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Otto Emil Anderson
His autobiography

TRANSLATOR COMMENT: This autobiography is hand-written on the letterhead of the "Minnesota Commission of Public Safety, Room 238, State Capitol, St Paul, Minnesota.

The translation is as follows:

Otto Emil Anderson

Born in Norrköping, Sweden the 17th of May 1867. Went through school with good grades and wrote his first verses/poems at eight years of age.

Left his father's house the 16th of April 1884 and arrived in Minneapolis the 17th of May the same year.

Has attended "life's great school", read and studied, toiled and written his whole life, trying many things, and at the present, appointed as the Assistant Superintendent of the State Capitol in St Paul, Minn. Has written much, both verse and poems (sometimes in English) in the Swedish-American newspapers under the signatures of "Otto", "Viftaren", "Magdalena", "Kalle Petersson", "Änkafru Johansson", "Borse Linqvist" and "Otto E. Anderson".

Has published the following books: "På Lediga Stunder", "I Skummasket", Svenska Låten", and "Smälänningarna skådspel" in four acts and is at the present engaged in writing "Borse Linqvusts äventyr i Sverige och i Amerika".

He has had the pleasure to see his poems and epistles taken up with good will both here and in Sweden by both the critics as well as the public. His poems are mostly of a joking content, but he has written many of a serious type – and his "Svenska Låtar" has been, by the Swedish newspapers, considered as or placed by the side of Runeberg's "Fänrik Ståls Sagor".

Married since the 25th of Aug. 1888 with Hulda Johanson from Ulricehamn and the marriage has been blessed with eight children of whom six are living.

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