

Family Group Sheet for Axel Appel

Husband: Axel Appel

Birth: 27 May 1852 in Säby, Jonkopings, Sweden
Death: 28 May 1934 in Cook, Illinois, USA
Burial: Rose Hill Cemetary Cook County Illinois
Marriage: 31 Dec 1879 in Ephraim, Door, Wisconsin, USA
Father: Carl Mangus Appel
Mother: Eva Sarah Swensen

Wife: Lourine Christine Kofoed

Birth: 20 Oct 1860 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Death: 17 Jul 1895 in Cook, Illinois, USA
Burial: 1895 in Mount Olive Cemetery, Chicago Cook County Illinois
Father: Martin Hanson Kofoed
Mother: Johanne Marie Johnson

Children:

1 Name: Carl Albert Appel
M Birth: 14 Jan 1881 in Door County, Wisconsin
Death: 30 Jun 1963 in Cook, Illinois, USA
Marriage: 19 Nov 1909
Spouse: Hazel Balz

2 Name: Ralph Martin Appel Sr.
M Birth: 06 Nov 1887 in Fish Creek, Door, Wisconsin, USA
Death: 03 Oct 1949 in St. Louis (city) Missouri
Burial: 06 Oct 1949 in Memorial Park, St. Louis County Missouri
Marriage: 18 May 1912 in St. Louis (city) Missouri
Spouse: Antoinette Wuthenow

Notes:

Axel Appel

Axel's birth is recorded in the Swedish church records of Säby, Jonkopings, Sweden as May 27th 1852. He is the son of Carl Mangus Appel and Eva Sara Swensen (Samueldattr). Säby is located on the western shore of Lake Sabysjon, south, southwest of Tranas Sweden at the intersection of Route 32 and 133. It is a crossroad with a church. We know that he departed from Göteborg aboard the ship Orlando December 6 1872 for Marinett in Michigan .After staying in Michigan for approximately a year, the relocated to Liberty Grove, Door County in Wisconsin as there was a great need for lumberman there. He was with his father Charles and brothers Charles and Sanders.

While in Liberty Grove he originally was lumberman as time went on he put down roots. On July 13, 1878 he is noted as a charter member of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church now called the Zion Lutheran Church of Sister Bay. On December 31 1879, the eve of a new year he was married to Lourine Christine Kofoed at Fish Creek by John J. Groenfeldt, the minister of the Moravian Church in Ephraim. He became a naturalized citizen in 1880. In 1883 after petitioning the state government he built a dock and store at the end of the present Appleport road. The pier is mentioned in an article from the Milwaukee Sentinel on April 25 1883. It says the dock will be 1000 feet long. From here he shipped cordwood to Chicago. Later he sold the dock and store to Captain HA Porth in September 1884. Axel then did some faming on the present Sunstrom farm on County road 22 in Liberty Grove. In 1895 he sold the farm to the Sumstoms and moved to Chicago. This move was in hope that the doctors in Chicago would be able to help Laura with a sickness that she had. However on July 17 1895 she passed away despite the doctors efforts.

In 1895 we find Axel is living at 847 East Chicago and is listed as a driver. The area was where many Sweeds were settled. On April 24 1899 he married Emily Gustafsen Appel in Kenosha Wisconsin. She was

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the wife of his deceased brother John. He also took on the responsibility of raising two additional children Cora and Harry. He was working as a motorman on the street railroad through the 1930 census. They lived in a number of rental houses prior to buying a house at 630 South Cuyler Street in Oak Park, Ill. in 1930 he is listed as owning a radio.

Axel dies on May 28, 1934 and is buried in Rosehill Cemetery, section 188, lot 212 in Chicago. He was a member of I Will Lodge No 141, I.O.O.F. (Oddfellows) Local Union 241 and Humboldt Tent No. 26 K.O.T.M. (Knights of Maccabees Fraternal Humboldt Tent)

Relationship Notes for Axel Appel and Lourine Christine Kofoed

From the Door County Advocate Newspaper (date?)

Married

Appel-Koeford- at Ephraim Wis. Dec. 31, 1879 By Rev J.J. Groenfeldt Mr. Axtel Appel to Miss Louies C. Koefoed, both of Gibraltar

Marriage Certificate

Door County Marriage Book

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# 570	Date of Registration	Mar 31, 1880	
	Axel Appel	Laurine Christine Koefed	Farmer
	Res. of Husband	Sister Bay Door Co. WI.	
	Birthplace of Husband	Sweden Europe	
	Place Marriage Contracted	Fishcreek Door Co. WI.	
	Time Marriage Contracted	Dec. 31, 1879	
	Moravian Ceremony		
	Person Pronouncing Marriage	John J. Groenfeldt of Ephraim	
	Subscribing Witnesses	Peter Petersen Carl Sundberg	
	Father/ Mother Husband	Carl Appel Eva Appel	
	Father/ Mother Wife	Martin Koefed/ Johannea Marie Johnson	
	(Certificate in file)		

Lourine Christine Kofoed

Laura Christine Kofoed was born in Milwaukee Wisconsin on October 20, 1860. She is the eldest child of Martin Hanson Kofoed and Johanne Marie Johnson. By 1870 she is recorded on the census as living in Gibraltar, Door County Wisconsin and attending school. The area she was raised in was near Fish Creek and is currently part of Peninsula State Park. Although it is not known when she met Axel Appel we do know that they were married on December 31, 1879 at the Moravian Church in Ephraim. Their marriage is recorded in the Door County Marriage Book. The 1880 Census find Laura Appel located in Liberty Grove section of Door County where she is living with her husband Axel and his brother Swen. In 1881 she had her first son Carl Albert and in 1887 she had her second son Ralph Martin. In 1895 Lauras health problems finally cause the family to move to Chicago in hopes that they could find a cure for her problem there. The did not and she is recorded in the State of Illinois, Cook County, Physician Certificate of death as dying July 17 1895 of Acute Hemorrhage Nephritis. She was buried in the MT Olive Cemetery in Chicago. Her death is noted in an article in the Door County Advocate date August 3, 1895.

