

Oscar J. Berglund

Oscar J. Berglund was born on June 2, 1889 in Hastings, Minnesota. His parents were Swedish immigrants John Berglund and Mary Kron Berglund. He had a brother, Fred, and two sisters, Mary (also known as Mattie) and Nettie. Prior to the World War Berglund worked as a laborer at St. Paul Southern Electric Ry Co.

Oscar Berglund registered for the draft on June 5, 1917. However, there is no evidence to suggest that Berglund ever served in the military in any capacity.

After the war, Berglund never married. He worked as a self-employed truck driver. In 1920, he was living in Hastings with his parents and one sister. By 1930, Oscar was living by himself on 9th Street in Hastings. In 1940, at the age of 51, he lived in a shack like a "hermit" on Route 3. At this time he did "odd job laboring". Berglund died on February 18, 1960 of "extended illness of some 18 months duration" and was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Hastings.