

## Wedell August

**Name:** August Wedell

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Birth: 18 Aug 1863 Husaby, Västra Götaland Län, Sverige  
Death: 7 Jul 1919 St. Paul, Ramsey Co., Minnesota  
Burial: 10 Jul 1919 Union Cemetery, Maplewood, Ramsey Co., Minnesota  
Father: Sven Jonsson (1814-1890)  
Mother: Anna Andersdotter (1826-1881)

### Misc. Notes

1887 Emigration: Emigranten Populär, 1783-1951 Swedish Emigration Records, 1783-1951 about August Svensson; Name: August Svensson, Birth Year: abt 1864, Gender: Man (Male); Place of Origin: Husaby Västra Götaland Län, Sverige, Destination: Deer Park (St. Croix Co., Wisconsin), Record Date: 1 aug 1887, Port of Departure: Göteborg, Database Name: EmiHamn, Archive Call Number: 32:540:3578, Principal Person: Svensson August, www.ancestry.com

1887 Immigration: New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 about Aug Svenson, Name: Aug Svenson, Arrival Date: 14 Oct 1887; Estimated Birth Year: abt 1863; Age: 24; Gender: Male; Port of Departure: Liverpool, England and Queenstown, Ireland, Destination: United States of America; Place of Origin: Sweden; Ethnicity/Race-/Nationality: Swedish; Ship Name: Germanic; Port of Arrival: New York; Line: 44; passenger 319; Microfilm Serial: M237; Microfilm Roll: M237\_513; List Number: 1333; Port Arrival State: New York; www.ancestry.com

Minnesota 1895 Census; Minnesota, Ramsey County; City of St. Paul, Ward 5, Precinct 8, page 6, Family # 2513 & 2514; address 418 Goodrich Avenue

1900 Federal Census: Minnesota, Ramsey Co. St. Paul City, Ward 5, Precinct 8, ED #99, Sheet 3A, Household #39, 418 Goodrich Ave

1910 Federal Census; Minnesota, Ramsey Co. , St. Paul City; Ward 5, 8th Precinct, ED #68; Page 4A, Dwelling #66, 391 Banfil St.

Citizenship Papers: State of Minnesota, County of Ramsey, Oct 18, 1897, Book P, page 73; Microfilm located at Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, Minnesota

Death Certificate: 1919-MN-23917; Minnesota History Center; August 2002

Obituary: St. Paul Dispatch, July 9, 1919, page 16

WEDELL --In St. Paul, July 7, 1919, August, aged 55 years, beloved husband of Emma and father of Gustaf Wedell, 391 Banfil st. Member of North Star Camp No. 1637, M. W. A., and Mystic Workers of the World. Funeral from residence Thursday, July 10, at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Union cemetery. Auto funeral.

Article about accidental death: St. Paul Dispatch, July 7, 1919, page 1

KILLED AT DEPOT BY TONS OF ROCK

August Wedell, 55 Buried Under Wreckage After Avalanche From Roof

MANY NARROW ESCAPES

Coroner to Sift Fatal Mishap. First Since Station Work Began

Several tons of stones falling from the roof of the new union station structure at what is to be the 4th st. entrance, crushed and instantly killed August Wedell, 55, 391 Banfil st., laborer at noon today. Two other men were first believed to have been killed, but a clerk of the payroll showed that no one else is missing according to J. Stevens, president Stevens & Son. Chicago contractors, in charge of the work. The removal of he debris will take several hours he said.

STANDING ON PLATFORM

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Mr. Wedell was standing on a raised platform in front of the columns of the building giving signals to the derrick below. The rock had been newly laid on the top of the wall in front of the building. Suddenly, and without any warning, according to other laborers, the mass of rock fell. It crushed the platform and Mr. Wedell to the ground below, killing him instantly. Luckily nobody else was below at the time. Several laborers had narrow escapes. **BODY IN WRECKAGE.**

The body of Mr. Wedell was recovered from the wreckage shortly before 2 p.m. today. It was considered unsafe to walk in front of the building, so a rope had to be lowered from the derrick on the roof. A fellow worker was let down to lift away the pieces of the rock from above the body. Coroner C.A. Ingerson will investigate the case thoroughly, he said.

### WIDOW DOES NOT KNOW.

The dead man is survived by his widow and a son Gustave, employed at the Great Northern railroad shops. The widow has not been told yet of her husband's death. Mr. Stevens said it was the first serious accident since the building began. Hundreds of persons on their way to and from lunch, stopped to look at the debris. Police men were busy keeping people away from the vicinity considered dangerous.

### Spouses

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**1: Emma Maria Svensdotter**  
Birth: 13 Jan 1866 Husaby, Västra Götaland Län, Sverige  
Death: 3 Jul 1958 St. Paul, Ramsey Co., Minnesota  
Burial: 5 Jul 1958 Union Cemetery, Maplewood, Ramsey Co., Minnesota  
Father: Sven Anders Andersson (1836-1929)  
Mother: Maja Catrina Petersdotter (1841-)  
Marriage: 23 Oct 1891 St. Paul, Ramsey Co., Minnesota  
Children: Gustave (Died as Infant) (1892-1893)  
Florence Mathilda (Died as Infant) (1893-1895)  
Baby (Died as Infant) (1896-1896)  
Gustave Edwin (1898-1996)

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