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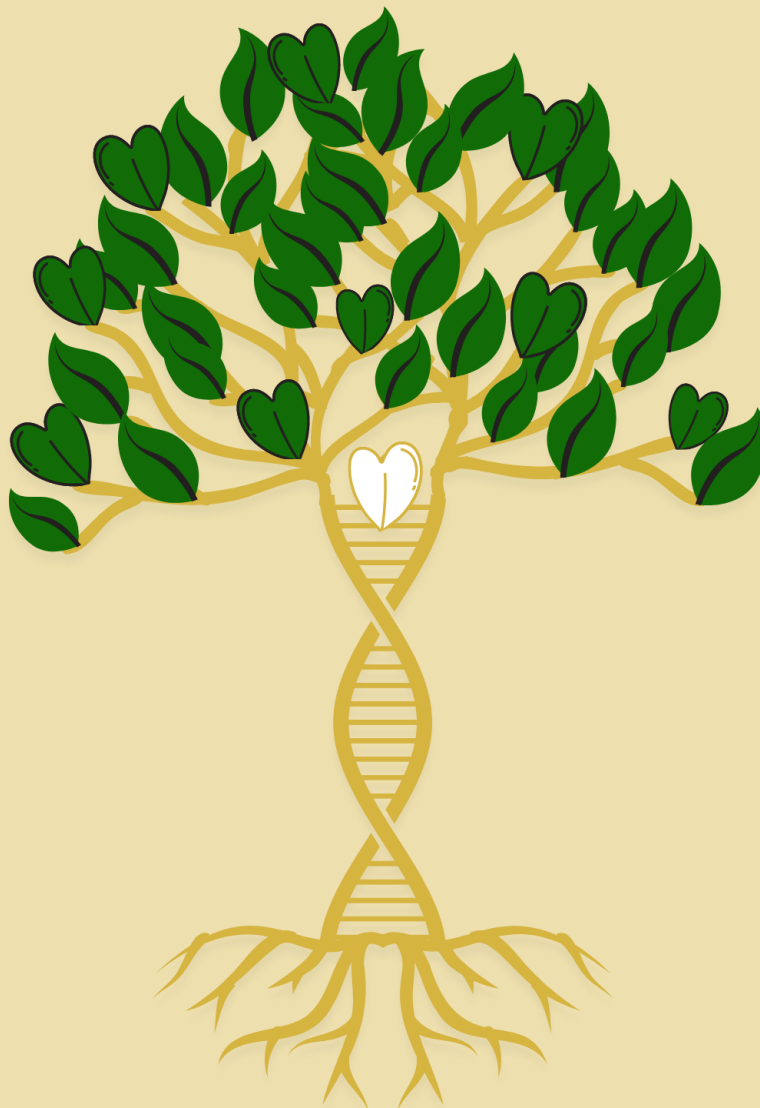
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Case Study: Resolving Conflicting Direct and Indirect Evidence

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Resolving Conflicts Between Direct and Indirect Evidence to Identify the Mother of Arthur Egeland (1881–1883) of Chicago, Illinois

When children die young, their connections to their families are sometimes forgotten or missed. Such is the case for Arthur Egeland. His death at eighteen months old and an unknown final grave location left him alone with no connection to his family. Expanding research to include his father and siblings uncovers conflicts for Arthur's siblings' names, identifies his same-named sibling, and reveals the misreporting of his mother's maiden name.

The Short-Lived Story of Arthur Egeland

Arthur Egeland was born at 93 Pratt Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on 30 November 1881. He was the third child of Anne *Hansen*, age twenty-six. His father, Henry Egeland, age thirty-three, worked as an upholsterer. Anne and Henry were born in Norway.¹ They baptized their son as “Irvin Arthur” at Bethany Church on 30 April 1882.² Arthur contracted scarlet fever and died at 97 Pratt Street on 10 January 1883.³ Initially buried at Graceland Cemetery, he was reinterred at Wunder's Cemetery five months later.⁴ His final resting place at Wunder's is unknown.⁵ If Arthur was Anne's third child, were Anne Hansen and Henry Egeland the parents of Arthur's two older siblings?

Annie's maiden name variations include: Rangelsen, Reynoldsen, Rineldson, Rognaldsen, Ronaldsen, Ronnalson, Ronnensen, and Rynaldsen. For consistency, it will be spelled Rognaldsen.

Henry's surname spellings include: Aehland, Aglang, Egeland, Egelin, Egelund, and Egland. For consistency, it will be spelled Egeland.

Sources with access restricted to FamilySearch centers or affiliate libraries are designated “[RA]” after the URL. All URLs were verified on 12 October 2024.

¹ Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1881, register no. 14372, Arthur, son of Henry Eglund and Anne Hansen; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6XMQ-XW5>) > IGN 004254973 > image 1293 of 1962.

² Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 89, Irvin Arthur Egeland; “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00313). The parish record does not include Anne's maiden name.

³ Chicago City Board of Health, Cook County, Illinois, Physician's Certificate of Death, 1883, certificate no. 13966, Arthur E. Egeland; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-D1RF-KJ>) > IGN 004004271 > image 235 of 1766.

For parents' names, see “Deaths, Egeland,” *The Daily Inter Ocean* (Chicago, Illinois), p. 8, col. 4; imaged, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/34191498>).

⁴ Graceland Cemetery (Chicago, Illinois), burial receipt, no. 14966, 12 January 1888, Arthur Egeland, Block 9, Grave 228.

⁵ John McBride, Wunder's Cemetery (wunders_cemetery@outlook.com), to Kristina Gow Clever (clevergeneticancestry@gmail.com), email, 2 June 2013, “Egeland burials at Wunder's Cemetery,” privately held by Clever (clevergeneticancestry@gmail.com), 433 Five Mile Road, Eufaula, Alabama. No record found for Arthur Egeland or similar.

Henry Egeland's Households in Chicago Identify a Wife, Annie, and at Least Four Children

Only one known Henry Egeland, who worked as an upholsterer, lived in Chicago in the 1870s to early 1900s. Henrik "Henry" Elias Egeland, son of Elias Thorstensen and Oline Cecile Madsdatter, was born on 20 October 1848 in Christiania, Norway.⁶ In 1865, Henry worked as a steamship servant and lived with his brother, Thorvald.⁷ Henry emigrated from Christiania to Hull, England, aboard the SS *Oder* on 28 June 1867 and arrived in the United States about 1868.⁸ He resided in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, as early as 1869, and worked as an upholsterer.⁹ He

⁶ Garnisonsmenigheten Kirkebøker (Christiania, Norway), Ministerialbok 9 (1842–1859), Dødte [baptisms], p. 119, no. 71, Henrik Elias, born 20 October 1848; imaged, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/kb20060227070919>), image 122 of 380; citing Statsarkivet i Oslo, "Garnisonsmenigheten Kirkebøker, AV/SAO-A-10846/F/Fa/L0008: Parish register (official) no. 8, 1842-1859, p. 119."

