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Genealogical Queries

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Knutsdotter

I am seeking information concerning two sisters named Knutsdotter, Augusta, b. Dec. 7, 1879 and Ida, b. March 23, 1882. Both came from Jämshög Parish (Blek.) and emigr. to Chicago in 1893. Did either marry and have children? Ruth Swanson Baxter.

10502 Tropicana Circle,

Sun City, AZ 85351

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Ericson

Desire information concerning Frank (Freeman) Ericson, b. ca. 1912. He resided in Ossining, NY, near his grandfather, the Rev. Olin Swanson. Later he resided at 96 Haven Ave., New York 32, NY.

Ruth Swanson Baxter,

10502 Tropicana Circle,

Sun City, AZ 85351

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Engström

I need information concerning the following family:

Olof Jonsson Engström, b. Sept. 18, 1826

Kerstin Olsdotter, his wife, b. March 3, 1825

Olof, son, b. Nov. 25, 1861

Anna Stina, daughter, b. Dec. 11, 1864.

All of the above were b. in Gräsmark Parish (Värm.) and emigr. from Kristiania (Oslo), Norway in August, 1881 aboard the SS Angelo, destined for Hastings.

Bertil Grundström,

Långgatan 4,

573 00 Tranås, SWEDEN

Björklund, Carlson, Charles

I am seeking information on the fate of Gottfried Carlsson Björklund, b. at Reaby, Gränna Parish (Jön.) Oct. 16, 1832, as well as other members of the Björklund family. The parents, former drummer Carl Björklund, b. June 16, 1794, and wife, Anna Stina Kindahl, b. July 5, 1796, emigr. from Gränna in 1853 with the following children: Frans Wilhelm, b. Aug. 3, 1828, Sara Stina, b. Dec. 19, 1830, Gottfried, b. Oct. 16, 1832, Anders Johan, b. Nov. 29, 1834, Juliana, b. Dec. 16, 1838 and Gustaf, b. Nov. 2, 1840.

According to Norelius, some or all of the Björklunds were at West Point, IN in 1855. Frans Wilhelm went to Rusheba, Chisago Co., MN in 1856 and later to Welch, MN, where he appears in the church register as Frans Wilhelm Carlson. He d. in 1906. Sara Stina and Juliana went to La Porte, IN in 1856, where Sara Stina m. a Mr. Peterson. Gottfried Björklund is named in the 1858 charter of the Vista Lutheran Church, New Richland, MN as "Gottfried Charls." Norelius states that Gottfried and Anders went to Idaho Territory and became wealthy and prominent there. Is Gottfried the 48 year old Swedish quartz miner enumerated in Owyhee Co., ID in 1880 as "Godfrey Charles"?

Ronald J. Johnson,

4517 Pawnee Pass,

Madison, WI 53711

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Pettersson

I am looking for information concerning Anders Patrik Pettersson, b. in Vallda Parish (Hall.) April 1, 1856. He had the following children: Carl Johan, b. in Timrå Parish Feb. 10, 1883, Anders Hilding, b. in Timrå Sept. 7, 1885 and Dagmar Mathilda, b. in Timrå Feb. 25, 1890. The family emigr. to the U.S. June 7, 1905.

Mrs. Lisbeth Johansson, Daltorp, Slätthultsvägen 21, 44303 Stenkullen, SWEDEN

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Nilsson

Desire information regarding Bertha Nilsson, b. in Varberg Jan. 8, 1869 and Carl Johan Nilsson, also b. in Varberg March 5, 1871. Bertha emigr. to Chicago March 22, 1889 and Carl Johan to the same destination in March 1890.

Mrs. Lisbeth Johansson.

Daltorp, Slätthultsvägen 21,

44303 Stenkullen, SWEDEN

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Berg

John Bertil Berg, b. in Duluth, MN Feb. 1, 1912, is said to have owned a

cotton plantation in California ca. 1950. He was m. to Ruth Murphy and he had three children, Gordon, b. July 2, 1941, and twins Thomas and Virginia, b. April 12, 1945. At that time the family resided in Sanger, CA. The family belongs to the Arta Olofsgård Family, originally from Fristad Parish (Älvs.). Any information concerning members of the Berg family would be appreciated.

