

The Life of Einar Erickson written by him

Einar Erickson the youngest son of Erick Runolfson and Gudrun Johnson was born at Medaland Skaptafells County Iceland December 30th 1847. I lived with my Parents until I was three years of age. I then moved to Bardur Olafson and Gudrun Gudmundsen who lived neighbours to my Parents. My Father had to work hard at his Carpenter trade in order to support his large family, which consisted of twelve children besides me. In the Spring of 1851 my Father died leaving my Mother and Children in poor circumstances. In the year 1860 I moved with my Foster Parents to Fjosar County here they bought them new home. In the Spring of '63 my Foster Father died leaving wife but no children beside myself. The 14th of May 1865 I left my dear Foster Mother and commenced to learn the goldsmith trade by Professor John Bernhardson. I agreed to work faithfully for him fifteen hours every day for three years without pay except my board. In the year 1869 I completed my learning and passed the examination successfully he paid me 100 Kroners for my work the last year. I staid with him, then I moved Westman Island where I bought me a house and continued to work at my Trade. The 6th of November 1870 I married to Miss Gudrun Magnusen having my old Mother living with me at the time felt very pleased to be able to support her. In the year 1871 we had a daughter born named Halldora Helga she died November 29th the same year. October 8 1872 we had second daughter born named Lillie during these years I worked at my trade most of the time but the first day of August 1873 I was hired as a Clerk by the Danish Merchant for 300 Kroner per year. The year