Henry is a name variation of Henrik. United State Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, compiler, *Foreign Versions, Variations and Diminutives of English Names: Foreign Equivalents of United States Military and Civilian Titles* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1973), p. 21.

⁷ 1865 census of Norway, Christiania [municipality], Oslo [county], "Specialliste over Folketallet" [population census], census district 000, urban residence 0631a Vestre Elvebakke, list 3, Henrik Egeland in Thorvald Egeland household; imaged, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/ft20090715630519>), image 1639 of 5425; citing Riksarkivet, "R A, 1865 census for Kristiania, 1865, p. 1639." Henrik is listed as "logerende" [lodging], but baptisms records show he and Thorvald share the same parents.

For Thorvald's parents, see Garnisonsmenigheten Kirkebøker (Christiania, Norway), Ministerialbok 9 (1842–1859), Dødte [baptisms], p. 17, no. 8, Thorvald Matheus, born 9 November 1842; imaged, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/kb20060227070817>), image 20 of 380; citing Statsarkivet i Oslo, "Garnisonsmenigheten Kirkebøker, AV/SAO-A-10846/F/Fa/L0008: Ministerialbok nr. 8, 1842-1859, s. 17."

⁸ Christiania Politikammer (Norway), Emigrant Protokoll, Book 2, 1867–1868, p. 84, no. 192, Henrik Egeland; imaged, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/em20110222610229>), image 52 of 182; citing Statsarkivet i Oslo, "Oslo politidistrikt, AV/SAO-A-10085/E/Ee/Eef/L0002: Emigrantprotokoll, 1867-1869."

"Ship Index 1825–1925," database, *Norway–Heritage* (<https://www.norwayheritage.com/queryyear.asp>), 1867, SS *Oder*, no. 1406, departed Christiania on 28 June 1867 bound for Hull.

For immigration year, also see 1900 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 15, p. 200B–201A (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 494, sheets 18–19 (penned), dwelling 213 ~~227~~, family ~~392~~ ~~385~~ 395, Henry Egeland household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6L2H-35G>) > IGN 004113724 > images 404–504 of 891.

No arrival records found in the author's search for Henr* Egeland (or similar), born 1846–1850, or arrived 1867–1869. "Immigration & Travel," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/40>). "Records," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search>), filtered results to "Migration & Naturalization."

⁹ *Edwards' Annual Director to the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, etc., etc. in the City of Chicago for 1869–70* (St. Louis, Missouri: Edwards & Co. Publishers), p. 267, Henry Egeland; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QST-89DX-4895>) > IGN 0007548395 > image 1278 of 1745. No residences found in the author's search 1871–1873 for Egeland and other spellings. *Edwards' Annual Director to the Inhabitants, Institutions, Incorporated Companies, Manufacturing Establishments, Business, Business Firms, etc., etc. in the City of Chicago for 1870–71* (St. Louis, Missouri: Edwards & Co. Publishers); also, subsequent years with similar title: 1871, 1872, and 1873.

The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago...1874–5 (Chicago, Illinois: Williams, Donnelley & Company), p. 370, Henry Egeland; imaged, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/4705600>); also, subsequent years with similar titles: (1875–6) p. 118, Hendre Agelan, and (1877–8) p. 342.

Thomas Hutchinson, Compiler, *The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago* (Chicago, Illinois: Donnelley, Loyd and Company, 1877–1878), p. 343, Henry Egeland; imaged, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/4735675>).

lived at various homes on Pratt Street from 1878 to 1887—the same street where Arthur was born in 1881.¹⁰

Henry married Annie Rognaldsen (twenty-two) on 6 December 1877 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago.¹¹ His 1880 household included his wife, Annie (twenty-four), and two children, Harry (two) and Ella (three months).¹² Was this Annie Rognaldsen that Henry married in 1877 or was this Anne Hansen, mother of Arthur Egeland born in 1881?

Nothing suggests that Henry Egeland married anyone other than Annie Rognaldsen. Henry did not marry anyone else in Cook County between 1877 and Arthur's birth in 1881.¹³ Annie Egeland did not die in Cook County between 1877 and 1881.¹⁴ Henry's 1900 household included

¹⁰ Thomas Hutchinson, Compiler, *The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago...* (Chicago, Illinois: Williams, Donnelley & Company, 1878–9), p. 118, Henry Aehland; imaged, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/4704089>); also, subsequent years with similar titles for Henry Egeland: (1879) p. 371, (1880) p. 377, (1882) p. 403, (1883) p. 406, (1886) p. 471, and (1887) p. 488.

¹¹ Norsk Evangelisk Lutherske Trefoldigheds Menighed (Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois), Ministerialbog (Ministerial Book), Ægteviiede (marriages), p. 113, no. 71, Mr. Henry Egeland and Miss Annie Rineldson; “Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Records, 1875-1940,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00149).

Also, Cook County, Illinois, Marriage Licenses, 1877, no. 33618, Henry Egeland and Annie Rineldson; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3S3HY-63GN-DV> [RA]) > IGN 004270561 > image 1350 of 1373.

¹² 1880 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago, enumeration district (ED) 138, p. 105B (stamped), p. 18 (penned), dwelling 81, family 187, Henry England household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3S3HY-6P74-KYD>) > IGN 004240472 > image 408 of 559.

Chicago, Illinois, “Record 1020 Form 87,” p. 427, Henry Egeland to Ulick Bourke, 18 May 1880, \$46 for 30 yards of carpet for 93 Pratt Street; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C37H-FY95>) > IGN 008575647 > image 434 of 1313.

¹³ No marriage for any male Egeland to any female Hansen or Annie was found in the author's search. Searched for Henry Egeland (and spelling variations) who married 1877 to 1881. “Illinois, Cook County Marriages, 1871-1968,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1463145>). Also, “Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Marriages Index, 1871-1920,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2556>). Also, “Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Marriage and Death Indexes, 1833-1889,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2433>). Also, “Illinois, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1800-1940,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61370>). Also, “Illinois, U.S., Marriage Index, 1860-1920,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60984>). Also, “Illinois, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1851-1900,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7857>). Also, “Illinois, U.S., Civil Marriages, 1833-1889,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62016>). Also, “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60722>).

