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Johan Wilhelm Nyvall

On 3 February 1861 in Karlstad, Sweden, Johan Wilhelm Nyvall was born to Johan Jonsson Nyvall and Maria Erlandsdotter. In 1870, J.W. Nyvell and his mother immigrated to America. Although one may wonder why his father was not listed on the immigration record, it is important to note that it was common for the head of the house to come to the United States before his family in order to establish a job and place of residency. Once in America, the Nyvall family settled in Lindsborg, Kansas, where Johan lived until he attended Augustana College. Once in the U.S., Johan helped welcome two brothers, Gustaf (1871-1902) and David (1874-1941). Johan was to have a younger sister, Julia, while still in Sweden, but she was born in 1863 and passed away in the same year. Many Swedish immigrants Americanized his/her name before attending school, including Johan, which he changed to John. The evidence of Johan’s Americanized name was evident when he registered his official documentation at Augustana College in 1880 as John. Graduating in 1885 with a theology degree, John went on to be

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1 Permanent record card for J.W. Nyvall, 1884, in MSS 241 Box 14 Augustana College Office of Registrar records, Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This gave J.W. Nyvall’s basic information in regards to birthdate, birthplace, arrival in America, and enrollment date at Augustana College.
4 Permanent record card for J.W. Nyvall, 1884, MSS 241 Box 14 Augustana College Office of the Registrar records.
6 FamilySearch, ID number M9D7-T82, Johan Wilhelm Jonsson Nyvall (1861-1928). Record created by johnraymondbradford1.
7 Permanent record card for J.W. Nyvall, 1884, in MSS 241 Box 14 Augustana College Office of Registrar records.
ordained in 1887 and began serving various pastorates.\textsuperscript{10} It was also in the year 1887 in which John met his future wife, Clara.

Clara A. Kaliff was born on 13 March 1869 in Gammalkil, Östergötland, Sweden\textsuperscript{11} to Johan Nilson Kaliff and Johanna Johansdotter.\textsuperscript{12} At eighteen years old, Clara met and married John on 8 July 1887 in York, Nebraska\textsuperscript{13}. Although John and Clara moved around often for John’s job as a minister–John served in the following pastorates: Wisconsin Rapids, Sheridan, and Amherst, Wisconsin from 1887-88; Wilkes-Barre and Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania from 1888-97; Courtland and Kackley, Kansas from 1898-1900; Akrou, Ohio from 1901-02; Olean and Portville, New York, and Smethport, Pennsylvania from 1903-04; Butte, Montana from 1905-11; Idalio Falis, Idaho from 1912-14; Lead, South Dakota from 1915-19; and Ivahnoe, Minnesota from 1920-21\textsuperscript{14}–they welcomed Clarence Ambrose Nyvall (1888-1958), Esther Wilhelmina Nyvall (1890-1946), Martha Lillian Nyvall (1895-1958), and Martin Augustine Nyvall (1897-1947) into their family.\textsuperscript{15} After living a successful life as a father, husband, and

\textsuperscript{9} \textit{Augustana College Catalog 1884-1885}, p. 12, volume bound in \textit{Augustana College Catalogue 1871-1891}, Aug. Inst., LD 271, A6651, C3, 1871-1891; Augustana College, Special Collections.


\textsuperscript{14} “Who’s Who Among the Alumni,” Augustana Observer, September 30, 1921, p. 3.

pastor, John passed away on 13 May 1928 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Clara survived twenty years after John, passing away on 13 May 1948, also in Salt Lake City, Utah. Both John and Clara were buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, where their headstones can still be seen today.

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Ancestors of Johan Wilhelm Nyvall

**Generation 1**

1. John Wilhelm Jonsson Nyvall. For more information about this subject, see the biography above.

**Generation 2**

2. Johan Jonsson Nyvall. Johan was born 29 Sep 1838 in Nyed, Varmlands, Sweden\(^{20}\). He was baptized 30 Sep 1838 in the same place as his birth\(^{21}\). Johan married Maria Erlandsdotter (3) 29 March 1860 in Nyed, Varmlands, Sweden\(^{22}\). He died 16 Sep 1910 in Scandia, Republic, Kansas\(^{23}\).

