



Scandia Baptist Cemetery Association

Historic Cemetery Established: 1857

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Let the Flags Fly Again....

KJ Bach



Old flagpole was difficult to lower... a multi-person project!

Just four years ago, Wendy Biorn, Carver County Historical Society Executive Director, encouraged the Scandia Baptist Cemetery Board to consider putting up signage to tell why this little Cemetery exists in the middle of a golf course. From that modest suggestion came the idea of a consolidated area to showcase various historical items and stories. On September 8, 2020 all the ideas, planning, estimates and discussions, were put into action when Don Washburn and crew, from Picture Perfect Landscaping, took their bobcat and dug into the mound at the opening along the North Fence of the Cemetery. The soil from the North Opening was then moved to the northwest point of the Cemetery to create a new flagpole and sign area. The old flagpole was pulled out and decommissioned (along with its toilet float pole topper!) with Margaret Osborne saving the existing US Flag to fly over the Cemetery on a new flagpole. The existing Swedish Flag was tattered thus replaced on the new Flagpole.

In October, the new flagpole and wooden sign were installed by Bruce Anderson, KJ Bach, Jacque Waugh and Margaret Osborne. Further work on the flagpole area included grass seeding, flagstone path, shrub & native flower planting, and mulch was also completed. Turn to the Cemetery website or FaceBook for pictures of this work. (http://www.scandiabaptistcemetery.org/?page_id=74).J

Funding for the new flagpole came as a grant from the Waconia Lions Club in 2019. The Cemetery Association is grateful for the Lions generous donation. Partial funding for the work done by Picture Perfect Landscaping came from a grant from the Waconia Rotary Club in 2018, but most of the funding for this work came from a plea to the descendants of those buried in the Cemetery. The Cemetery Board of Directors is extremely thankful for the generosity of its donors.

The North Entrance is now ready for the next phase to install a rock retaining wall, flagstone patios, the Swedish Rock, a bench (generously donated by the Family of Mary(Peltz) Luedtke) and signage. Signage will highlight Andrew & Elsa Peterson and also tell about the Scandia Church & Cemetery and the current Cemetery Association. The Board will be seeking out other grant opportunities along with any other contributions accepted for this next phase. Tax deductible contributions are payable to 'Scandia Baptist Cemetery' and mailed to Lisa Lundsten-Nees, 594 Brimhall St, St. Paul, MN 55116.

Thanks to Picture Perfect Landscaping for their reasonable cost estimate and timely work. Thanks to the Island View Golf Course for storing the new flagpole for almost a year. We honor our courageous ancestors by continuing to care and enhance their final resting place.



New telescoping Flagpole and relocated wooden sign at the NW Point of the Cemetery.

Family Hilite – Rev. Carl & Esther Tideman

Vivian Elving Tideman, Daughter-in-law of Carl & Esther Tideman

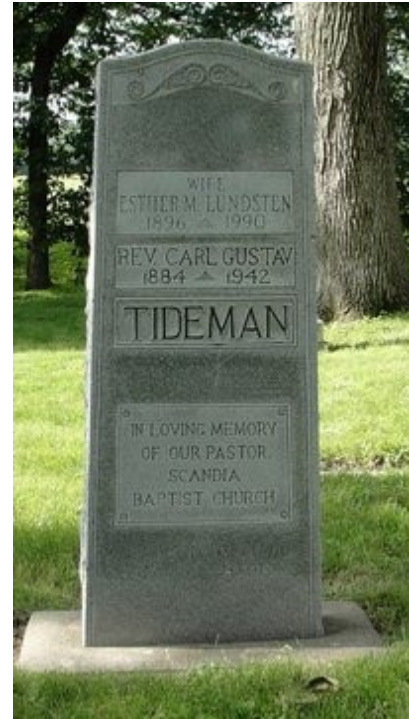
A Bit of Tideman History

Carl G. Tideman was born Oct. 17, 1883 in Gryttsjo, Ostergotland, Sweden. At age 3 his family came to America, settling in Worcester, Mass and New Haven, Conn. When Carl was nine his mother died of tuberculosis, leaving him and a younger sister to live with various relatives. Carl attended grade school at New Haven and then at age 14, he went to work in the steel mills in Worcester for about 5 years. In 1903 he came west to Minneapolis where his pastor, Dr Gordh was appointed head of the new Bethel Academy, which was the equivalent of high school. Carl was one of two in the first graduating class in 1908. It was at this time he preached at various churches including Scandia Church where he became acquainted with the people and was invited to stay at the Andrew Peterson home. He also enjoyed farm work there. During this time Carl really had no place to call home, so all his summers were spent in Minnesota. The community social activities and picnics seemed to fill the need that Carl had for family.