¹⁴ No record of Anne Egeland's death was found in the author's search. Searched for the surname Egeland (and spelling variations) who died 1877 to 1881. “Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1871-1998,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1463134>). Also, “Illinois Deaths and Burials, 1749-1999,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3541609>). Also, “Web: Illinois, U.S., Select Deaths Index, 1877-1916,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9758>). Also, “Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Marriage and Death Indexes, 1833-1889,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2433>). Also, “Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1501>). Also, “Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Deaths Index, 1878-1922,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2552>).

his wife Annie (forty-three) and three sons: Harry (twenty-two), Frank (sixteen), and Chester (fifteen). Henry and Annie had been married for twenty-three years, consistent with Henry's 1877 marriage to Annie Rognaldsen. Annie was the mother of five children, three of whom were living.¹⁵ Ella's absence suggests she died before 1900. Henry died on 15 June 1906.¹⁶ He was survived by his wife Annie and three sons: Harry W., Frank T., and Chester S.¹⁷ If this was the same Annie who married Henry Egeland in 1877, then was Annie Rognaldsen the mother of all of Henry's children, including Arthur born in 1881?

Family Researchers Attempt to Identify Annie Rognaldsen's Children

Family researchers who attempted to identify Annie Rognaldsen's five children agree on some names with minor name and birthdate conflicts. However, none of the family trees include Arthur Egeland who was born in 1881 and died in 1883. See Table 1. The identifications of the third and fourth children contain multiple conflicts.

- One researcher suggests that Frank and Arthur were twins born in 1883.
- Another researcher suggests that Frank was Annie's third child born in 1882, and Arthur was born exactly one year later.
- Another researcher suggests that Frank and Arthur were the same person.

Thorough analysis of available records resolves these conflicts.

¹⁵ 1900 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 15, p. 200B-201A (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 494, sheets 18-19 (penned), dwelling 213 ~~227~~, family ~~392~~ ~~385~~ 395, Henry Egeland household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6L2H-35G>) > IGN 004113724 > images 404-504 of 891.

For marriage date, see Cook County, Illinois, Marriage Licenses, 1877, no. 33618, Henry Egeland and Annie Rineldson; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-63GN-DV> [RA]) > IGN 004270561 > image 1350 of 1373.

¹⁶ Cook County, Illinois, Undertaker's Report of Death, 1906, registered no. 13657, Henry Elias Egeland; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DWRZ-51> [RA]); IGN 004004508 > image 1055 of 2112. No relatives are named on the death record.

¹⁷ "Deaths—Egeland," *The Chicago (Illinois) Daily News*, 15 June 1906, p. 20, col. 6; imaged, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

Table 1: Annie Rognaldsen's Children Identified in Public Family Trees

	Tree 1 ^a	Tree 2 ^b	Tree 3 ^c	Tree 4 ^d	Tree 5 ^e
Child 1	Harry Wilbur Egeland b. 29 June 1878 d. 3 March 1941	Harry Wilberg Egeland b. 29 June 1878	Harry Wilberg Egeland b. 29 June 1878 d. 3 March 1941	Harry Wilbur Egeland b. 29 June 1878 d. 3 March 1941	Harry Wilberg Egeland b. 29 June 1878 d. 3 March 1941
Child 2	Ella Henriette Egeland b. 18 February 1880 d. 8 May 1882		Ella Henriette Egeland b. 18 February 1880 d. 8 May 1882	Ella Henrietta Egeland b. 18 February 1880	
Child 3	Frank Theobald Egeland b. 24 December 1882 d. 24 October 1912	Frank Egeland b. 24 December 1884 d. 24 October 1912	Frank Thorvald Egeland b. 21 December 1883 d. 24 October 1912	Frank Egeland b. 24 December 1882 d. 24 October 1912	Arthur Irvin "Frank" Egeland b. 24 December 1884 d. 24 October 1912
Child 4	Arthur I. Egeland b. 24 December 1883 d.		Arthur Irvin Egeland b. 21 December 1883	Arthur I. Egeland b. 24 December 1883	
Child 5	Chester Carl Sigurd Egeland b. 23 April 1885 d. 6 September 1946	Chester Egeland b. April 1885	Chester Carl Sigurd Egeland b. 23 April 1885 d. 6 September 1946	Chester Sigurd Egeland b. 23 April 1884 d. 6 September 1946	Signe Chester Egeland b. 29 April 1887
a. Amy Hansen, compiler, "Hansen Family Tree" public family tree, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/170346526/person/422225229893/facts), profile for Annie Reynolds. b. Christa Hensley, compiler, "Hensley Family Tree" public family tree, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/120108032/person/160192826738/facts), profile for Annie Remldson. c. Tregowath, compiler, "Wilson/Woodmansee" public family tree, <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13727874/person/102463102597/facts), profile for Anne Dorthea Iversdatter Rognaldsen Ronaldsen. d. "Family Tree", database, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/search/tree/id), find by ID, "LHKW-Q7R (Annie Reynolds), 94D3-8HW (Anna Rangelsen), 9WPG-N69 (Annie Ronaldson), and 99ZD-LKR (Ronnaldson). e. "Anne Dorthea Rynaldsen (1857-?)" in Kunze Family Tree, profile page, <i>Geneanet</i> (https://gw.geneanet.org/renix97?lang=en&iz=0&p=anne+dorthea&n=rynaldsen).					

Resolving the Egeland Children's Conflicts Confirms Their Mother, Annie Rognaldsen

Annie (Rognaldsen) Egeland's First Child: Harry Wilberg Egeland

Annie Rognaldsen's first child was not named at birth but was given a name when he was baptized that he used throughout his life. The unnamed boy was born on 29 June 1878, while the family lived at 97 Pratt Street. The midwife, M. Seehuus, reported his birth the following day. She stated that the baby boy was the son of Henry Egeland, who worked as an upholsterer, and the first child of "Anna Ronnensen."¹⁸ Although the boy was not named when his birth was registered, other activities identify him as Harry Wilberg Egeland, son of Annie Rognaldsen and Henry Egeland.

