

Confirming Our Faith for 160 Years—Part 4 (Conclusion)

The Secular Significance of Confirmation, etc.

From the first Stone Church Record Book 1854-1872:

Døpte i Houston Aar 1857.

24	Barnett	Fossetts	Fossetts	Fossetts	Om Hjem
25	Storn	Dabins	Kaune	Kaune	meddele
<i>Den 1 September 1857.</i>					
26	Napoleon Jer.	Johs	Benjamin Svan	Stener Knudsen	
	same Jean	den	o H.	Halvor Olsen	støtt Hj.
27	Victoria Ladory	1 ^o Mai	Dagne Ols.	Bergit Leifsdatter	
	dory	1857.	datter.	Else Olsdatter	

Baptized in Houston Year 1857, the First of September

26. Napoleon Jerome Jean, 27. Victoria Ladory – born 1 May 1857 to Benjamin Svan (Swan) & Dagne Olsdatter (Kragness)

Sponsors: Stener Knudsen (Meås), Halvor Olsen (Storåsli), Bergit Leifsdatter (Meås) & Else Olsdatter (Storåsli). Home Bap.

Matilda and Ole's daughter, Charlotte, was born January 5, 1857 and Baptized by Rev. Johan Storm Munch on September 1, 1857—the day before he performed the ritual that made Matilda our very first Confirmand.

We are pleased to present a surprising and most fortunate recent discovery on the Ancestry website—that of a much younger Matilda Bergland, as she would have appeared not long after her confirmation. The available photo was a poor quality, low resolution image, but computer enhancing helped us create much clearer renderings and since we couldn't decide which one we liked better, both are shown above.

We thank her great-great-great granddaughter, Jennifer McNeil of Spokane for posting this & other photos.

— Jim and Shelley, Cross of Christ Archives, July 2