3. Maria Erlandsdotter. Maria was born 13 Sep 1833 in Nyed, Varmlands, Sweden\(^{24}\). She was baptized 15 Sep 1833 in the same place as her birth\(^{25}\). Maria married Johan (2) 29 March 1860\(^{26}\). Maria and Johan had four children. She passed away 2 Dec 1920 in Formoso, Republic, Kansas\(^{27}\).

   Johan. See 1. above.
Julia. Julia was born 10 Feb 1863 in Karlstad, Varmland, Sweden. She passed away 16 Aug 1863.

Gustaf. Gustaf was born 2 Dec 1871 in Bucklin, Linn, Missouri and died in 1902.

David. David was born 22 Oct 1874 in Bucklin, Linn, Missouri and died 31 Jan 1949.

Generation 3


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5. Cajsa Jonsdotter. Cajsa was born 3 January 1806\textsuperscript{34}. She was baptized 05 Jan 1806\textsuperscript{35}. She married Jonas Ericksson 29 Dec 1825 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden\textsuperscript{36}. Together they had five children. Cajsa died 7 Jul 1839\textsuperscript{37}. Kajsa. Kajsa was born 19 Nov 1826 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden\textsuperscript{38}. She was baptized 19 Nov 1826 in S Norum, Nyed, Varmlands, Sweden\textsuperscript{39}. Kajsa died 28 Feb 1827\textsuperscript{40}. Cajsa. Cajsa was born 26 May 1828 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was baptized on 28 May 1828 in Nyed, Varmlands, Sweden\textsuperscript{41}. Death date is unknown. Anders. Anders was born 1 Dec 1830 on Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was baptized on 2 Dec 1830\textsuperscript{42}. Death date is unknown.

\textsuperscript{34} FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), ID number K6HM-HS2, Cajsa Jonsdotter. FamilySearch provided information including dates and locations of Cajsa’s birth, marriage, and death. Record created by kwilli/sundwall/2214891.
\textsuperscript{36} FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), ID number K6HM-HS2, Cajsa Jonsdotter. Record created by kwilli/sundwall/2214891.
\textsuperscript{40} FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), ID number KZSW-WRV, Kajsa Jonsson (1826-1827). Record created by kwilli/sundwall/2214891.
\textsuperscript{41} FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), ID number K8QC-CWX, Cajsa Lisa Jonsson (1828-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including dates and locations of Cajsa’s birth and christening. Record created by kwilli/sundwall/2214891.
Christina. Christina was born 25 Jul 1834 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was baptized on 27 July 1834 in Nyed, Varmlands, Sweden\(^{43}\). Death date is unknown.

Johan. See 2. above.

6. Erland Gustafsson. Erland was born 21 Feb 1802 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was baptized on 21 Feb 1802\(^{44}\). His death date is unknown.

7. Brita M. Jonsdotter. Brita was born 17 Dec 1798\(^{45}\). She had five children with Erland (6.). Her death date is unknown.

Gustaf. Gustaf was born 18 Feb 1829 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was baptized 20 Feb 1829\(^{46}\). Death date is unknown.

Johanna. Johanna was born 17 Mar 1831 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was baptized 18 March 1831\(^{47}\). Death date is unknown.

Maria. See 3. Above.

Catrina. Catrina was born 28 Jan 1836 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was baptized 30 Jan 1836\(^{48}\). Her death date is unknown.


\(^{45}\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), K8H4-QJT, Brita M. Jonsodtter (1798-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including dates and locations of Brita’s birth. Record created by kwilliam/sundwall/2214891.


Johannes. Johannes was born 17 May 1839 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was
baptized on 18 May 1839\textsuperscript{49}. The death date is unknown.