In 1909, Carl attended the University of Minnesota for two years. After that, with the aid of the Petersons, he was able to return out east to attend Harvard. Always short of money, he lived on soup and hash heated on a little gas burner. Despite the challenges, there were good times too. Excursions to Yale, their arch enemy in football, often ended in near riots. He was on the Varsity Track team and in one meet broke the existing record by running the mile in 4:28. He kept in shape during the summers by running each day. The German and Swedish farmers around Scandia were astonished by seeing the minister run by in his scanty track shorts and spiked shoes. Carl graduated in 1914, majoring in history, government and languages. After spending two years in the Oakland, Nebraska church where he was ordained, he went to Newton Seminary in Massachusetts for two years and then on to the University of Chicago for the M.A. he needed for teaching. In June of 1919, Carl was married to Esther Lundsten in an outdoor wedding on the Lundsten farm. They welcomed four children over the years: Peggy (Alban Eger), Corinne (Arleigh Lund), Carl (Aveleigh Reed), and Philip (Vivian Elving). All four children had happy memories of times spent with cousins at the farm and church events. Phil could still find his teeth marks on the back of the front bench in the church as a kid acting up. We checked it out at Bethel!

Rev. Tideman served the pulpit of the Scandia Baptist Church for several years around 1930. He passed away in 1942 at age 58.

Special thanks to Vivian Tideman for this special submission.



The gravemarker of Rev Carl & Esther Tideman at the Scandia Cemetery.



Thanks to the following Waconia businesses for their support to the Scandia Baptist Cemetery Association!!



Picture Perfect
Landscapes & Designs

To Kurt Knox & Island View Golf Course Maintenance crew for their willingness to help keep our common borders neat. And to VANDY'S GRILLE Restaurant at Island View Clubhouse for keeping the Cemetery volunteers fed & warm while working at the Cemetery.

To Don Washburn & the Picture Perfect crew for their design work & heavy lifting for the North Entrance & Flagpole area.



Thanks to Wendy Biorn and the CCHS Board of Directors for their collaboration and encouragement.



SBCA Perpetual Fund

Dan Norman

Thanks to the generosity and continued support from our donors, the SBCA Board of Directors has not “dipped” into the investments representing the SBCA Perpetual Care Fund for the special projects and improvements made to date. The perpetual fund is from gravesite lot sales with a portion of the investment proceeds dedicated to cemetery maintenance; mowing, fence repair, and tree maintenance beyond what our volunteers can handle. These maintenance items are annual expenses. In the Spring, the board and family volunteers work at the Cemetery Clean-Up Day clearing up the fall and winter tree debris with the great help from Bruce Anderson and his yard equipment. More volunteers are always welcome, as it is only for a couple of hours at next Spring’s **Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 15, 2021**. Please mark your calendars for this fellowship opportunity and you may see a distant cousin you have not seen in a while! As to the cemetery’s special projects, our board solicits area civic groups to donate materials and or funds to ensure project costs are kept as low as possible. We are thankful and encourage you to give us, the Board of Directors, any feedback on the newsletter, special projects, perhaps tour the cemetery and the Andrew Peterson Farm operated by the Carver County Historical Society. One last request, we treasure stories of the Scandia Baptist Church families and those buried in the cemetery; please take the time to connect with us so that your family story can be shared in a future newsletter.



Where did that Swedish Rock Come From?

Margaret Osborne

There is a unique rock in our cemetery, with an interesting story attached.



Back in 2006, the Board thought it would be nice to have a physical connection to the Swedish homeland where so many of the Scandia community came from. Board members Ralph Peterson and Paul Norman, contacted Jan Hermelin, founder of the Andrew Peterson

Society in Sweden, to see if a rock could be sent over from the Andrew Peterson homesite. Jan and Olle Karlsson chose a nice large stone out of a stone fence that lies 150 meters from the house that belonged to Andrew Peterson’s family. Andrew may have even helped to build this fence! They had the stone engraved by Bettan Fålh, who owns a nearby farm with her husband.



Stone Fence in Sweden

The stone was engraved: “Till minne av Andrew Peterson och de Svenska nybyggarna I Scandia”. This translates to “In memory of Andrew Peterson and the Swedish settlers of Scandia”.

