

## Holst Register Report

This branch of the Holst family is from Göteborg, Sweden. According to family lore, the patriarch, Andres (or Anders), supposedly migrated to Hull, England, where he was a "bonesetter" or surgeon.

Like their wives, John Oscar Holst and his brother Axel emigrated to America in the 1870s; arriving in Boston and settling into the thriving Swedish community in East Boston, Suffolk co., MA. The family surname is also spelled "Holz"; or "Holtz" and, if you look up SOUNDINDEX records, you are also encouraged to look up "Holt".

John Oscar was tremendously affected by his first wife's death. Supposedly, after she died, John Oscar took to drink, often "drinking up his paycheck" on his way home from work. His daughter, Esther, reacts to this by becoming a teetotaling, born-again Baptist who would not allow a drop of alcohol in the house. However, Esther adored her Geritol because she could "feel the vitamins running down her arm". She never realized that Geritol was alcohol-based and, so, she was getting soused.

### First Generation

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1. **Andres<sup>1</sup> HOLST** was born in Sweden. <sup>[1,2]</sup> Family lore asserts that he migrated to Hull, England and was a Bonesetter or Surgeon there.<sup>[3]</sup>

Andres married **Sabina (or Saben or Sibina) OLSDOTTER** who was also born in Sweden.<sup>[1,2]</sup>

They had the following children:

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| <b>2</b> | <b>i.</b>  | <b>John Oscar<sup>2</sup> (1858-1938)</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>ii.</b> | <b>Axel</b>                               |

Generation: G2 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 20/21

### Second Generation

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2. **John Oscar<sup>2</sup> HOLST** (*Andres<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 14 August 1858 in Göteborg, Sweden.<sup>[2,3]</sup> John Oscar died in Norfolk, Norfolk co., MA on 16 December 1938; he was 79y:4m:2d.<sup>[1]</sup> He was buried on 18 December 1938 in the "Millis-Norfolk Big Cemetery" - Prospect Hill, Millis, Norfolk co., MA.<sup>[1,3,4]</sup> The cause of his death was Carcinoma of Prostate with metastases to Lungs and Throat (onset: January 1938).<sup>[1]</sup>

John emigrated from Sweden to Boston, Suffolk co., MA - arriving on 21 June 1879.<sup>[6]</sup> John filed his citizenship intention on 21 May 1885 and was naturalized on 15 May 1891 at age 32 (the paperwork was officially recorded on 19 September 1891).<sup>[6]</sup>

John Oscar was apparently a big, tall man<sup>[3]</sup> who made his kids go to work right after school. Most of the family wanted his son Albert to get more schooling, but it was not to be.<sup>[3]</sup> He made his own living as a Machinist & Locomotive Repairman in the Readville Car Shop for NY, NH, H & H Railroad. He was forced to retire in 1936 after 50 years on the job when his employers discovered that he was 75 years old. He apparently was "madder than hell" was ran about the place doing chin ups on the door frames and other feats of strength to try and prove his fitness for the job. His employers were intractable, however.<sup>[1,2,4,5]</sup>

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Residences: 8 Harmony Place, East Boston, Suffolk co., MA (in 1891 at the time of his Naturalization).<sup>[6]</sup>  
1 Union Place, East Boston, Suffolk co., MA (in 1895 at the time of Esther's birth).<sup>[5]</sup> 98 Loudon Street,  
East Boston, Suffolk co., MA (in 1898 at the time of Augusta's death).<sup>[7]</sup> Ruggles, Franklin, Norfolk co.,  
MA (at time of his death - although he died on Main Street, Norfolk, Norfolk co., MA)<sup>1</sup> Millis, Norfolk co.,  
MA.<sup>[3]</sup>

On 15 November 1882, when John Oscar was 24, he first married **Augusta Matilda SVENSSON (see Svensson)**, daughter of John SVENSSON & Christina [surname not known], in Boston, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[2]</sup>

They had the following children:

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| <b>4</b> | <b>i.</b> | <b>Esther Gladys (1895-1969)</b> |
| <b>5</b> | ii.       | Albert                           |
| <b>6</b> | iii.      | George                           |
| <b>7</b> | iv.       | Victoria (-1971)                 |
| <b>8</b> | v.        | Florence (-1964)                 |

Generation: G1 Grandparents

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John Oscar second married **Mina [surname not known]**, parentage unknown.