- Henrik and Anne Egeland baptized a son, Harry Wilberg, at Trinity Lutheran Church, on 8 September 1878.¹⁹ Although Anne's maiden name is not provided, this is the same church where Annie Rognaldsen and Henry Egeland married nine months earlier.²⁰ Harry's birthdate is also consistent with the 1878 birth registration.²¹
- Henry's 1880 household at 93 Pratt Street included a two-year-old son, Harry, the right age to be the son born in June 1878.²²
- Harry, born in June 1877, lived with his parents at 683 Armitage Avenue in 1900.²³ The enumerator recorded Harry's age as either 21 or 22. If Harry was 21, he was born in 1878 not 1877.

¹⁸ Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1878, register no. 4618, [unnamed child], son of Henry Egelund and Anna Ronnensen; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DHH4-348> [RA]) > IGN 004271507 > image 599 of 1947. M. Seehuus reported the baby's birth on 30 June, one day after his birth. He was first child of this mother, Annie Ronnensen.

¹⁹ Norsk Evangelisk Lutherske Trefoldigheds Menighed (Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois), Ministerialbog (Ministerial Book), Døbte (Baptisms), p. 84, 1878, no. 50, Harry Wilberg; "Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Records, 1875-1940," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00070). Although his mother's maiden name is not provided, Harry's birthdate and parents' names are consistent with the birth registration.

²⁰ Norsk Evangelisk Lutherske Trefoldigheds Menighed (Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois), Ministerialbog (Ministerial Book), Ægteviiede (marriages), p. 113, no. 71, Mr. Henry Egeland and Miss Annie Rineldson; "Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Records, 1875-1940," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00149).

²¹ Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1878, register no. 4618, [unnamed child], son of Henry Egelund and Anna Ronnensen; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DHH4-348> [RA]) > IGN 004271507 > image 599 of 1947.

²² 1880 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago, enumeration district (ED) 138, p. 105B (stamped), p. 18 (penned), dwelling 81, family 187, Henry England household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6P74-KYD>) > IGN 004240472 > image 408 of 559. The surname was incorrectly recorded as England instead of Egeland.

²³ 1900 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 15, p. 200B-201A (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 494, sheets 18-19 (penned), dwelling 213 ~~227~~, family ~~392 385~~ 395, Henry Egeland household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6L2H-35G>) > IGN 004113724 > images 404-504 of 891.

- Harry identified his mother as “Anny Renoldson” when he married Marie Larsen on 4 December 1905 in Kane County, Illinois.²⁴
- Harry W. is named as one of Henry Egeland’s surviving children in June 1906.²⁵
- Harry’s mother, Annie, lived with him in 1930.²⁶ She died at their home at 3744 Kedvale Avenue on 29 April 1930 and was survived by her sons, Harry and Chester.²⁷ Harry arranged for his mother’s funeral and burial at Mount Olive Cemetery.²⁸
- Harry died on 6 March 1941 at 3744 Kedvale Avenue, where his mother died nearly eleven years earlier. Harry was survived by his wife Marie and brother Chester.²⁹ Marie reported that Harry was born on 29 June 1878 in Chicago and identified his father, Henry Egeland, but did not identify Harry’s mother.³⁰
- Harry is buried beside his parents at Mount Olive Cemetery in Chicago.³¹

Although Harry’s wife did not identify his mother when he died, Harry’s birthdate, birthplace, and father’s identity are consistent with the birth of Annie Rognaldsen’s first child.

²⁴ Kane County, Illinois, Marriage License Adult, 1905, no. 17258, Harry W. Egeland and Marie Larson; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-9FS9-ZZ>) > IGN 004708177 > images 38–40 of 1758.

²⁵ “Deaths—Egeland,” *The Chicago (Illinois) Daily News*, 15 June 1906, p. 20, col. 6; imaged, GenealogyBank (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

²⁶ 1930 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago (Districts 1251–1500), p. 266 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 1453, sheet 15A (penned), dwelling 162, family 275, Harry W. Egeland household; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GRH7-WXK>) > IGN 004950465 > image 536 of 1138.

²⁷ Cook County, Illinois, Standard Certificate of Death, 1930, registered no. 12718, Annie Munson; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS36-37DG-R> [RA]) > IGN 004204463 > image 287 of 3046. H. W. Egeland provided Annie’s birth data but did not name her parents.

“Death Notices—Egeland,” *The Chicago (Illinois) Daily News*, 30 April 1930, p. 45, col. 5; imaged, GenealogyBank (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

For Annie’s second marriage, see Cook County, Illinois, Marriage License, 1917, no. 781965, John Monson and Mrs. Anna Egeland; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-64VS-LV7> [RA]) > IGN 004272650 > image 660 of 1272.

²⁸ John M. Pedersen & Sons Funeral Home (Chicago, Illinois), Record of Funeral, Volume 11, 1930–1932, p. 24, Total No. 3988, Mrs. Annie Munson; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSRG-BFWV-X>) > IGN 008311949 > image 362 of 1098. Annie Munson was the mother of H[arry] W. Egeland, who paid for her funeral.

²⁹ “Death Notices—Egeland,” *Chicago (Illinois) Tribune*, 5 March 1941, p. 28, col. 7; imaged, Newspapers (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/370206508>).

³⁰ Cook County, Illinois, Certificate of Death, 1941, registered no. 6658, Harry W. Egeland; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9Y4-VCMV-F> [RA]) > IGN 004206163 > image 1856 of 2795. Harry’s wife identified Harry’s father as Henry but did not name Harry’s mother.

Also, John M. Pedersen & Sons Funeral Home (Chicago, Illinois), Record of Funeral, Volume 15, 1939–1941, p. 463, no. 6435, Harry W. Egeland; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSRG-B9PK-P>) > IGN 008311950 > image 915 of 1024.

³¹ Vivian, Mount Olive Cemetery (Chicago, Illinois), phone interview by Kristina Gow Clever, Egeland burials, 26 May 2023; transcribed electronic notes privately held by Clever, 433 Five Mile Road, Eufaula, Alabama. Annie Munson, Henry Egeland, and Harry W. Egeland are buried in Section F, West 1/2, Block 177 (front center, NE corner, and SE corner, respectively).

Annie (Rognaldsen) Egeland's Second Child: Ella Henriette Egeland

Annie's second child was given one name at birth and a different name when she was baptized. Ella Henriette Egeland was born on 18 February 1880 at 93 Pratt Street. The midwife, M. Seehuus, reported Ella's birth on 29 February. Seehuus stated that Ella was the daughter of Henry Egeland, who worked as an upholsterer, and the second child of "Anna Ronnalson."³² Henry and Annie Egeland baptized "Elen Mathilda," born on 29 February, at Bethany Church in Chicago on 18 May 1880.³³ The birth date recorded for Elen's baptism is the same date that Ella's birth was registered, suggesting one of the dates is incorrect. Ella died on 8 May 1882 at 93 Pratt Street and was buried at Wunder's Cemetery.³⁴ Although Ella's parents are not named at her death, her age and place of death are consistent with the birth of Annie Rognaldsen's second child, Ella Henriette, at the same address.