Ralph paid for the stone to be shipped to Waconia in 2008. For many years it sat on a mound near the old flagpole site, but now the plan is for the Swedish Rock to become a key element of the new North Entrance, accompanied by plaques that tell the story of Andrew Peterson and the other immigrants who made this area their home.

[Note: this corrects an article in the May 2017 newsletter about Paul Norman and the Swedish Rock.]



Creative Fundraising in 2021

JJ Norman

During times of change in the world, SBCA is learning and exploring new ways of sustaining interest and support of the Cemetery We are still here and excited to share with you some upcoming plans to expand our outreach to you. From family to friends, we will be reaching out to you on our FaceBook and our website with some of the ways we plan to stay connected with you. From personal letters sent via email and through the USPS, to interviews online with living family members who have loved ones buried in the Cemetery. There are many interesting historical facts about the people who gathered at the Scandia Baptist Church. Stay tuned for interesting stories! We thank each of you for your interest and support of the SBCA!!



Your EMAIL Address... Please!

Dan Norman

The Board of Directors is constantly looking for ways to reduce operational costs, including the cost of publishing / mailing of these newsletters. An easy way to reduce costs is through email vs. hard copy mailing. **Please...save us \$3.50/hardcopy Newsletter** by providing your email address to Dan Norman, SBCA Vice President at dancnorman1@gmail.com. Also, email Dan with any updates to street address or names/addresses of other relatives who NEED to be interested in this newsletter and the happenings at the Cemetery. 😊



SBCA Financial Statement

Lisa Lundsten-Nees

A big "tack sa mycket" (thanks so much!) to all who have donated to Scandia Baptist Cemetery Association over the years! We depend on your donations to help us maintain Scandia Baptist Cemetery — final resting place of some of the early Carver County settlers, many of whom are our ancestors. As of the end of August this year, we had nearly \$44,000 on hand. However, the interest and dividend income produced by these funds is not nearly enough to cover all of our maintenance expenses. In 2020, our regular expenses, including lawn care and the work to date on the flagpole and entrance projects totaled over \$5,800. We were fortunate to receive over \$4,000 in donations during 2020 (and \$3,900 in 2019), many specifically earmarked for the new entrance, signage and flagpole projects. We were also very fortunate to receive a wealth of "sweat equity" volunteer donations to help with the projects!

Your financial help is needed not only for continued maintenance, but also to bring us closer to completing the planned improvements to the cemetery grounds! Please consider contributing to help maintain the legacy of your pioneering ancestors. Donations can be made by check to "Scandia Baptist Cemetery Association" and sent to:

SBCA
c/o Lisa Lundsten-Nees
594 Brimhall Street
St. Paul, MN 55116



Virtual Visit... through our website:

Margaret Osborne

Want to find the latest info about the Scandia Baptist Cemetery? Go to www.scandiabaptistcemetery.org to find the SBCA website for the latest news, pictures, newsletters and a link to the website "Find a Grave", to look-up an ancestor's name to see if they are buried at Scandia Baptist Cemetery. Comments/suggestions are always welcome by sending an email to Margaret Osborne at mao99mps@aol.com. Be sure to follow us on FaceBook as well!



Where's Your Final Resting Place?

Margaret Osborne

If you are exploring where your final resting place on earth might be, consider a gravesite in the Historic Scandia Cemetery. Recently 10 gravesites were made available for purchase. Four of these are still available, at \$1000 per gravesite. Each site can serve one traditional casket or two cremain burials. For more information, contact Margaret Osborne at mao99mps@aol.com.



Cleanup Day 2020 – COVID Style

KJ Bach

Spring Cleanup on Saturday, May 16, 2020 was impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. No invitations were issued to comply with the Minnesota Governor's Executive Order to not gather in groups of 8 or more. There wasn't much critical cleanup to do since there had been annual cleanup days for the past several years. Participants in the 2020 Clean-up were KJ Bach, Margaret Osborne & Bruce Anderson. We also appreciate the Island View Golf Course Maintenance Crew for keeping their side of the perimeter fence clean.

**Come!!! Share in a bit of cleanup,
hear the stories from other descendants & see
the progress on the North Entrance.**

Cleanup Day 2021

Saturday, May 15th, 2021, 10am.

**Scandia Baptist Cemetery
9175 Island View Rd, Waconia, MN**



Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead

The Andrew Peterson 'Spring on the Farm' day hosted by the Carver County Historical Society is 'ON HOLD' for 2021. For updates see: <https://www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org/>

For more information on Andrew Peterson go to: www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org/peterson_farm.php

