

Family Group Record for Melchior Monsson RØNNEI

Husband	Melchior Monsson RØNNEI-[12683] ^{1, 2, 3}	
AKA	Melchor, Melker, Melkior, Melchior Schjeldrup Monsson LÆRDALSØREN, Melchior Schjeldrup Monsson RØNNEI, Melchior SHELDRUP	
Born	1813	Rønnei i Gaupne, Luster, Sogn, NOR
Christened	21 Mar 1813	Dale kyrke, Luster, Sogn, NOR ⁴
Died	15 Nov 1893	, Utica twp, Chickasaw, IA
Buried	Nov 1893	Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA ⁵
Father	Mons Hansson RØNNEI-[13007] (1782-1822) ⁶ [MRIN:4208]	
Mother	Gjertrud Marie Knudsdotter NORENBORG-[13008] (1782-1824) ⁶	
Marriage	1 Jul 1841	Jostedal kyrkje, Luster, Sogn, NOR [MRIN:4071] ^{3, 7, 8, 9, 10}

Events

1 Emigrated to America: Apr 1857, , Utica twp, Dane, WI.

Wife	Martha Halvorsdotter VAMBERG-[10921] ⁶	
AKA	Martha Halvorsdotter WAMBERG	
Born	Mar 1815	Vamberg, Jostedal, Sogn, NOR
Christened	5 Mar 1815	Jostedal kyrkje, Luster, Sogn, NOR
Died	8 Oct 1899	, Utica twp, Chickasaw, IA ¹¹
Buried	Oct 1899	Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA
Father	Halvor Olson FAABERG-[445] (1783-1861) ^{10, 12} [MRIN:3173]	
Mother	Eli Johannesdotter BJERK-[10260] (1792-1872) ¹⁰	

Events

1 Emigrated to America: Apr 1857, , Utica twp, Dane, WI. ¹³


Children

1	F	Jane Marie MUNSON-[12916] ^{14, 15}
AKA	Gjertrud MONSEN, Jertru Marie MUNSON, Gjertrud Marie RØNNEI	
Born	16 Mar 1844	Vamberg, Luster, Sogn, NOR
Christened	1844	Jostedal kyrkje, Luster, Sogn, NOR
Died	29 Jan 1936	New Hampton, New Hampton twp, Chickasaw, IA
Buried	Jan 1936	Jerico Lutheran, Jacksonville twp, Chickasaw, IA ^{16, 17}
Spouse	Peter Olson OVERBOE-[12917] (1847-1937) ¹⁸	
Marr. Date	14 Feb 1883 - Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA [MRIN:4171] ^{19, 20, 21, 22, 23}	

Events

1 Emigrated to America: Apr 1857, , Utica twp, Dane, WI.

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Events (cont.)		
2	M	Halvor Melchiorson MUNSON -[12918]
AKA	Albert MUNSON	
Born	1 Mar 1846	Vamberg, Luster, Sogn, NOR
Christened	Mar 1846	Jostedal kyrkje, Luster, Sogn, NOR
Died	26 Apr 1918	New Hampton, New Hampton twp, Chickasaw, IA
Cause of Death	Influenza	
Buried	Apr 1918	Graceland, New Hampton, Chickasaw, IA
Spouse	Anna Jørgensdotter ÅBERGE-[12919] (1842-1915)	
Marr. Date	26 Oct 1868 - Saude, Utica twp, Chickasaw, IA [MRIN:4172] 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33	
		