Annie (Rognaldsen) Egeland's Fourth Child: Frank Thorvald Egeland, formerly known as Arthur Irvin Egeland

The birth of Annie's fourth child has caused some family researchers to suggest that she had twin boys born in 1883.³⁵ Arthur Irvin Egeland was born on 24 December 1883 at 97 Pratt Street. The midwife, Magee Mae, reported his birth on 30 December. She stated that Arthur was the son of Henry Egeland, who worked as an upholsterer, and the fourth child of "Ane Dorthea Rangelsen."³⁶ Annie did not have twin boys as only one birth is registered.³⁷ This son received one name at birth and a different name at his baptism, which he used throughout his life.

³² Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1880, no. 1382, Ella Henriette, daughter of Henry Egeland and Anna Ronnalson; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-63T1-SG> [RA]) > IGN 004271615 > image 1271 of 1775. Ella is the second child of Anna Ronnalson.

Also, 1880 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago, enumeration district (ED) 138, p. 105B (stamped), p. 18 (penned), dwelling 81, family 187, Henry England household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6P74-KYD>) > IGN 004240472 > image 408 of 559. Three-month old Ella was born in February. The surname was incorrectly recorded as England instead of Egeland.

³³ Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878-1893, p. 45, no. 72, Elen Mathilda, daughter of Henry and Annie Egeland; "U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00290).

³⁴ Chicago City Board of Health, Cook County, Illinois, Physician's Certificate of Death, 1882, certificate no. 13559, Ella Egland; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D1H3-MND> [RA]) > IGN 004004270 > image 1689 of 1792.

³⁵ Tregowath, compiler, "Wilson/Woodmansee" public family tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13727874/person/102463102597/facts>), profile for Anne Dorthea Iversdatter Rognaldsen Ronaldsen. Five children are identified, but two sons share the same birth date.

³⁶ Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1883, no. 45270, Arthur Irvin Egeland, son of Henri Egeland and Ane Dorthea Rangelsen; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-67XG-NM> [RA]) > IGN 004271637 > image 363 of 1314. Rangelsen is likely a misspelling of Ronaldsen.

³⁷ Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Register of Births, Volume 5, p. 73; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6MZS-GXB> [RA]) > IGN 004254963 > images 652-653.

- Annie “Ronaldsen” and Hendrick Egeland baptized a son, Frank Thorvald, on 27 July 1884 at Bethany Church, where their daughter Ella had been baptized in 1880.³⁸ Frank’s birthdate agrees with Arthur’s 1883 birth registration. Frank’s middle name was likely in honor of Henry’s brother, Thorvald.
- Frank, born in December 1883, lived with his parents at 683 Armitage Avenue in 1900.³⁹
- Frank T. is named as one of Henry Egeland’s surviving children in June 1906.⁴⁰
- Frank lived with Anna Egeland, widow of Henry, from 1906 to 1908 and married Minnie Priebe on 28 November 1906.⁴¹
- When Frank died on 24 October 1912, H. W. Egeland—likely Frank’s brother Harry Wilberg Egeland—reported that Frank was born on 24 December 1882 and identified Frank’s parents, Henry Egeland and “A. Reynoldsen.”⁴² Harry likely easily recalled his brother’s birthday on Christmas Eve but may not have accurately recalled his birth year.

Frank’s birthdate and associations with his parents confirm he is Annie Rognaldsen’s fourth child, who was first named Arthur Irvin Egeland.

³⁸ Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 172, no. 221, Frank Thorvald, son of Hendrick Egeland and Annie Ronaldsen; “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00361).

For Ella’s baptism, see Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 45, no. 72, Elen Mathilda, daughter of Henry and Annie Egland; “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00290).

³⁹ 1900 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 15, p. 200B–201A (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 494, sheets 18–19 (penned), dwelling 213 ~~227~~, family ~~392 385~~ 395, Henry Egeland household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6L2H-35G>) > IGN 004113724 > images 404–504 of 891. Frank’s birth month and year (December 1883) are consistent with Arthur Irvin Egeland’s 1883 birth registration and Frank Thorvald Egeland’s 1884 baptism.

⁴⁰ “Deaths—Egeland,” *The Chicago (Illinois) Daily News*, 15 June 1906, p. 20, col. 6; imaged, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

⁴¹ Reuben H. Donnelley, Compiler, *The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago, 1906* (Chicago, Illinois: The Chicago Directory Company), p. 703, Anna (wid Henry) Egeland and Frank T. Egeland; imaged, *HathiTrust* (<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015058398036&seq=715>); also, subsequent years with similar titles for Frank Egeland: (1907), p. 713 and (1908) p. 739.

Cook County, Illinois, marriage license, 1906, no. 446807, Frank Egeland and Minnie Priebe; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DHL9-JY7> [RA]) > IGN 004270547 > image 932 of 1413.

⁴² Chicago City Department of Health, Cook County, Illinois, Certificate and Record of Death, 1912, registered no. 27335, Frank Egeland; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D48S-H5X> [RA]) > IGN 004005030 > image 319 of 1507.

No obituary was found in the author’s search. *The Chicago (Illinois) Daily News*, 24 October 1912, p. 21; 25 October 1912, p. 21; 26 October 1912, p. 19; 28 October 1912, p. 20; 29 October 1912, p. 22. *Chicago (Illinois) Tribune*, 25 October 1912, p. 18; 26 October 1912, p. 18; 27 October 1912, Section II, Part I, p. 6; 28 October 1912, p. 19. *The Inter Ocean (Chicago, Illinois)*, 24 October 1912, p. 11; 25 October 1912, p. 11; 26 October 1912, p. 11; 27 October 1912, p. 9; 28 October 1912, p. 11.

Annie (Rognaldsen) Egeland's Fifth Child: Chester Sigur Egeland, formerly known as Carl Egeland

Annie's fifth child received one name at birth and another name at his baptism, which he used throughout his life. Carl Egeland was born on 23 April 1885 at 97 Pratt Street. The midwife, Mrs. Seehuus, reported his birth on 8 June. She stated that Carl was the son of Harry Egeland, who worked as an upholsterer, and the fifth child of "Annie Ronaldson."⁴³ Carl's parents later called him Chester.

