

Ada Dahlgren

Ada Dahlgren was born on February 6th 1888 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She was born to Swedish born immigrants named Lars and Wendal Dahlgren. Ada graduated from Fergus Falls High School as valedictorian and then attended college for music. She first went to Macalester College on a scholarship but then transferred to the University of Minnesota. She received a bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Minnesota. After the University of Minnesota she then went on to receive her masters with honors from Columbia University in New York. After college she taught at Minnesota College. She was part of St. Paul House of Hope Church quartet.

Towards the end of World War One Ada traveled overseas to France. She volunteered under a YMCA sponsored program that took volunteers to France to perform for soldiers. During her time overseas she sang for occupation forces in 1919. This happened in Koblenz Germany and in attendance was Major General Henry Allen. In 1919 she returned to Fergus Falls Minnesota.

After she returned from the war she continued her career in music. She became director of several church choirs such as Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She also taught at high schools around Detroit Michigan and teaching piano lessons. Ada Dahlgren passed away on February 8th, 1969.