Karl Svänsson,

Edsbergsvägen 8,

191 51 Sollentuna, SWEDEN

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Svensson, Waldner

Three brothers named Waldner, all tailors, emigr. to the U.S. in 1891 and 1899. Ernst Conrad was b. in Karlstad Dec. 25, 1869, Gustav Leonard, was b. in Kil Parish (Värm.) Nov. 5, 1872 and Carl Johan, was b. in Sunne Parish (Värm.) June 21, 1878. Gustav Leonard Waldner visited Sweden in 1900 and brought the mother, Anna Lisa Svensson, b. Carlsson in By Parish (Värm.) Oct. 15, 1835, to Boston, MA. The brothers Waldner belonged to the Arta Olofsgård Family from Fristad Parish (Älvs.) through their father, Johan Fredrik Svensson, b. in Fristad June 9, 1839. Any information concerning the Waldner brothers and their descendants would be appreciated.

Karl Svänsson,

Edsbergsvägen 8,

191 51 Sollentuna, SWEDEN

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Brandberg, Brenneberg

Seeking information concerning Peter Brandberg, b. in Västmanland, Sweden in 1736.

Karin E. Palmer,

Box 475.

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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Mork, Ravlon, Ferm

I need information concerning Ellida Mork. She was the half sister of my grandfather, whose name was Herman Bror Ferm. I am not sure whether her maiden name was Ravlon or Ferm. I believe she came to the Chicago area and then went west. According to what we heard she became a Mormon and settled in Utah. She had one son, named Mork, but we don't know his Christian name. Of the five people in my family who came from Sweden to the Chicago area, we can account for four. Any lead as to what happened to Ellida Mork would be appreciated.

Mrs. William G. Forster,

1801 6th Avenue, N.E.,

Menomonie, WI 54751

Jonsson, Påhlsson

Seeking information concerning Anders Jonsson, b. in Vomb Parish (Malm.) in 1752; d. in Veberöd Parish (Malm.) Nov. 23, 1826. His wife, Elisabeth Påhlsdotter, was b. in Vomb 1751, m. in Vomb June 15, 1777 and d. in Veberöd June 6, 1830. They had the following children, all b. in Silvåkra Parish (Malm.), except the eldest, b. in Vomb — Nils, b. Sept. 4, 1777, Maria, b. Nov. 13, 1779, Påhl, b. March 20, 1782; Boel, b. Feb. 21, 1784; Johan, b. Dec. 17, 1790, Jon, b. Feb. 7, 1793 and Hanna, b. Dec. 16, 1795.

Betty Jane Larson, 2943 South 94th Street,

West Allis, WI 53227

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Knutsdotter

Seeking information about Elna Knutsdotter, b. in Veberöd Parish (Malm.) April 17, 1836 and d. in the city of Höör Oct. 4, 1907. Her mother's name was Kerstina Jonsdotter.

Betty Jane Larson, 2943 South 94th Street, West Allis, WI 53227

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Åberg, Söderberg, Lindstedt

I am looking for information concerning the following emigrants who left Saxån in Värmland for America:

- a. Olof Åberg, b. Feb. 2, 1840, emigr. May 30, 1868.
- b. His sister, Maria Charlotta Åberg, b. Nov. 11, 1841, who emigr. April 11, 1870 together with her husband, Albert Söderberg, and dau. Anna-Maria, b. in 1860.
- c. Alfred Åberg, b. June 13, 1853, who emigr. May 6, 1881 together with his wife, Tilda Gustafsdotter, b. March 13, 1856.
- d. Emma Charlotta Åberg, b. Nov. 12, 1843, who emigr. Aug. 4, 1882 together with her husband, Gustaf Lindstedt, b. Feb. 24, 1851 and sons Gustaf Hjalmar, b. June 25, 1878 and Carl Albert, b. April 30, 1880.
- e. Carl August Åberg, b. March 23, 1867, who emigr. Oct. 9, 1888. Pastor Kjell G. Åberg,

Stomgatan 27,

464 00 Mellerud, SWEDEN

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Korsgren

Information desired concerning Clas Victor Korsgren, b. in Falun, Sweden Dec. 29, 1870. He emigr. to the U.S. April 25, 1880 together with his foster parents, Erik Eriksson Holmsten and his wife, Maria Gustava. They emigr. from Stora Tuna Parish (Kopp.) and are supposed to have gone to Le Mont, IA.

Pastor Kjell G. Åberg, Stomgatan 27, 464 00 Mellerud, SWEDEN

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Anderson

My father, Nels Anderson, was b. in Stockholm, Sweden Dec. 6, 1883, the s. of John and Anna Anderson. We don't know too much about him, except that he came to America in 1890 with his parents and an older brother, whose name we do not have. The family was known to have resided in Fargo, ND, Hudson or River Falls, WI and Adrian or Detroit, MI. Any information concerning him would be appreciated.

