Woodall) also lived there. Jennie died in 1949 after beeing sick for 15 years. Louis died in 1951. They had three children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Clarice Jeanette Dolson Craig</b>, born March 28 1896. Married to <b>Everett Harrison Craig</b> (1887-1954), born in Seymore, Indiana. Everett was a school teacher. They lived on the West Side, 3703 N Harding Avenue. Clarice died in 1971. They had three children:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Louis Everett Craig</b>, born May 26 1922. Married to Doris Anne Hartung. Louis died in 1995. They had three children (living).</li><li>○ <b>Clarice Evelyn Craig McGuiness Fischer</b>, born May 21 1924. Married to John McGuiness. They had three children (living).</li><li>○ <b>Crystal Craig Wahlborg</b>, born Nov 4 1929. Married to George Harvey Wahlborg, born 1930. Crystal died in 2011. They had five children (living).</li></ul></li></ul> |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ruth Louise Dolson Sparks</b>, born Jan 17 1899. Married to <b>George D. Sparks</b> (1898-1979). Ruth died in 1997. They are buried at Graceland Cemetery. They had two children:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>George Lawrence Sparks</b> (1923-1923). Buried at Graceland Cemetery.</li> <li>○ <b>Myrtle J. Sparks Kruse</b>, born Dec 1924. Married to Ernest Fredrick Kruse Jr (1917-94). They had two children (living)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Myrtle C. Dolson Woodall</b>, born June 7 1901. Married to Horace B. Woodall (1910-1976).</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Laura Ruth Dolson Kask Benjamin</b>, born March 31, 1872 in Chicago.</p> | <p>Laura married <b>John W. Kask</b> in 1894. They lived at the address 5727 Wentworth Avenue. They had one daughter. John died in 1904. From 1907 Laura lived close to her mother and sister Mabel at 7043 Princeton Avenue. In 1916 Laura Dolson Kask married Charles Edward Benjamin in Chicago, he was born 1866 in Jacksonville, IL. They moved to Montreal in Quebec, Canada. Because of Charles' service with the company Canadian Pacific Ocean Services they travelled by boat a lot through the whole world. Laura had one child (with John W. Kask):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Myrtle Anna Ruth Kask Prentiss</b>, born Nov 29 1895 in Chicago. Married to <b>Medary A. Prentiss</b>, born 1895. They had two children:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>George Edward Prentiss</b>, born 1921.</li> <li>○ <b>Medary A. Prentiss Jr</b>, born 1925.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Anna Jennie Dolson Lohse McPherson</b>, born July 8 1876 in Chicago.</p> | <p>In 1897 Anna married <b>Henry W. Lohse</b> (1870-1910), he worked as a pressman. They got one daughter and lived in West Town. They probably got divorced. In 1903 Anna married the Canadian <b>William McPherson</b> (1877-1967) of Scottish origin. They had two sons Steward. The family lived at 5338 5th Ave. But soon they left USA for Canada where they lived in <a href="#">Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia</a>, east of Vancouver. Anna lived here the rest of her life. She died in 1950 and is buried at Valley View Cemetery in Agassiz. Children (known):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Irene Anna Lohse McPherson</b>, born Aug 18 1898 in Chicago. Her father was Henry W. Lohse. Married to Ernest Elmer Ross (1890-1963). They had at least one child. They lived in Vancouver and later in Maple Ridge, Haney.</li> <li>• <b>Steward William McPherson</b>, born Jan 31 1904 in Chicago. Married to Sarah Pyper (1904-1989). They lived in Corvallis city, Benton County, Oregon. They had two children:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Steward William McPherson Jr</b>, born 1932.</li> <li>○ <b>Marilyn M. McPherson</b>, born 1937.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Marvel</b>, born July 1909. He lived in Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., Canada.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Albert Cornelius Dolson</b>, born Oct 21 1877 in Chicago.</p>            | <p>In 1903 Albert married <b>Grace M. Hotaling</b>. They had one child, Grace. In 1910 the family lived close to his parents at 5901 Indiana Avenue near Washington Park. Albert worked as a bookkeeper. The family lived in Oak Park in west Chicago.</p>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grace Cecilia Dolson Blum</b>, born Aug 1 1904. Married to Frederick James Blum Jr, born 1902 in Texas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Frederick J. Blum III</b> (1925-1999).</li> <li>• <b>Thomas A. Blum</b> (1930-1989).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Mabel Alice DolsonHospers</b>, born Jan 6 1879 in Chicago.</p> | <p>In 1907 Mabel married Cornelius G. Hospers and moved to his home town Orange City in western Iowa. It appears that she didn't live long with her husband. In spring 1908 Mabel moved to her relatives in Chicago and lived with her mother Anna Louise and her sister Laura Kask at 7043 Princeton Avenue. Mabel died in 1910 after have beeing sick for nine months in pneumonia.</p>  |
| <p><b>Arthur Carl Dolson</b>, born June 7 1881 in Chicago.</p>       | <p>Arthur worked as an electrician "for the city". In 1907 Allan married <b>Edith J. Tidlund</b>. They had three children. Arthur was murdered in 1914, he was shot on the street by a business competitor. Edtih re-married Robert Edgar. She died in 1932.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Myrtle Dolson</b>, born around 1908.</li> <li>• <b>Lorraine Dolson</b>, born around 1909.</li> <li>• <b>child</b>, deas around 1910.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Emil Rutherford Dolson</b>, born Oct 23 1883 in Chicago.</p>   | <p>Emil worked as a drug clerk. He died in 1902 (age 19), still living with his parents.</p>   |

## LOOKING FOR DOLSON

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*Dolson research in Hallföse at Gotland, summer 2010.*

*From left: Mats Ekedahl, Ulf Björkdahl, Gun-Louise Johansson and Folke Larsson.*

*The Hallföse area.*



*Visiting the Wahlborg family in Chicago, Oct 2010.*



*Relatives at Gotland in June 2011.*