

Ada Albertina Klasson, född 30/8 1881, Knölen Gällstad.



Föräldrarna hette Klas Alfred Gustafsson och Johanna Maria Johannesdotter.

Ada arbetade som strykerska i Borås och emigrerade därifrån till USA i augusti 1904. En av hennes bröder Otto Robert, född 1887, emigrerade sedan också till USA 1907. Han bodde tillsammans med Ada i Bellingham, Washington.

Men redan 1908 dog han i en tragisk olycka. Han arbetade vid en kvarn i Bellingham och verkade inte ha fått korrekta instruktioner hur man skulle hantera denna, tyvärr...

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IGNORANCE OF MACHINERY CAUSES DEATH

**Robert Klasen, Swedish Youth,
Who Was Killed Almost In-
stantly At Larson's Mill Yes-
terday, Might Have Touched
Lever and Stopped Saw That
Cut Him to Pieces.**

Had Robert Klasen understood the first thing about the machinery of the resaw at Larson's mill on Lake Whatcom he would not have met his death yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock. Had he put his foot on the trip he could have stopped the machinery and had he had the presence of mind to throw his left arm to either side and clutched a lever to throw open the greedy rollers when he felt himself being drawn in he would have been saved, according to statements made by Dr. H. Thompson, coroner, this morning.

Klasen met a most fearful death before any one of his fellow workers was aware that he was even in danger. Beside him stood D. A. Berry, who had charge of the resaw. The first intimation he had of trouble was when, in his dying throes, the youth kicked him.

There were no witnesses to the accident, but it is supposed that Klasen either attempted to shove into the rollers a board that had become jammed or to pick up an oil can that had fallen. His right thumb was caught in the cogs of the rollers and he was rapidly drawn into the machinery. He apparently never uttered

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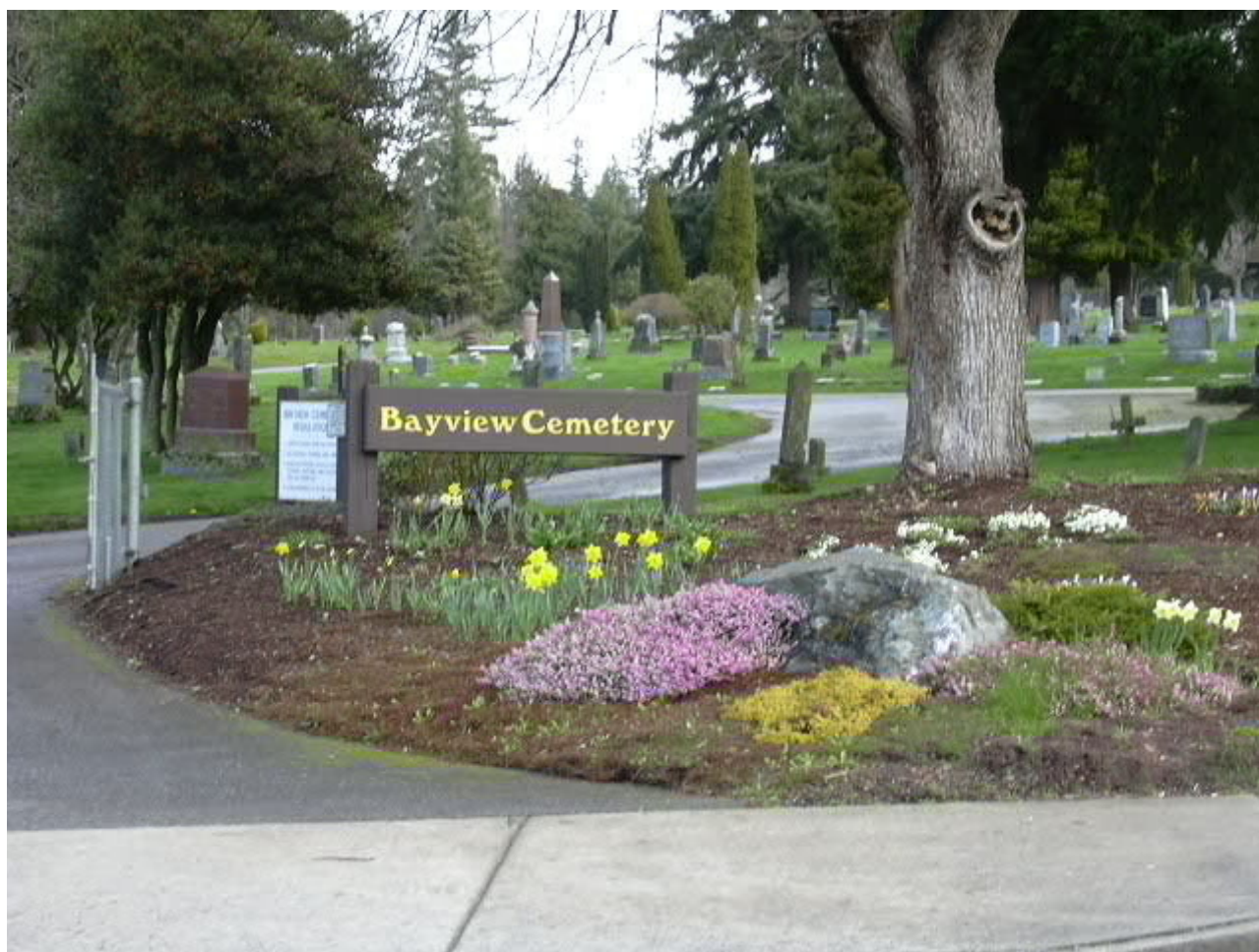
The whole right side of the unfortunate young man was ground up and the great saw cut a gash extending up from the shoulder through the skull. He was dead when his fellow workers discovered his horrible plight and stopped the machinery to remove him from its clutches.

Klasen came to Bellingham in September and went to work at the Larson mill as an assistant to the resawer early this month. He has been over from Sweden less than a year and all that time has been with John Anderson, his closest friend.

Since coming to Bellingham Robert Klasen has made his home with his unmarried sister, Ada Klasen, a worker in a local laundry. The pair had rooms at 451 Grant street. They were alone in this country, the father, three brothers and two sisters all being in Sweden.

The body now lies at the undertaking parlors of H. O. Bingham, 1313 Dock street. The funeral arrangements are now being made and it is likely that he will be buried from the undertaking rooms tomorrow afternoon, Rev. O. Johnson officiating.

Robert är begravd på Bayview Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom County, Washington



Ada gifte sig i januari 1909, med John Levin Andersson. Vid den tiden arbetar hon som tvätterska, och John var snickare i Bellingham. De står som bosatta i Bellingham, men vigseln sker i Seattle.

John dog redan i febr 1910.

Deras dotter, Ellen Linnea född 7/11 1909, dog 18/1 1913. Vid tiden för hennes död så hade Ada och Ellen redan flyttat till Providence, Rhode Island.

I Providence gifte Ada sig med Ernst Gottfrid Andersson i november 1913.

De fick en dotter Ellen Maria, född i dec. 1915. Hon blev sjuksköterska och dog 1996, Providence Rhode Island.



Ada och Ernst Gottfrid.

Ada dog1 april 1954, i Providence, och Ernst dog 6 april 1964.



Grace Church Cemetery, Providence, Rhode Island