

Maja Lena Johannesdotter Lundborg was the wife of Andreas Larsson Lundborg. Andreas was born in 1812 in Sodra-Harene, Vastergotland, Sweden, and Lena in 1810 in Tumberg, Vastergotland. Their sons Johannes age 26, Anders age 21 and Lars age 17 and their cousin Carl Petterson [Lundquist] left Sweden on April 12 1858. Carl went to Carver County, Minnesota, to join his brother Petter Petterson who had emigrated in 1857. The Lundborg brothers went to what was then Monogalia County, now Kandiyohi County. The rest of the Lundborg family, Andreas and Lena, daughter Johanna, and sons Gustaf and Samuel emigrated in 1861, arriving in West Lake Township in Kandiyohi County on July 15, 1861, according to church records. They left behind in Vargarda only a daughter, Sarah Lundborg, who was married to Johannes Petterson Lundquist (brother of Carl and Petter Petterson). They had a young daughter and were expecting a second child.

Anders, Lars and Gustaf were all killed on August 20. Their brother Samuel, only 9 at the time, was shot in the back but survived. Johannes and Johanna escaped, and their parents Andreas and Lena also survived. Family tradition is that Lena hid in a hollow tree all night through a driving rain, although she does not mention that in her affidavit. She was found the next day by Even Glesne and fled to Paynesville with the other settlers.

The family fled to St. Cloud, then to St. Paul, and finally to Carver County where their Pettersson [Lundquist] cousins had settled. Johannes Lundborg and his wife Christina remained in Carver County for the rest of their lives. Johannes served in the Civil War in the 11th Minnesota Infantry. Andreas and Lena, Samuel and Johanna all returned to Kandiyohi County after the Civil War. Lena died in 1870, but Andreas lived to 1891. Johanna Lundborg married Erick Paulson in 1869. They remained in Kandiyohi County and lived on the Andreas Lundborg farm as did their descendants.

My late husband, Jack Lundquist, was a direct Lundborg descendant. Andreas and Lena were Jack's great-great grandparents. Sarah Lundborg Lundquist, Andreas' daughter left behind in Sweden, was his great-grandmother. Her son, Martin Lundquist, emigrated in 1888 and married Jennie Glesne, daughter of Even Glesne. Even Glesne, who found Lena Lundborg, was Jack's Norwegian great-grandfather. He was an early settler in Kandiyohi County and was one of the settlers who signed a petition to Governor Ramsey.

Martin's son, Harlow, was Jack's father. Harlow grew up in New London, MN, and knew his Uncle Samuel Lundborg who survived the uprising. Samuel carried the bullet from that day all his life.