A BELATED ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Axel Appel, which occurred at Chicago on July 17, last, has just been communicated to the Advocate by A. W. Smith of that city. Why this duty was not attended to before we do not know as a matter of course.

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Mrs. Appel was the daughter of the late Martin Koefed, the well-known market man of Fishcreek, who preceded his daughter by about three years. At the time of her demise Mrs. Appel was thirty six years of age, and she had been ill for seven years with a disease that baffled the efforts of the best skill in Chicago, and her death was a most welcome relief to her bed of pain and suffering.

A mother, husband, two children and two sisters, as well as many friends at Sturgeon Bay, Fish Creek, Ephraim and Sister Bay survive, all of whom mourn her loss. The remains were buried in Chicago.

Their marriage was noted in an Article from the Door County Advocate January 8, 1880

MARRIED

APPEL-KOEFOD- At Ephraim, Wis. Dec. 31, 1879 by the Rev J.J. Groenfeldt, Mr. Axtel Appel to Miss Louies Koefod, both of Gibraltar (please note that all spelling mistakes are as they appear in the newspaper.)

Carl Albert Appel

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Copied from the Books at Ephraim Moravian Church

1. Born Jan 14, 1881 Carly August Appel parents Axel Appel & Loraine Christine (Kufod) Baptised Feb 27, 1881.
2. Axel Appel born May 27, 1852 in Europe married on Dec 31, 1879 to Lourine Christine Kofoed born Oct 20, 1860 in Milwaukee. His parents were Carl & Eva.

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Ralph Martin Appel Sr.

Ralph Martin Appel Sr. Was born on November 6 1887 in Fish Creek, Door County Wisconsin. He was the second son of Axel Appel and Laura Kofoed Appel. His early life was spent on the shore of Lake Michigan at the end of Appelport road where his father had a dock and a general store. In 1893 due to an illness that his mother Laura contracted the family moved to Chicago with the hopes that she could be cured by doctors there. Unfortunately she dies in 1895. The family lived at 847 West Chicago in an area now call Westtown. It is in this area that Ralph must have attended school. We know little of his life during these years. At some point, his father married his brother's widow and two cousins, Henry and Cora and their mother Emily became part of the family. Ralph first became associated with Bell Oil in Chicago and in 1903 moved to St. Louis and is listed in the city directory as driver living at 921 La Beaume through 1906. In 1907 the directory has him listed as the secretary at Bell Oil Company located at 53 Ferry Street. This company was owned by Frederick Bretsnyder, whose is the husband of Ralph mother Laura sister Johanna Maria Kofoed. From 1907 to 1912 he lived with the Bretsnyders at 1420 E. Obear Street in St. Louis Missouri.

On May 18 1912 Ralph married Antoinette Wuthenow, daughter of Theodore Wuthenow and Antoinette Mohrstadt Wuthenow. He courted her at Shaw Garden which was located close to her parent's home. They moved to 4036 Sullivan where they lived for about three years. While living here their sons were born, Ralph in 1913 and Theodore in 1914. In 1916 Ralph and Antoinette purchased a home at 3007 North Taylor where the family would remain until 1935.

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At some point there was an explosion and Bell Oil Company, at fault, was dissolved. He continued in the oil business and is listed as the president of Motor Oil Company from 1923 - 1928. In 1930 and 31 he is listed as the president of Apple Brothers Oil Company. After 1931 he is listed as a sales person.

In 1935 due to some set back with the oil company, the Appels lost their home and moved to Green avenues and later to Jennings road. In 1940 they moved to Maffit and were located there through 1945. In 1946 they moved to Elmback in a flat in the building near where son Ralph and his wife Virginia lived. Ralph Sr. is listed as a shipping Clerk at Missouri Engraving and Printing. He lived here until he died October 3 1949. His death certificate lists the cause of death as Cerebral Thrombosis, a type of stroke. He is buried at Memorial Park in St. Louis County Missouri.

In a book titled History of the Fourth City 1763-1909 Vol. 2 By Walter B. Stevens published in 1909 there is an article on Ralph Martin Appel.

Among it's many gifted and progressive young men St. Louis can boast of none more promising than Ralph Martin Appel, whose talents and enterprising have won for him an enviable distinction in the business life of the city. He is a native of Sister Bay WI, where he was born November 6, 1887. After receiving his education, chiefly in Chicago, where he displayed remarkable industry and aptitude for study, he embarked in mercantile work and successfully accomplished every task that his duties involved. His exemplary habits and pleasing personality have always attracted attention and gained for him the esteem and confidence of his employers and acquaintances.

For a number of years Mr. Appel has been connected with the Bell Oil Co., of St. Louis, in various capacities, in all of which he has showed marked ability. He first entered the service of the company when it was located in Chicago and when the business was removed to this city he followed and by gradual advances due strictly to merit, he now occupies one of the most responsible positions in the office. Though young in years Mr. Appel is old in business experience and with the advantages such as he possesses the future holds for him the promise of fame and fortune