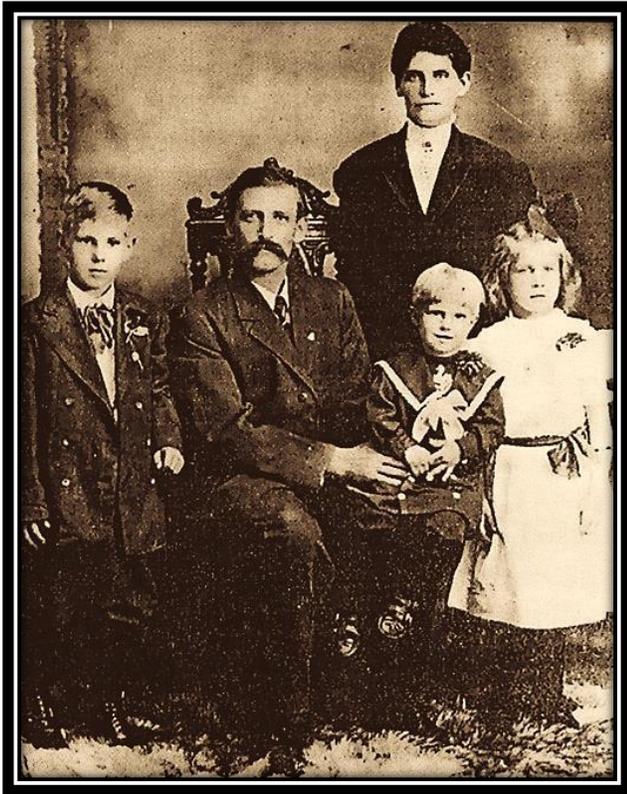


# TITANIC VICTIMS – THE WILHELM JOHANSSON SKOOG FAMILY OF IRON MOUNTAIN



**FAMILY OF WILHELM JOHANSSON SKOOG:** (left to right) Karl Thorsten Skoog (1900-1912), Wilhelm Johansson Skoog (1872-1912), Anna Bernhardina (Karlsson) Skoog (1868-1912), Harald Skoog (1906-1912), and Mabel Skoog (1902-1912). [Internet]

## **Wilhelm Johansson Skoog**

Birth: April 6, 1872  
Death: April 15, 1912

Wilhelm Johansson Skoog, 40, was born April 6, 1872, in Forshem, Sweden, a son of Andres Johanson and his wife.

Skoog was a mining engineer living in Hällekis, Västergötland, Sweden. He was married to Anna Bernhardina Karelsson, and they had four children: Harald, Karl, Mabel and Margit.

After their marriage Wilhelm and Anna emigrated to the United States and for some years lived in Iron Mountain,

Dickinson County, Michigan, where Wilhelm was an engineer at the Pewabic Mine.

The family left Iron Mountain in November, 1911, but regretted the move after a few months and decided to return.

Skoog was related to Ellen Petterson and Jenny Henriksson and the two young women were persuaded to join the Skoogs in returning to the United States. They traveled via Stockholm, Gothenburg and Hull, England, before boarding the *Titanic* at Southampton.

All of them died in the disaster. Only Jenny's body was recovered.

The Mansion House Fund paid 875.52 Kr (£48) to his parents. 911 Kr (£50) damage claims were paid to his parents plus an additional payment of 350 kr paid 28 June 1917. Wilhelm's father was not satisfied with the damage claims paid by White Star and with an American lawyer had his own private lawsuit against the company and refused to pay the ministry of foreign affairs any payments for their lawyer.

## **Anna Bernhardina Karlsson Skoog**

Birth: February 13, 1868  
Death: April 15, 1912

Anna Skoog, 43, was born Friday, November 13, 1868. She was married to Wilhelm Skoog. The family was traveling from Stockholm to Iron Mountain, Michigan. They boarded the *Titanic* at Southampton as third class passengers. The entire family was lost. Their bodies were never recovered.

## **Karl Thorsten Skoog**

Birth: July 13, 1900  
Death: April 15, 1912

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Karl Thorsten Skoog was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, on July 13, 1900. He was the eldest child of Wilhelm Johansson Skoog (born 1872), a mine engineer, and Anna Bernhardina Karlsson (born 1868), both Swedish immigrants hailing from Skaraborg who had emigrated to the United States shortly after their marriage in 1898.

He had three siblings: Mabel (born in 1902), Harald (born in 1906) and Mrgit Elizabeth (born in 1910). The family appears on the 1910 census living in Iron Mountain, Michigan, and his father was listed as a miner. He worked for the Pewabic Mine as an engineer.

At age seven, young Karl was involved in a railroad accident near the Pewabic Mine. A railroad severed his left leg and the toes on his right foot were later amputated, damaged beyond repair. He used crutches for mobility.

The family decided to return to Sweden around November 1911 which they did, but soon regretted the move and made plans to return to America. Having travelled via Stockholm, Göteborg and Hull, the family boarded the *Titanic* at Southampton on 10 April 10, 1912, as third class passengers (ticket number 347088 which cost £27, 18s). Travelling with them were two relatives, Elin Pettersson and Jenny Henriksson, who they had persuaded to join them.

How young Karl coped on the night of the sinking on crowded, sloping decks will remain unknown. Karl, along with the rest of his family, were lost and their bodies were never recovered.

## Mabel Skoog

Birth: July 22, 1902

Death: April 15, 1912

Mabel Skoog, 9, was the daughter of Wilhelm and Anna Skoog. The family was traveling from Stockholm to Iron Mountain, Michigan. They boarded the *Titanic* at Southampton as third class passengers. The entire family was lost. Their bodies were never recovered.

Karl Thorsten was involved in a terrible train accident when he was seven. He was bringing his father lunch and as usual decided to jump on to a shunting train to bring him to the mines. It was November and it was snowing. At the same time Karl jumped for the train, the train jolted. He was caught and buried in the gravel with his leg crushed beneath the wheels and the metal rail. Local crew men pulled him out and summoned a doctor, but the damage was too much and his left leg was amputated. He also had several toes amputated from his right foot. The Skoog family was given a monetary settlement.

Karl was 11 years old when he started out on his Titanic trip to America. He, along with his parents, brother and sisters, was returning to America after a visit to the “old country” of Sweden. They were returning to their home in Iron Mountain, Michigan, where his father worked for a mine.

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Traveling with them were two young women, also from Sweden.

One day when Karl Thorsten was about 7 or 8 he was taking his father's lunch to him via the railroad yard. He liked hopping onto the rail car for a ride in the direction of the mine whenever he could. But this time didn't turn out so well. He missed his perch as the train slowly moved by, slipped, and fell onto the tracks, just as the train jerked. His legs were pinned hopelessly under the wheels. The railroad workers rushed him to the hospital but the damage was done. Karl Thorsten lost his left leg and the toes on his right foot and forever after would have to walk on crutches.

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## **Harald Skoog**

Birth: August 22, 1906

Death: April 15, 1912

Harald Skoog, 6, was the son of Wilhelm and Anna Skoog. The family was traveling from Stockholm to Iron Mountain, Michigan. They boarded the *Titanic* at Southampton as third class passengers. The entire family was lost. Their bodies were never recovered.

## **Margit Elizabeth Skoog**

Birth: April 14, 1910

Death: April 15, 1912

Margit Elizabeth Skoog, 2, was the daughter of Wilhelm and Anna Skoog. The family was traveling from Stockholm to Iron Mountain, Michigan. They boarded the *Titanic* at Southampton as third class