**Generation 4**

8. **Erik Andersson.** Erik was born in 1769 in Farnebo, Varmland, Sweden\textsuperscript{50}. He married Lisa (9.) on 20 Nov 1794\textsuperscript{51}. His death date is unknown.

9. **Lisa Jonsdotter.** Lisa was born 4 Feb 1773 and was baptized on 5 Feb 1773 in Ostra Fagelvik, Varmland, Sweden\textsuperscript{52}. She married Erik on 20 Nov 1794\textsuperscript{53}. Her death date is unknown. Lisa and Erik had six children.

   Maria. Maria was born 14 Mar 1796 in Sweden and died 20 Mar 1796\textsuperscript{54}.

   Anders. Anders was born on 5 Dec 1797\textsuperscript{55}. The death date is unknown.

   Jonas. See 4. above.

   Anna. Anna was born 8 Sep 1807 in Varmland, Sweden\textsuperscript{56}. The death date is unknown.


\textsuperscript{54} *FamilySearch*, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), M7KD-QTB, Maria Ersson (1796-1796). FamilySearch provided information including dates and locations of Maria’s birth. Record created by kwilliam/sundwall/2214891.


Nils. Nils was born 10 Jan 1811 in Varmland, Sweden and died 15 Feb 1812\(^57\).

Maria. Maria was born 8 Jun 1815\(^58\). Her death date is unknown.

10. Jonas Anderson. Jonas was born in 1766 in Varmland, Sweden\(^59\). He married Maria (11) 26 Oct 1794\(^60\). Jonas died 5 Feb 1815 in Varmland, Sweden\(^61\).

11. Maria Danielsdotter. Maria was born in 1776 in Varmland, Sweden\(^62\). She married Jonas (10.) 26 Oct 1794\(^63\). Her death date is unknown. Jonas and Maria had nine children.

   Anders. Anders was born 20 Den 1795 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden and died on 3 Jan 1801\(^64\).

   Eric. Eric was born 25 Sep 1797 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden and died 10 Mar 1801\(^65\).


\(^{58}\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), M7KD-QBW, Maria Errson (1815-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including dates and locations of Maria’s birth. Record created by kwilliam/sundwall/2214891.


\(^{62}\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), KHV2-NNW, Maria Danielsdotter (1776-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including dates and locations of Maria’s birth and marriage. Record created by kwilliam/sundwall/2214891.


Maria. Maria was born 9 Dec 1798 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden. Death date is unknown.66

Stina. Stina was born 28 May 1801 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden and died 21 Aug 1801.67

Anders. Anders was born 4 May 1803 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden. Death date is unknown.

Cajsa. See 5. Above.

Erik. Erik was born 3 May 1808 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden and died 9 May 1809.69

Stina. Stina was born 24 April 1810 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden and died 21 Dec 1814.70

Johannes. Johnannes was born 11 May 1812. The death date is unknown.

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12. Gustaf Ernadsson. Gustaf was born around 1767 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden\(^72\). The
death date is unknown.

13. Kaisa Olsson. Kaisa was born in 1771 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden\(^73\). Her death date is
unknown. She had four children with Gustaf (12.).

Erland. See 6. Above.

Johanna. Johanna was born 23 Jun 1804 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden, and was
baptized on 24 Jun 1804\(^74\). Death date is unknown.

Olof. Olof was born and baptized on 3 Nov 1805 in Nyed, Varmland, Sweden\(^75\).
The death date is unknown.

Magnus. Magnus was born and baptized on 10 Jul 1810 in Nyed, Varmland,
Sweden\(^76\). The death date is unknown.

(1767-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including the date of Gustaf’s birth. Record created by
gregersen1453900.

\(^73\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), KZCL-6YR, Kaisa Olsson
(1771-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including the date of Kaisa’s birth. Record created by
unknown4470317.

\(^74\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), KCLW-L6D, Johanna Olsson
(1804-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including the date of Johanna’s birth and christening. Record
created by unknown4470317.