- Henry Egeland and "Annie Rynaldsen" baptized a son, Sigur Chester, at Bethany Church, the same church where Ella and Frank were baptized. Sigur's birthdate, 29 April, is six days after Carl's birthdate, but the parents' names agree.⁴⁴
- Chester, born in April 1885, lived with his parents at 683 Armitage Avenue in 1900.⁴⁵
- Chester S. is named as one of Henry Egeland's surviving children in June 1906.⁴⁶
- Chester lived with Anna Egeland, widow of Henry, from 1906 to 1908.⁴⁷
- Chester married Anna Greene on 9 December 1912 in Chicago. His parents are not named.⁴⁸
- In 1930 Chester was named as one of Annie Egeland's surviving children.⁴⁹

⁴³ Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1885, no. 78228, Carl, son of Harry [Henry] Egeland and Annie Ronaldson; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DH7S-NBN> [RA]) > IGN 004254981 > image 202 of 1882. Although Henry's first name was recorded as Harry, the family's residence is consistent with the 1883 city directory for Henry Egeland.

Thomas Hutchinson, compiler, *The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago* (Chicago: Chicago Directory Company, 1883), p. 406, Henry Egeland; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9DX-CNN9>) > IGN 007548762 > image 212 of 1776.

⁴⁴ Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 303, no. 307, Signe Chester, son of Henry Egeland and Annie Rynaldsen; "U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00429).

⁴⁵ 1900 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 15, p. 200B–201A (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 494, sheets 18–19 (penned), dwelling 213 ~~227~~, family ~~392~~ ~~385~~ 395, Henry Egeland household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6L2H-35G>) > IGN 004113724 > images 404–504 of 891. Chester's birth month and year (April 1885) are consistent with Carl Egeland's 1885 birth registration and Sigur Chester Egeland's 1887 baptism.

⁴⁶ "Deaths—Egeland," *The Chicago (Illinois) Daily News*, 15 June 1906, p. 20, col. 6; imaged, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

⁴⁷ Reuben H. Donnelley, Compiler, *The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago, 1906* (Chicago, Illinois: The Chicago Directory Company), p. 703, Anna (wid Henry) Egeland and Chester. Egeland; imaged, *HathiTrust* (<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015058398036&seq=715>); also, subsequent years with similar titles for Frank Egeland: (1907), p. 713 and (1908) p. 739.

⁴⁸ Cook County, Illinois, marriage license, 1912, no. 615356, Chester S. Egeland and Anna Greene; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-65BS-7DS> [RA]) > IGN 004271762, image 258 of 1448.

⁴⁹ "Death Notices—Egeland," *The Chicago (Illinois) Daily News*, 30 April 1930, p. 45, col. 5; imaged, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

- When Chester died on 6 September 1946, Mrs. Ernest Osmonson reported that Chester was born on 23 April 1885 and the son of Henry Egeland but did not identify Chester's mother.⁵⁰

Although Chester's mother was not identified when he died, his birthdate and relationship to his father support that he is Annie Rognaldsen's fifth child, who was originally named Carl.

Identifying Annie (Rognaldsen) Egeland's Third Child

Births and other activities for Annie Rognaldsen's known children suggest that her third child was born sometime between Ella's birth in February 1880 and Frank's birth in December 1883. Only one Egeland child born in Chicago during that time fits this scenario—Arthur Egeland born in 1881.⁵¹ Correlating evidence for Arthur and his proposed siblings show similarities.

- Arthur's parents' ages, birthplaces, and residences as well as his father's occupation, are consistent with the family of Henry Egeland and Annie Rognaldsen. See Table 2.
- Annie Rognaldsen was the mother of Henry's children born before and after Arthur's birth in 1881.⁵²

⁵⁰ Cook County, Illinois, Certificate of Death, 1946, registered no. 91 (34582 stamped), Chester S. Egeland; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89K5-Z9FN-B>) > IGN 004005411 > image 2045 of 2450. Chester's mother is "unknown."

Mrs. Osmonson is Chester's daughter, Florence. Florence was about ten years old when her grandmother died in 1930. "Florence A. Whyte," *Morris [Illinois] Daily Herald*, 6 July 2009; transcribed, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com/doc/obituaries/obit/1294B368C5513C90-1294B368C5513C90>).

⁵¹ "Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2545>), surnames Egeland and Egland (sounds like and similar), born 1880–1883.

⁵² Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1878, register no. 4618, [unnamed child], son of Henry Egeland and Anna Ronnensen; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DHH4-348> [RA]) > IGN 004271507 > image 599 of 1947.

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1880, no. 1382, Ella Henriette, daughter of Henry Egeland and Anna Ronnaldson; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-63T1-SG> [RA]) > IGN 004271615 > image 1271 of 1775.

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1883, no. 45270, Arthur Irvin Egeland, son of Henri Egeland and Ane Dorthea Rangelsen; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-67XG-NM> [RA]) > IGN 004271637 > image 363 of 1314.

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1885, no. 78228, Carl, son of Harry [Henry] Egeland and Annie Ronaldson; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DH7S-NBN> [RA]) > IGN 004254981 > image 202 of 1882.