Events		
1 Emigrated to America: Apr 1857, , Utica twp, Dane, WI.		
3	F	Ellen MUNSON -[12920]
Born	24 Sep 1849	, Lærdal, Sogn, NOR
Christened	28 Sep 1849	Lærdal kyrkje, Lærdal, Sogn, NOR
Died	25 Apr 1922	Cresco, New Oregon twp, Howard, IA
Buried	Apr 1922	Cresco, New Oregon twp, Howard, IA
Spouse	Senator Samuel Ambrose CONVERSE-[12921] (1843-1919)	
Marr. Date	4 Jun 1867 - , , Winneshiek, IA [MRIN:4173] 23, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38	
Events		
1 Emigrated to America: Apr 1857, , Utica twp, Dane, WI.		
4	F	Emma Monsine MUNSON -[12922] ^{9, 41, 42}
AKA	Masine Melchiorsdatter, ³⁹ Monsina MUNSON ^{25, 40}	
Born	29 Sep 1852	, Lærdal, Sogn, NOR
Christened	31 Oct 1852	, Lærdal, Sogn, NOR
Died	30 Jul 1921	New Hampton, New Hampton twp, Chickasaw, IA
Buried	Jul 1921	Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA ⁵
Spouse	Never Married	
Events		
1 Emigrated to America: Apr 1857, , Utica twp, Dane, WI.		
5	F	Ingeborg Maria Melchiorsdotter MUNSON -[12852]
AKA	Marie I. MONSEN, Maria Melchiorsdotter MUNSON, Mary MUNSON	
Born	8 Aug 1855	, Lærdal, Sogn, NOR
Christened		
Died	11 Aug 1927	, Utica twp, Chickasaw, IA
Buried	Aug 1927	Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA ⁴³
Spouse	Alf Olson VAALA-[12851] (1838-1909) ^{44, 45}	
Marr. Date	13 Sep 1878 - Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA [MRIN:4143] 23, 46, 47, 48, 49	

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Events		
1 Emigrated to America: Apr 1857, , Utica twp, Dane, WI.		
6	M	Muns M MUNSON -[12924] ^{9, 50}
AKA		Mons MUNSON
Born	1 Sep 1858	Towerville, Utica Twp, Crawford, WI ^{14, 51}
Christened	19 Sep 1858	Koshkonong, Stoughton, Dane, WI
Died	6 Jan 1933	, Utica twp, Chickasaw, IA
Buried	8 Jan 1933	Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA ⁵
Spouse		Andrina Oline SJOBAKKEN-[12925] (1873-1954) ⁵²
Marr. Date		15 Jul 1907 - Cresco, New Oregon twp, Howard, IA [MRIN:4174] 23, 52, 53, 54, 55
7	F	Anna Johanna MUNSON -[12926] ^{9, 25, 56, 57}
Born		14 Feb 1861 Towerville, Utica Twp, Crawford, WI
Christened		1861 Koshkonong, Stoughton, Dane, WI
Died		17 Aug 1905 , Utica twp, Chickasaw, IA ⁵⁸
Buried		Aug 1905 Saude Lutheran, Utica Twp, Chickasaw, IA
Spouse		Never Married

General Notes (Husband)

In accordance with the laws of Norway, Melchior as a young man entered the regular Army, and because of his good performance and physical strength, was chosen to serve in the King's guard.

Melchior purchased land in Jostedal in 1846; he sold this land in 1855. Melchior, Martha and three children received permission from their pastor in Lærdal parish, possibly the Borgund stave church, on April 23, 1857, to emigrate to "Amerika". This record was found at the Statsarkivet i Bergen in the Kyrkjebok for presten Lærdal, A 17, 1851-1871, Inn-utflyte. Prior to leaving Norway, the family lived in Lærdal. Melchior had been carrying mail by boat between Lærdal and other towns.

Melchior found it difficult to support five children and with no future ahead. In the spring of 1857, he decided to leave for America. With limited funds, they decided to leave their only son, Halvor behind. They located first in Dane county, Wisconsin. In 1861 they moved to South Dakota and remained there until the spring of 1865, when they moved to Chickasaw County, Iowa.

After leaving his homeland, traveling thousands of miles, living in at least five locations in America, 52 year old Melchior finally owned his own land, when on 26 June 1865, he paid \$340.00 to purchased land in Chickasaw county, Iowa.

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General Notes (Wife)

Melchior and Martha lived on the Vamberg farm from 1842 through 1846. In 1847 they moved to Lærdal.

In April 1857, Melchior, Martha, and their children Elen, Monsine and Ingeborg, received permission from their pastor in Lærdal, possibly the Borgund Stave Church, to emigrate to "Amerika".

The trip across the Atlantic was long and tedious. It may have taken as long as 13 weeks before they landed at Quebec and may have sailed from there up the St. Lawrence River, and through the Great Lakes. They settled in Dane County, Wisconsin, near Utica, and the East Koshkonong Congregation, served by Pastor A.C. Preus.

After a short stay in Dane County, the migrated to Crawford County, Wisconsin, near Mt. Sterling. In 1861, they migrated again to Brule Township, Union County, South Dakota. Here they lived in a dugout along the bank of Brule Creek, seven miles north and one mile west of Elk Point. Here they were confronted with Indian uprisings which caused them to move to Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa.

