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Anderson, Andreasson

My father's grandmother's brother, Peter Andreasson, was born 24 July 1857 in Stora Lundby (Vägö.). On 24 Jan. 1891, in Adolf Fredrik, Stockholm, he married Ida Christina Andersson, born 6 May 1856 in Hammar (Närk.). Their son Edvin Valerius Anderson was born 30 Jan. 1891, also in Adolf Fredrik.

Peter left from Göteborg on 8 April 1892 with a ticket for Delavan (unknown state), his home was given as Stockholm. There is a possible Peter Andreason, age 34, who arrived at Ellis Island on the *S/S Arizona* on 9 May, and stated that he was going to Center City, MN.

Next year his wife Ida Anderson and the little boy Edvin also left for America from Göteborg on 19 May 1893 with tickets for New York, but their home was still given as Stockholm. Ida and Edvin arrived at Ellis Island on 8 June on the *S/S Majestic*, and stated that they were going to Chicago.

In the 1900 U.S. Census Peter, Ida, and Edwin Anderson lived in the 25th Ward of Chicago, and also had a little daughter, Elsa M., born 30 April 1894 in Chicago. Peter worked as a carpenter.

In the next Census, 1910, son Edwin lived in Chicago, Ward 2, as a boarder, was single and worked as a pattern maker.

In June 1917 Edwin Valentine went through the draft board for World War I, and his information was that he was born 30 Jan. 1891 in Stockholm, Sweden, and now lived at 2635 N. Halstead Street in Chicago, and worked as a boat builder and pattern maker, employed by the firm of Tessin(?) and Peterson. He was single, not naturalized, and his only dependant was his father.

Any and all information on this family will be very welcome!

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Andreasson, Andersson, Floren, Florine

Two sons of Andreas Ericsson and Maja Stina Andersdotter of Noltorpet, Ryd, Norska Skogsbygden, (Vägö.) immigrated to America. Johan Edvard, b. 20 Feb 1858, emigrated in 1878 and Erik Alfred, b. 5 Nov 1860, emigrated in 1879, according to the Household Examination of 1873-1881.

However, no ship manifests or immigration records have been found for either. It is not known what surname each used at the time of their immigration. They were both born as Andreasson, but it is known that Erik Alfred changed his surname to Floren at some point. He shows up as a minister for the Free Church as Rev. E. A. Floren in the late 1800s and early 1900s prior to his death in Minneapolis in 1929.

Johan Edvard was known to be a miner in Iowa, but no record, census, death, or otherwise shows up in America of him. Relatives say he used the surname Florine. It is not known when Johan Edvard died. Any information on when the surname was changed or any information on Johan Edvard would be appreciated.

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Editor's comment: one of the things to do to try to find where the immigrants ended up is to check the probate (*bouppteckning*) for the parents, if they died after the emigration of the children. Andreas Ericsson of Noltorpet died 25 January 1891, and his probate was found in the records of Kullings *Häradsrätt* (volume FII:36 [1889-1891] on page 981). Unfortunately sons Johan Edvard and Erik Alfred are only mentioned as living in America, no specific address mentioned. Their inheritance rights were to be guarded by the homestead owner Johannes Nilsson of Tången, who was present at the taking of the inventory. An interesting point was that the oldest son was mentioned as the railway worker Herman Lidén of Stenstorp (Vägö.), another surname to look for.

The widow Stina Andersdotter died at Noltorpet on 9 Nov. 1896, but no probate was found for her.

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