Table 2: Henry Egeland and Annie Rognaldsen's Ages, Birthplaces, and Residences

Event	Date	Address	Henry Egeland		Annie (Henry's Wife)			
			Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Maiden Name	Age	Birthplace
Henry & Annie's marriage	6 December 1877		29	Christiana		Rineldson	22	Haugesund
Harry's birth ^a	29 June 1878	97 Pratt	28	Norway	Upholsterer	Ronnelsen	22	Norway
Residence ^b	1878-9	95 Pratt			Upholsterer			
Residence ^c	1879	93 Pratt			Upholsterer			
Residence ^d	1880	93 Pratt			Upholsterer			
Ella's birth ^e	18 February 1880	93 Pratt	32	Christiana	Upholsterer	Ronnaldson	24	Haugesund
Arthur's birth ^f	30 November 1881	93 Pratt	33	Norway	Upholsterer	Hansen	26	Norway
Residence ^g	1882	93 Pratt			Upholsterer			
Ella's death ^h	8 May 1882	93 Pratt						
Arthur's death ⁱ	10 January 1883	97 Pratt						
Residence ^j	1883	97 Pratt			Upholsterer			
Arthur Irvin's birth ^k	24 December 1883	97 Pratt	35	Norway	Upholsterer	Rangelsen	28	Norway
Carl's birth ^l	23 April 1885	97 Pratt	37	Christiana	Upholsterer	Ronaldson	29	Christiana
a. Norsk Evangelisk Lutherske Trefoldigheds Menighed (Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois), Ministerialbog (Ministerial Book), Ægteviede (marriages), p. 113, no. 71, Mr. Henry Egeland and Miss Annie Rineldson. b. Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1878, register no. 4618, [unnamed child], son of Henry Egelund and Anna Ronnensen. c. Thomas Hutchinson, compiler, <i>The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago</i> (Chicago: Chicago Directory Company, 1878-9), p. 118, Henry Aehland; imaged, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9DX-48Z2) > IGN 007548398 > image 68 of 1482. d. Thomas Hutchinson, compiler, <i>The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago</i> (Chicago: Chicago Directory Company, 1879), p. 371, Henry Egeland; imaged, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9DX-4H6H) > IGN 007548398 > image 916 of 1482. e. 1880 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago, enumeration district (ED) 138, p. 105B (stamped), p. 18 (penned), dwelling 81, family 187, Henry England household; imaged, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9DX-W6MH) > IGN 007548399 > image 188 of 2497. f. Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1880, no. 1382, Ella Henriette, daughter of Henry Egelund and Anna Ronnaldson. g. Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1881, register no. 14372, Arthur, son of Henry Eglund and Anne Hansen. h. Thomas Hutchinson, compiler, <i>The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago</i> (Chicago: Chicago Directory Company, 1882), p. 403, Henry Egeland; imaged, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-L9DX-WFCB) > IGN 007548399 > image 1834 of 2497. i. Chicago City Board of Health, Cook County, Illinois, Physician's Certificate of Death, 1882, certificate no. 13559, Ella Egeland. j. Chicago City Board of Health, Cook County, Illinois, Physician's Certificate of Death, 1883, certificate no. 13966, Arthur E. Egeland. k. Thomas Hutchinson, compiler, <i>The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago</i> (Chicago: Chicago Directory Company, 1883), p. 406, Henry Egeland; imaged, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-L9DX-CNN9) > IGN 007548762 > image 212 of 1776. l. Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1883, no. 45270, Arthur Irvin Egeland, son of Henri Egelund and Ane Dorthea Rangelsen. m. Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Return of a Birth, 1885, no. 78228, Carl, son of Harry [Henry] Egeland and Annie Ronaldson.								

- Arthur was baptized as “Irvin Arthur” at Bethany Church on 30 April 1882— the same church where Annie and Henry baptized Ella, Frank, and Chester.⁵³
- Thirteen-month-old Arthur died at the family’s home at 97 Pratt Street on 10 January 1883.⁵⁴ He was initially buried at Graceland Cemetery but reinterred at Wunder’s Cemetery on 24 May 1883—the same cemetery where Ella was buried in 1882.⁵⁵
- Understanding the Norwegian naming traditions further resolves the conflicts of Annie’s two sons of the same name. Annie’s fourth child was named Arthur Irvin in honor of the son who died eleven months prior, a common Norwegian naming tradition.⁵⁶

All evidence suggests that the midwife made an error on Arthur’s 1881 birth registration and that Annie Rognaldsen, not Anne Hansen, is Arthur’s mother.

Annie Rognaldsen’s Birth in Norway Rules Out Hansen Surname

Annie Rognaldsen’s reported birthplace in Norway provides a link to her parents and rules out an association with the Hansen surname. Annie was born between 1854–1859 in Haugesund,

⁵³ Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 89, Irvin Arthur Egeland; “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00313). The parish record does not include Anne’s maiden name.

For Ella’s baptism, see Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 45, no. 72, Elen Mathilda, daughter of Henry and Annie Egland; “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00290).

For Frank’s baptism, see ⁵³ Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 172, no. 221, Frank Thorvald, son of Hendrick Egeland and Annie Ronaldsen; “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00361).

For Chester’s baptism, see Independent Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church (Chicago, Illinois), Baptisms, 1878–1893, p. 303, no. 307, Signe Chester, son of Henry Egeland and Annie Rynaldsen; “U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969,” database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00429).

⁵⁴ Chicago City Board of Health, Cook County, Illinois, Physician’s Certificate of Death, 1883, certificate no. 13966, Arthur E. Egeland; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-D1RE-KJ>) > IGN 004004271 > image 235 of 1766.

For parents’ names, see “Deaths, Egeland,” *The Daily Inter Ocean* (Chicago, Illinois), p. 8, col. 4; imaged, Newspapers (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/34191498>).

For 1883 residence, also see Thomas Hutchinson, compiler, *The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago* (Chicago: Chicago Directory Company, 1883), p. 406, Henry Egland; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9DX-CNN9>) > IGN 007548762 > image 212 of 1776.

⁵⁵ Graceland Cemetery (Chicago, Illinois), burial receipt, no. 14966, 12 January 1888, Arthur Egeland, Block 9, Grave 228.

For Ella’s burial, see Chicago City Board of Health, Cook County, Illinois, Physician’s Certificate of Death, 1882, certificate no. 13559, Ella Egland; imaged, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D1H3-MND> [RA]) > IGN 004004270 > image 1689 of 1792.

⁵⁶ “Those Norwegian names, tips for the ‘online’ researcher,” *Norway–Heritage* (<http://www.norwayheritage.com/norwegian-names.htm>), specifically “The old traditions of naming.” If a child died, the next child was usually named after the deceased child.

Norway, and immigrated to the U.S. about 1864, but her parents' names are unknown.⁵⁷ At age ten to fifteen, she likely accompanied other relatives when she left Norway.

Haugesund was a parish located in the Torvastad clerical district, Stavanger Amt (now Rogaland Fylke) until 1879.⁵⁸ Only one Anne born in Rogaland between 1854–1859 is associated with the Rognaldsen name.⁵⁹ Anne Dorthea, daughter of Iver Rognaldsen and Ranveg Davidsdatter, was born on 28 January 1855 at Hasseløen farm in Torvastad.⁶⁰

Iver Rognaldsen Flage left Torvastad with his family, including daughter Anne Dorthea (nine), to immigrate to the United States on 12 May 1864.⁶¹ Although passenger lists for Norwegian emigrants are not available prior to 1867, the family likely left through the Bergen port,

⁵⁷ For Annie's calculated birth year and place, see Norsk Evangelisk Lutherske Trefoldigheds Menighed (Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois), Ministerialbog (Ministerial Book), Ægteviede (marriages), p. 113, no. 71, Mr. Henry Egeland and Miss Annie Rineldson; "Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Records, 1875-1940," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314741-00149). Annie's calculated birth is between 7 December 1854 and 6 December 1855.