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General Notes for Child Jane Marie MUNSON-[12916]

Jane was Confirmed in the East Koshkonong Church on 25 April 1858, and she often told how her confirmation dress was "turkey red calico" and that she was the best in her class.

Jane, who was lame all of her life, found employment in the home of Dr. Burdick in Decorah.

Jane and Peter were the parents of 2 children, one child died prior to 1910.

General Notes for Child Halvor Melchiorson MUNSON-[12918]

Halvor was eleven years old when his parents decided to emigrate to America. Due to the limited funds available for the trip, Halvor was to remain in Norway with a cousin until the folks could send him money for passage to America. As the boat was about to leave, the Captain realized how the parents felt about leaving their boy, so he finally gave Halvor permission to sail with his family.

Halvor was Confirmed on 15 April 1860, at the East Koshkonong Church.

Halvor and Anna (Åberg) Munson were natives of Norway. Halvor left the land of the midnight sun when a boy of eleven years in company with his parents, making the voyage across the Atlantic in 1857. The Munson family settled first in Dane County. They afterward removed to Union County, South Dakota, settling near Yankton, which was the capital of the territory of Dakota. There Halvor Munson, when not yet sixteen years of age, enlisted for service in the Civil War and was for three years and three months a member of Company I of the First Dakota Cavalry. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and with a most creditable military record returned to his home. After receiving an honorable discharge he hired out to the government to drive oxen on a government train used in hauling supplies from Sioux City, Iowa, to Salt Lake City, Utah. Thus the summer was passed and in the following winter he worked in a lumber camp in Montana. In the spring of 1867 he came to Iowa, his parents having removed to this state in 1862, during the Indian outbreaks in South Dakota and Minnesota. They settled in Utica Township, Chickasaw County, and it was here that Halvor Munson met and married his life's com-panion, the marriage ceremony being performed in the church at Saude in the fall of 1867. The young couple located on a farm in Jacksonville township, where Halvor continued to make his home and carried on general agricultural pursuits for thirty-nine years.

In 1906 he left the farm and established his home in New Hampton, where he lived retired from active business until his death, which occurred April 26, 1918, when he was seventy-two years of age, for he was born in 1846. His wife, who was born in 1844, passed away December 18, 1915. In his business affairs Halvor had won substantial success and at one time owned an entire section of land in Jacksonville Township, Chickasaw County, and had large land holdings in Kansas. He was a repub-lican in politics and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church, consistently following its teachings. Halvor Munson ever enjoyed a well deserved reputation as an upright citizen and a man of sterling character.

General Notes for Child Ellen MUNSON-[12920]

Ellen lived as a child near Elk Point, South Dakota, but the family fled from there to escape the Sioux massacre and settled in Saude. After their marriage, Samuel & Ellen farmed first in Sumner Township, Winnesheik County. In 1880, they moved to Oregon Township, Howard County. Ellen and Samuel were the parents of nine children.

General Notes for Child Emma Monsine MUNSON-[12922]

The Obituary for Emma Monsine Munson states that she was born at Sardalsoren, Sogn, Norway. At the age of 15 years, Emma was confirmed in the Saude Lutheran Church, by Rev. Vilhelm Koren. Emma taught school for nearly 20 years, then later as a stenographer 13 years in Chicago. In June 1920, Emma (age 67) was living with her sister Jane M. Overboe, in New Hampton. Emma was survived by one brother, Mons, and three sisters, Mrs. Jane Overboe, Mrs. Ellen Converse, and Mrs. Marie Vaala. Her parents and one brother Halvor and sister Anna preceded her in death.

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General Notes for Child Ingeborg Maria Melchiorsdotter MUNSON-[12852]

In January 1920, Maria was living with her daughter Mamie Vaala Grimso. Mary may have died on 11 July 1927, and was buried beside her husband, Alf, in the Saude Lutheran Church cemetery.

General Notes for Child Muns M MUNSON-[12924]

In 1898, Muns Munson owned 80 acres in Section 33N of Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa. Muns Munson was a Trustee of the Saude Lutheran Church, at the time of the cornerstone of the church on 24 June 1904. Muns may have died 6 January 1934.

General Notes for Child Anna Johanna MUNSON-[12926]

Anna died at the home of her brother Muns Munson.

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