Mary L. (Anderson) Stephenson,

132 Conradt Avenue,

Kokomo, IN 46901

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Selling

I am anxious to know the fates of two individuals, father and son, who emigr. to America July 13, 1886 via Copenhagen. They were:

Harald Waldemar Selling, b. in Copenhagen Dec. 22, 1841, the s. of Christian Krogh and Marie Christine Svendsen. In 1847 young Harald Waldemar moved to Göteborg, Sweden, where he became the foster son of Jens Rasmussen Selling, a tobacco manufacturer. In 1867 Harald Waldemar Selling opened a coin shop in Göteborg under the name of Selling & Sahlström, situated at Torggatan 22. On June 26, 1875 Selling, the coin dealer, was united in marriage to Othelia Fredrica Zelin, b. in Brooklyn, NY July 25, 1857. Their s., Daniel Harald Selling was b. in Göteborg Dec. 4, 1876. On Aug. 20, 1883 the Sellings were divorced and on July 13, 1886, Harald Waldemar Selling emigr. to America with his three-year old son. Since that date there has been no trace of the Sellings. Who can help?

Ulf Nordlind,

Box 5132

102 43 Stockholm, SWEDEN

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Jonsdotter, Eriksson

Seeking information regarding descendants of Engla Olava Jonsdotter, b. in Ragunda Parish (Jämt.) in 1861, who was m. to Israel Eriksson, b. in Håsjö Parish (Jämt.) in 1858. The couple emigr. sometime between 1891 and 1900 and lived for a while in Rush City, MN.

Inger Nemeth,

Turbingränd 20

175 75 Järfälla, SWEDEN

Carlsson

Seeking information about my uncle, Oscar Bror Amandus Carlsson, b. in Berg, Edsele Parish (VN). He emigr. to the U.S. in 1906 and resided at first i Cloquet, MN. In 1956 he was living in Boise, ID and in 1961 in Spokane, WA. Inger Nemeth,

Turbingränd 20,

175 75 Järfälla, SWEDEN

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Johansson, Bengtsson

Looking for information concerning the four children of Erik Johan Bengtsson in Övre Ullerud Parish (Värm.) who emigr. to the U.S.:

- a. Carl Emanuel Johansson, b. Feb. 4, 1881. He emigr. May 22, 1901 via Hull aboard the ship *Romeo*, destined for New York. His destination was Chicago.
- b. Hjalmar Theodore Johansson or Bengtsson, b. Jan. 10, 1885, who emigr. to Chicago April 30, 1903.
- c. Maria Christina Bengtsson, b. June 8, 1889; emigr. July 8, 1905 via Hull on board the ship *Calypso*, bound for Chicago, via New York.
- d. Ernst Valdemar Johansson or Bengtsson, b. June 1, 1892, who emigr. to Chicago April 27, 1912. It is believed that he called himself Ernest Benson.

In 1975 a person named Willard Benson, s. of the above Ernest Benson was residing at 2507 North 39th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210. A letter written to this address in 1979 was never answered.

Jan Larsson.

Box 56.

651 02 Karlstad 1, SWEDEN

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Anderson, Lundin

Seeking the birth place in Sweden of my grandfather, Nels Anderson, b. June 10, 1871 and my grandmother, Augusta Swanson, b. Dec. 9, 1870. They emigr. to the U.S. in 1889 (The U.S. Census says 1892), landed in New York and were m. upon arrival. They worked for a while on Ellis Island in New York, Nels as a carpenter, Augusta as a housekeeper. At this time Nels changed his name to Nels A. Lundin.

The couple moved to Estherville, IA, where their first child, Nels William was b. June 15, 1893 (according to the baptismal record).

Nels Anderson Lundin had two brothers, Fred Anderson, b. in June 1880 and Jens Anderson, both of them returning to Sweden. Jens may have been in the Swedish Army around 1900. Nels Anderson Lundin d. in Tacoma, WA in 1928 and his wife Augusta Lundin in Seattle, WA 1948. We believe that they both originated near Helsingborg in the province of Skåne.

May Lundin Charbonneau,

Forest Grove, MT 59441

Andersson

I am hoping that some reader of *SAG* will help me locate descendants of the following persons, who emigr. to America April 11, 1880. They were all b. in Hällestad Parish (Ög.) and according to the police records in Göteborg they intended to go to Stillwater, MN. They were:

Israel Andersson, b. Sept. 18, 1831 Johanna Johansdotter, b. Sept. 6, 1837 Anna Lotta, dau., b. Aug. 13, 1861 Anders Peter, s., b. Feb. 10, 1864 Israel, s., b. March 22, 1867 Johan Albert, s., b. Jan. 2, 1875 Emma Mathilda, dau., b. March 1, 1878

Ivar Andersson,

Myrmalmsvägen 17a,

612 00 Finspång, SWEDEN

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Remmer

We are trying to locate the family of Carl Remmer, my grandfather. He served in the Swedish Army for 29 years, was discharged in 1893 and arrived in the U.S. in the same year. He applied for U.S. citizenship, which was granted him in 1898. We are told that he came from Engelholm. His wife, Mathilda Polson (Paulson) was b. in Örkelljunga, Sweden. They had three dau., of which Signe Ingegerd, b. in Broby Parish (Krist.) in 1888, was my mother. Dale Trout.