Also, 1880 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago, enumeration district (ED) 138, p. 105B (stamped), p. 18 (penned), dwelling 81, family 187, Henry England household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6P74-KYD>) > IGN 004240472 > image 408 of 559. Annie's calculated birth is between 3 June 1855 and 1 June 1856.

For Annie's birth and immigration, see 1900 U.S. census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago Ward 15, p. 200B–201A (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 494, sheets 18–19 (penned), dwelling 213 ~~227~~, family ~~392~~ ~~385~~ 395, Henry Egeland household; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6L2H-35G>) > IGN 004113724 > images 404–504 of 891. Annie's birth year is off by approximately two years, but her number of years married is consistent with Annie Rognaldsen's 1877 marriage.

For Annie's 1859 birthdate and birthplace, see Cook County, Illinois, Standard Certificate of Death, 1930, registered no. 12718, Annie Munson; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS36-37DG-R> [RA]) > IGN 004204463 > image 287 of 3046.

⁵⁸ "Torvastad (Torvestad) Parish, Rogaland, Norway Genealogy," *FamilySearch Wiki* ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Torvastad_\(Torvestad\)_Parish,_Rogaland,_Norway_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Torvastad_(Torvestad)_Parish,_Rogaland,_Norway_Genealogy)).

⁵⁹ "Detailed person search," database, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/en/search/persons/advanced>), search parameters: geography Rogaland, name Anne, role child, event year 1854–1859, related person last name Rognaldsen. Search functions use current jurisdictions.

⁶⁰ Torvastad sokn (Rogaland fylke, Norge), "Torvastad Prestegjeld Skåre og Torvastad Kirkesokn: Ministerialbok A9, 1847-1856," Døpte (baptized), p. 80, 1855, no. 20, Anne Dorthea, daughter of Iver Rognaldsen and Ranveg Davidsdatter at Hasseløen; imaged, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/kb20050922030036>), image 36 of 152; citing Statsarkivet i Bergen, "Torvastad sokneprestkontor, SAST/A -101857/H/Ha/Haa/L0009: Ministerialbok nr. A 9, 1847-1856, s. 80."

Also, Torvastad sokn (Rogaland fylke, Norge), [no title page included in digital copy], p. 47, no. 20, Anne Dorthea, daughter of Iver Rognaldsen and Ranveg Davidsdatter at Hasseløen; imaged, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/kb20070618610222>), image 47 of 109; citing Statsarkivet i Bergen, "Torvastad sokneprestkontor, SAST/A -101857/H/Ha/Hab/L0004: Klokkebok nr. B 4, 1850-1864, s. 47."

⁶¹ Torvastad sokn (Rogaland fylke, Norge), "Torvastad Prestegjeld Skåre Kirkesokn: Ministerialbok A11, 1857-1866," Udflyttede (ogssaa Børn) [removals (also children)], p. 244, 1864, no. 8, Iver Rognaldsen Flage, Ranveg Davidsdatter and six children; imaged, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/kb20050922030372>), image 220 of 308; citing Statsarkivet i Bergen, "Torvastad sokneprestkontor, SAST/A -101857/H/Ha/Haa/L0011: Parish register (official) no. A 11, 1857-1866, p. 244."

approximately 174 km (108 miles) from Torvastad.⁶² No known household similar to this family remained in Norway in 1865 or lived in the United States in 1870.⁶³ However, one family in Chicago is consistent. Iver Rognaldsen and his family, including daughter Ann Dortea, joined Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Chicago, in 1865.⁶⁴

The similarities between Anne Dorthea Rognaldsen of Torvastad and Annie Rognaldsen of Chicago suggest they are the same person.

- Anne Dorthea was born on 28 January 1855. Annie Rognaldsen was born between 1854 and 1859. Her son, Harry, may not have known his mother's exact birthdate when he reported that she was born on 25 January 1859. The birth dates and Annie's calculated birth years fall within a reasonable range of accuracy.
- Anne Dorthea emigrated from Norway in 1864—the same year that Annie reportedly immigrated to the United States.
- Anne Dorthea lived in Chicago by 1865, where Annie married Henry in 1877.

Annie Rognaldsen who married Henry Egeland in 1877 is most certainly Anne Dorthea, daughter of Iver Rognaldsen and Ranveg Davidsdatter.

Conclusion

Although Arthur Egeland's 1881 birth registration names Anne Hansen as his mother, correlating evidence from his father and siblings' lives leaves no doubt that Annie Rognaldsen is Arthur's mother.

- Henry Egeland married Annie Rognaldsen in 1877 and had no other known marriages.
- Annie Rognaldsen had no known association with the Hansen surname.
- Annie Rognaldsen had four known children with Henry Egeland between 1878 and 1885—two born before Arthur and two born after Arthur.

⁶² "Norway Emigration and Immigration," *FamilySearch Wiki* (https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Norway_Emigration_and_Immigration), specifically Emigration Records.

Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>), walking directions from Torvastad to Tromsø and Torvastad to Bergen. Although the directions use modern-day roads, it provides approximate distances.

⁶³ "Detailed person search," database, National Archives of Norway, *Digitalarkivet* (<https://www.digitalarkivet.no/en/search/persons/advanced>), search parameters: census 1865, name Iver Rognaldsen or Iver Flage, born 1814–1818.

No record of Rognaldsen family or similar, born in Norway, and lived in Chicago was found in the author's search. Searched for the surnames: Ragnaldsen, Ranelson, Rangelsen, Reynoldsen, Rineldson, Rineldson, Rognaldsen, Ronaldsen, Ronalsen, and Rynaldsen. "1870 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163/>). "United States Census, 1870," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1438024>).

⁶⁴ Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (Chicago, Cook County, Illinois), Ministerial Records, 1858-1871, p. 342, Indskrevne, 1865, Iver Rognaldsen - bortrest (removed or not present) and family; imaged, "U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314937-00291).

- Annie's second and fourth children were born three years and ten months apart, providing a window for the birth of her third child.
- Arthur was born in 1881 at 93 Pratt Street where Henry and Annie Egeland lived from 1879 to 1882.
- Henry and Annie's ages, birthplaces, and residences as well as Henry's occupation, are consistent with Arthur's parents.

Annie Rognaldsen and Henry Egeland's indecisiveness about their children's names, the birth registrations of two same-named sons, and the misreporting of Annie's maiden name posed considerable obstacles to accurately identify her children. Resolving these conflicts reconnects Arthur to his family.