They had the following children:

- i. Grace
- 9** i. Alice
- 10** ii. Gladys
- 11** iii. John
- 12** iv. Olga
- 13** v. Lorimer
- 14** vi. Doug

John Oscar third married **Emma [surname not known]**.

**3. Axel HOLST** (*Andres*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Sweden. At the time of his immigration, he is listed as being a "laborer". He later became a Fireman in East Boston, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[8]</sup>

Axel emigrated from Sweden to Boston, Suffolk co., MA aboard the *SS Scythia* -- arriving on 22 September 1887 (aged 20 and with the occupation of "Laborer" listed on the manifest.).

He lived at 5 Union Place, East Boston, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[8]</sup>

Axel married **Bertha [surname not known]**, who was also born in Sweden.<sup>[8]</sup>

They had the following children:

- i. Olaf Henry
- ii. Henry
- iii. George
- iv. Mabel
- v. Lillian

### Third Generation

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**4. Esther Gladys HOLST** (*John Oscar*<sup>2</sup>, *Andres*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 10 March 1895 in Boston, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[3,5,9,10]</sup> Esther Gladys died in Quincy, Norfolk co., MA on 5 February 1969; she was 73y:10m:23d.<sup>[3,11,12]</sup> and is buried in Blue Hill Cemetery - Braintree, Norfolk co., MA.<sup>[3,11]</sup> The cause of her death was Carcinoma of the Colon (6 months).<sup>[3]</sup>

Esther had a Grammar School Education<sup>[3]</sup> and was a Candy wrapper at Walter Baker Chocolate Company at the time of her marriage.<sup>[13]</sup>

On 31 December 1918, when Esther Gladys was 23, she married **Laforrest Leroy HALL** (*see Hall*), son of Ordway Rider HALL & Ella ROSS, in Dorchester, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[3,4,9,13,14]</sup>

They lived at 45 Mallet Street (at Walter's birth).<sup>[10]</sup>

They had the following children:

- i. **Walter Kenneth (1920-) (see Hall)**
- ii. LaForrest Arnold [Bud] (1922-)

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5. **Albert HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetary - Dorchester, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[3,4]</sup> Albert was the "smart one" in the family and was a Rosicrucian. He married **Louise [surname not known]**, who killed him by shooting him in the back when he discovered her with a lover.<sup>[3,4]</sup>

6. **George HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) was a machinist and married **Marian [surname not known]**.<sup>[3]</sup>

7. **Victoria HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) Victoria died on 15 February 1971 in Quincy, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[3,12]</sup> and is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery - Dorchester, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[3]</sup> The cause of her death was Diabetes complications. These made her a blind amputee when she died.<sup>[3]</sup>

Two of her occupations were Baker Chocolate worker and Girl Friday for a Dr. Morgan in Hyde Park, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[3]</sup> She was a Life Member of Keystone Chapter #18 of Hyde Park.<sup>[19]</sup>

8. **Florence HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) died of Cancer on 1 November 1964 in Quincy, Suffolk co., MA and is buried in Blue Hill Cemetery - Braintree, Norfolk co., MA.<sup>[3]</sup> She was a Bookkeeper and Office Worker.<sup>[3]</sup>

9. **Alice HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) was considered attractive<sup>[3]</sup> and married **[not known] LACROIX**. They had one child:

- i. Buddy

10. **Gladys HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*). Gladys married late and was the "wild one".<sup>[3]</sup>

11. **John HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) was a Social Worker and lived in Naples, Collier co., FL.<sup>[3]</sup>

12. **Olga HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) married **William PITT**. They had the following children:

- i. Marjorie
- ii. Edith
- iii. Billie

13. **Lorimer HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) was a Machinist and a Mason Regulator.<sup>[3]</sup> He married **Annie [surname not known]**.

They had the following children:

- i. Mina
- ii. Ann

14. **Doug HOLST** (*John Oscar<sup>2</sup>, Andres<sup>1</sup>*) married **Abbie [surname not known]**.

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