

Mrs. Clara Olson

<sup>nee</sup>

Kristy Luckasen Engen

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Engen, Lucas and Mrs. Ingeborg

" dau. Kristy Luckasen Engen m. Geo. N. Olson

" s. of Nels and Anna Olson.

~~Son~~ Gillman C. Olson m. Dolores B. Erickson

" ch. Jacqueline, Susan, Gloria

Erickson, Daniel + Mrs. Edricka

" son Oscar m. Henrietta Johnson d. of John L. + Bertha Johnson

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From Y.C. L. scrap book of Joyce Klubben,  
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