

## **A HISTORY OF THE LIFE OF CHARLES F. RYTTING**

Written by himself and added to by his daughter  
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I was born Nov. 30, 1866 near Upsala, Sweden - Emigrated to America in 1880, Prior to that time, in 1876, my older brother, William emigrated with the aid of some saints,

In 1879, my brother sent for my sister Mary, and the following year, my father, mother, myself, and my younger brother John came to American

The first work I did after coming, to Utah, was carrying water for the men who were working on the temple, as we were living just across the street.

In about two months, my brother William came in Salt Lake. He was working for Anderson Bros with the sheep. I helped him drive a herd of sheep from Salt Lake to Grantsville, and walked 35 miles in one day. I had intended to return to Salt Lake, but stayed on, and from that time on, I worked with the sheep.

When I was in Sweden, at about 8 or 9, I started to school. The teacher told me to go home, when he found who I was. My grandfather, who was a scribe, (as only about 10% of the people could read or write, now about 90% of the people are educated) taught me -- My text book was the Bible, He started me in the Old Testament, but later changed to the New Testament, and my progress was much faster, and this knowledge came in very handy later on in my life

My grandfather was one of the first to embrace the gospel, and he brought it to my parents. Another family by the name of Hoagland had also joined the church. As I was leaving the school after having been turned away, I met Joey Hoagland, he also had been turned away from school (This was because they were Mormons). I was crying and he said, "Never mind, some day we will go to America and when we grow up we will be missionaries".

When I went on my mission, one of the first persons I met, was another missionary, Joseph Hoagland, and while he was alive, when I went to Salt Lake, I always tried to call on him, and we had a good visit,

After being in Utah a couple of years, my grandfather Johnson, who was getting quite old, wanted to come to Utah, I sent him the money, and instead of waiting until a group came he came by himself, and the first thing we knew he was in Utah. I also sent for my Uncle Lindstrom and my niece, Hilda Akenrain Peterson.

While in Grantsville, I had many friends. I worked for Anderson Bros. for several years at 10 dollars per month. Anderson Bros. went in partner with Lyman Bros. Later this partnership was dissolved, and I took the Lyman Bros. sheep on commission for a year.

Among my friends was Lenora Millward, who became my wife. When our first child Emily was three days old, I received my call to go on a mission, but because of the serious illness of my father, my mission was postponed for a few weeks. My father died at the age of 55 of typhoid pneumonia. My mother went to live with my sister Mary. I went on my mission in Sept. 1893.

The first six weeks I worked on records, as I was a good writer. I returned from my mission in Nov. 1895. I was in charge of 98 persons coming back from Europe, 17 Elders and 81 members. I wasn't released until I got to Salt Lake.

In 1901 I came to Idaho and bought 40 acres of land from Anderson, and in March 2nd, 1902, when the Lyman Ward was divided, I was put in superintendent of Sunday School. In 1906 I was sustained as 2nd counselor to Bishop Bowen. In 1914 was sustained Bishop of the Lyman Ward.

Up to this time, very little recording had been done, and during the 27 years as bishop and counselor. I worked on getting the records in as good a shape as I could. After being released as bishop, I again worked in the Sunday School as superintendent.

Rudolph went on a mission about 1919. This was the time of the flu epidemic. Lucille died. Jan. 1920.

George went on a mission to Holland in 1929. Mother wasn't feeling well at the time, and after being ill for a little over a year, she died Aug. 28, 1930, and was buried Sept. 1, 1930.

I was a contractor, and built the Lyman Church - school house - and several of the better old homes, the Bybee house, Nels Jeensen Blackburns and helped on Ricks College.

Added by Emily Heilesen.

Charles Fredrick Rytting was born near Upsala Sweden. He was the third child in a family of seven. At the age of 14 he came to America, settling in Salt Lake City. Later the family moved to Grantsville, where he met and married Emma Lenora Millward in the Logan L.D.S. Temple, Jan. 6, .1892. From 1893 to 1895 he fined a mission for the Church in Sweden.

In 1901, he with his wife and four children moved to Idaho, making their home in Lyman.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three children. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emily Heilesen, May 30, 1949. At that time he was survived by the following sons and daughters, Emily Heilesen, Idaho Falls Millward, Oxnard, Cal. Rudolph, Victor; Andrew, Tremonton; Joseph, Rexburg; and George, Layton. He had 26 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, also a brother Gustave, Salt Lake City, and a sister, Mary Krauck, Portland, Ore.