

Kremin Klan



1835 - 2003

I would like to begin this introduction with the words of the writers of the 1963 edition of *The Kremin Klan*...

This book is dedicated to the memory of our forefathers, especially to our beloved parents, Gustav and Minna Kremin, who set for us a pattern of faithful service and devotion to the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom, and who played an important part in the development of every community in which they lived.

True, we have broken the sod and figuratively hammered our plowshares into swords and back again two or three times, but to those who follow in the generations to come, we are the pioneers.

Perhaps those who celebrate the future anniversaries of this beautiful country will open these pages for a glimpse of the years preceding 1963 and find here brief but informative narratives, written by their ancestors. May they continue to record their experiences for the benefit of future generations.

This book was written by the children of the deceased Gustav and Minna Kremin, in the year of 1963.

I am the granddaughter of one of the authors of the 1963 edition of *The Kremin Klan*. The original *Kremin Klan* was published when I was a teenager; my mother had a copy, but I didn't pay much attention to it at that time.

I *finally* discovered the great stories within its covers some 39 years later as I researched background information for a college writing class assignment. For the first time, I began to have a clear picture of my roots. I realized that there probably were many of my generation, as well as our children and grandchildren, who knew as little about our ancestors as I did. I also realized that few of us had access to a copy of the family history.

That realization became the impetus for undertaking this project. I wanted my grandchildren to feel that sense of "connectedness" that comes from knowing who their great-great-great-great-grandparents were, where they lived, and what their lives were like. It seemed to me that the best way to accomplish that goal was to produce an updated version of *The Kremin Klan*. It is my hope that the format of this version will make it simple to keep updated. Forty years is too long to wait!

Key to Genealogy

I, II, III, etc. – Parents of Minna and Gustav Kremin

A, B, C, etc. – Minna and Gustav Kremin & their Brothers and Sisters

1, 2, 3, etc – 1st Generation (Children of Minna and Gustav)

a, b, c, etc. – 2nd Generation (Grandchildren of Minna & Gustav)

(1), (2), (3), etc. – 3rd Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

(a), (b), (c), etc. – 4th Generation (Great-Great-Grandchildren)

***1, *2, *3, etc. – 5th Generation** (Great-Great-Great-Grandchildren)

***a, *b, *c, etc. – 6th Generation** (Great-Great-Great-Great-Grandchildren)

<1>, <2>, <3>, etc. – 7th Generation (Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Grandchildren)

<a>, , etc. – 8th generation (Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Grandchildren)

Format of Personal Biography pages:

- The code preceding each name matches the code in the Genealogy
- Vital statistics (birth, marriage, death info) are listed at the beginning of each person's page.
- [] Brackets indicate Step-, Foster, or Adopted children.
- Information in the personal biographies enclosed in quotation marks is taken from:
 - the 1963 *Kremin Klan*
 - the 1973 *Update (in italics)*
 - information sent in by family members

The writer's own words have been used wherever possible to maintain the 'flavor' and uniqueness of each entry.

- Any errors or omissions were unintentional.