\(^75\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), K8N2-57P, Olof Gustafsson
(1805-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including the date of Olof’s birth and christening. Record
created by unknown4470317.

\(^76\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 29 January 2017), K4XP-S28, Magnus Gustafsson
(1810-unknown). FamilySearch provided information including the date of Magnus’s birth and christening. Record
created by unknown4470317.
Generation 5


19. Annicka Andersdotter. Annicka was born 17 Aug 1731 and baptized on 18 Aug 1731. She married Jonas (18) 26 Nov 1771. Her death date is unknown. Annicka and Jonas only had Lisa Jonsdotter (9) in 1773.

20. Anders Jonsson. Anders was born in 1740 in Acklinga, Skaraborg, Sweden and died 5 March 1803.


Her death date is unknown. She had three kids with Daniel (22.).

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Jonas. Jonas was born in 1770 in Sodra Radom, Nyed, Varmland, Sweden85. His death date is unknown.

Maria. See 11. Above.

Brita. Brita was born in 1781 in Sodra Radom, Nyed, Varmland, Sweden86. Her death date is unknown.

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Descendants of Johan Wilhelm Nyvall

Generation 1

1. Johan Wilhelm Jonsson Nyvall. Johan married Clara A. Kaliff on 8 July 1887 in York, Nebraska. For more information on Johan (John) and Clara, see the biography in the main part.

John and Clara had four children.

+2. Clarence Ambrose Nyvall.
+3 Esther Wilhelmina Nyvall.
+4 Martha Lillian Nyvall.
+5 Martine Augustine Nyvall.

Generation 2

2. Clarence Ambrose Nyvall. Clarence was born on 9 September 1888 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and died on 18 Oct 1958 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Clarence married Anna May Blossom Evans on 10 Dec 1921 in Davis, Utah. Clarence and Anna have no known children.


3. Esther Wilhelmina Nyvall. Esther was born on 10 Jan 1890 in Luzerne, Pennsylvania\(^90\). She died on 28 Jan 1946 in Salt Lake City, Utah\(^91\). It is unknown whether or not Esther was married or had children.

4. Martha Lillian Nyvall. Martha was born on 21 Mar 1895 in Luzerne, Pennsylvania\(^92\). She died on 13 Feb 1958 in San Mateo, California\(^93\), but was buried on 18 Feb 1958 in Salt Lake City, Utah\(^94\). Martha married Olof Sundwall on 19 Oct 1919\(^95\).

Martha and Olof had two children.

+6 Clara Ann Sundwall.

+7 Living Sundwall.


\(^{93}\) FamilySearch, database (www.familysearch.org : accessed 30 January 2017), K6H1-5NT, Martha Lillian Nyvall (1895-1958). FamilySearch provided information including the date and location of Martha’s death and burial. Record created by RobertFossHansen1.


5. Martin Augustine Nyvall. Martin was born on 31 Mar 1897 in Republic, Kansas\textsuperscript{96}, and died on 5 Feb 1947 in Salt Lake City, Utah\textsuperscript{97}. Martin had a wife, Catherine Bliss LaCoste, whom he married on 19 Sept 1922 in Sanpete, Utah\textsuperscript{98}. Martin and Catherine had no known children.

\textbf{Generation 3}

6. Clara Ann Sundwall. Clara was born on 9 Jul 1920 in Salt Lake City, Utah\textsuperscript{99}, and died 25 Oct 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah\textsuperscript{100}. Clara married Melvin Edward Davis on 26 May 1962 in Salt Lake City, Utah\textsuperscript{101}. It is unknown whether Clara and Melvin had children.

7. Living Sundwall.


Questions for Further Research

We would like to verify all of the information we found on FamilySearch by using ArkivDigital and the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center.

We would like to further investigate his descendants and determine if he has living relatives.

We would like to research his career and discover the impact he had on communities as a pastor.

On FamilySearch, we were able to link up to Johan Wilhelm Nyvall’s family tree. His record locator is M9D7-T82. We would like to invite you to add any information to Johan’s tree if necessary.
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