## The Life History of Gullik and Christina (Gullikson) Swenson

In 1909 the family moved to Athabasca Landing, Alberta, Canada. The move was made by Railroad to Edmonton, the remaining one hundred miles to Athabasca were by Stage Coach. Arthur and Ann were born in Athabasca.

Christina and Sam, the eldest son operated a Hotel in Athabasca and Gullik had a Taxidermist shop. He would mount the specimens taken on big game hunts by Lords, Dukes, Earls and other Royalty from England, he would also guide these people on hunting trips to the wilds of the far north. They would load their supplies on large flat bottem boats called scows which they would pull and guide along the river shore by ropes called tump lines. Indians would be hired for this. The Athabasca is a large river and in those days Steam Boats would land load and unload freight at the landing. That is why the town was called Athabasca Landing in the early days. It is situated in a valley known as --The Land of the Whispering Hills.

Athabasca Landing was the last outpost to the North at that time, the Mounted Police were headquartered here as was the Hudson Bay Company. People from all nations seemed to gather here, Chinese, Japanese, Blacks and others. The Negroes had a rough time as they had to take the work that no one else wanted.

In 1915 the family moved to Evansville, Minnesota, they lived in Evansville and at Battle Lake while waiting for Gullik and Sam to clear up the transactions in Canada. Louie was born at Battle Lake. (Sofull)

In the Fall of 1915 they moved to Big Fork, Minnesota were they lived about one year.

In 1916 the move was made back to Holt Township and in 1919 they purchased the farm in East Valley Township where they passed their remaining days. Gullik Swenson passed away July 17,1947 at the age of 86 years 5 months and 9 days, his wife Christina passed away April 8,1948 at the age of 79 years and 8 months. They are at rest in the Emmanuel Free Lutheran Church Cemetery six miles north east of Holt, Ringbo Community.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

This marriage license was found at the Douglas County Courthouse, Alexandria, Minnesota (Sept. 4, 1991) in the Marriage Records Book under Gullickson, Christina L., Book D, Page 272.

(27)
Gullick Swenson
Douglas Co.

(18) Christina L. Gullickson Douglas Co.

(Affadavit of Gullick Swenson & Lars Gullickson, her father)

Witnesses: Lars Gullickson N. E. Nelson

Judge of Probate: James Fitzgerald

June 15, 1888 (Alexandria)

This was found at the Minnesota Historical Society (April 9, 1993), St. Paul, Minnesota in the census index records under:

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