Wilhelm and Anna Bernhardina (Karlsson) Skog were married in or near Skara, Västra Götaland County, Västergötland Province, Sweden, around 1900. Shortly after their wedding, the couple emigrated to the United States, coming to Iron Mountain, Michigan, where they lived at 501 East D Street. Wilhelm, known as William Skoog here, worked at the Pewabic Mine as a miner and fireman.

The Skoogs had four children, all presumably born in Iron Mountain, including Karl Thorsten, born July 13, 1900; Mabel, born July 22, 1902; Harald, born August 22, 1906; and Margit Elizabeth, born April 14, 1910.

In November, 1911, the Skoog/Skog family returned to Sweden, having sold their house and furniture with the intent of remaining in their homeland, living in Hällekis, Västergötland. Within a few months, they decided to return to Iron Mountain where William would again work as a fireman at the Pewabic Mine.

Two of William's relatives, Ellen Natalia Petterson and Jenny Lovisa Henriksson, were invited to accompany them to Iron Mountain, where they would reside with the family of Olaf Rask, another relative, at 805 East A Street.

The little group of travelers secured third class passage on the *Titanic*, boarding the new "unsinkable" ship at Southampton, England, on April 12, 1912.

The horror of the sinking of the *Titanic* in the North Atlantic Ocean on April 15, after colliding with an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City, was brought home to the community when reading this headline in the *Iron Mountain Press* on April 25: VICTIMS OF THE TITANIC – William Skoog and Family Were Among the Lost Passengers.

Of the 306 bodies listed as recovered by the *Mackay-Bennett*, the body of Jenny Henriksson, Body No. 3 on the list of victims, was finally identified by the initials "J.H." on her clothing. She was buried in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. No other members of the Skoog family were found. *[John and Carol Meyer]*