

Flags Iris



Whenever he could and Anders watched the horse in front of the carriage "Se hur hästen Kyttar å svänger mä rumpen."

Grandpa Petter and wife, Anna Stina were married about 1863 - They had 3 sons named Gust - their first-born, Gust, died at 5 months. Then came Anna, 1867 - Ida, 1872 - Carl, 1872 - Kristin, 1874, our Mother, Katrin, 1880 - Gust, born 1882. Baby Gust was lying in his cradle and she (Mother) loved him so and wanted to play with him - in her ardor she stooped down and bit his toe. Not very long afterward he developed an illness and died at 6 mos. 17 days, but for some time Mother thought she was the cause of his death, because she had bitten his toe. This was Mother's first and very early recollection of grief. Then in 1885, the Gust we know was born and last was Anders, 1886, of whom I have already told you.

Aunt Anna, and Ida were married and raising their own families when Mother was in her teens. Anna, with her four oldest, Gustav, Anna, Oscar & Thoras, lived upstairs in the family home while Anna's husband, Petter was off to make a home for them in the United States. Later, he came for them, but while they were at home, Mother Katrin stayed with the children many hours because Anna did like to flit around a bit. They settled in Worcester, Mass.

Ida and her husband, Petter, lived nearby - they were blessed with 11 children, one of whom is the Hedvig we know in Chicago. The children often stayed at Mother's home so they wouldn't have so far to walk to school in the bad weather. Hedvig writes again - "As I very often stayed at Grandma's I saw her (Katrin) very much during my early childhood. I saw her at work in the fields, in the barn milking cows and at the loom. One evening at milking time a wanderer stopped by the barn. He carried a canary in a cage all covered up. It looked mysterious. He talked to Mother and Grandma a bit and finally asked if he could spend