R.D. # 2 BY 2208,

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

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Johnson

Need parish name for birth place of Eric John Johnson, who with his family came from Småland to America in 1852. The father, Eric, was b. in 1819, mother, Britta Elisa, b. 1815, s. Augustus William, b. Sept. 28, 1847, s. Charles Alfred, b. March 16, 1850 and dau., Clara M., b. in 1850. The latter may have been twins. There may have been an additional child in the family. The Eric John Johnsons settled on Goose Island in Chicago. In 1876 they had the Johnson Brothers Coal and Ice business in Chicago.

Carol Miller.

1395 Parkside.

Park Ridge, IL 60068

Wikstrom

I am searching for my grandfather's family. He came to Mendocino Co., CA before 1890, where he m. my grandmother, Charlotte Marie Dahl, who was b. in Amnehärad Parish (Skar.). My grandfather left for the gold rush in the Yukon in 1898 and never returned to his family (wife and four daughters). We have a paper which he wrote in order to get a pension in Canada, which tells something about him, although we cannot make out his parish of birth. The document was sent to the British Consul in Strömstad, Sweden and was dated Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada Oct. 1, 1930. Here is his my grandfather's statement:

"My name is August Gustave Wikstrom. I am a Swede by birth. I was born April 29, 1858. I adopted the name of August Gustave Wikstrom after running away from a Norwegian ship in Liverpool, England. I was born in Rose Sterno Socken, Bohuslän. My Christian name was August Andreasson and my father's name was Andreas Anderson, often called Wikstrom after the place where we were living, called Wiken. My mother's name was Helena Mattias, before marriage to my father. When I left Sweden I had a brother Lorentz and a sister Mathilda."

My grandmother's sister, Ottilia Dahl was m. to a chap named Bock. She had two sons, Gunnar and Kurt. Gunnar was living in Borås, Sweden, but we have not heard from them since my grandmother's death in 1944.

I would appreciate any help that your organization can give.

Ethel-Marie Halverson.

2110 Buena Vista Avenue.

Healdsburg, CA 95445

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Noren, Noreen, Kullenberg, Click

Seeking descendants of two brothers of my great grandfather who emigr, to America in the 1880s.

- a. Carl Abraham Noren, b. in Norsjö Parish (Vb) Dec. 18, 1858, m. to Evelina Mathilda Kullenberg, and emigr. to San Antonio, TX in 1883 with his wife's parents and siblings. Evelina Mathilda lived in Seattle, WA as late as 1933. Carl Abraham had then been dead for some time. A dau. was possibly m. to a chap named Willie Click, with whom she had a s., Arfa Click.
- b. Pehr Olof Noren, b. in Norsjö Parish May 7, 1851. He was m. to Ulrica Wilhelmina Stenmark and had children Gustaf Hjalmar, Anna Wilhelmina and Hedvig Josephina. His family emigr. to Kansas in 1884. Pehr Olof Noren was active in the temperance movement in Kansas for a number of years.

Kenneth Norén.

Gyllengripsgatan 32,

902 50 Umeå, SWEDEN

Anderson

I have a relative who emigr. to the U.S. from Sweden and have been unable to find his parish of birth. His name was Olof Anderson, b. in Sweden March 11, 1848. He settled in Lancaster, Dallas Co., TX, m. ca. 1875 Nancy Combs of Illinois. He d. in Dallas Co., TX Oct. 17, 1903. He was naturalized after filing his declaration of intent on Aug. 2, 1887. According to a family tradition he is supposed to have returned to Sweden in 1900 due to a death in the family. Any help I can get to determine his birth place in Sweden would be appreciated. Ann Goar.

Route 3, Box 134, Gilmer, TX 75644

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Johnson or Jonsdotter

My great grandmother, Minnie Christina Wilhelmina Johnson or Jonsdotter was b. in Göteborg, Sweden May 26, 1878, the dau. of Lars Johnson and Mary Larson. She emigr. to the U.S. in 1896 at the age of 18. I would very much like to know more of her family background in Sweden.

Lawrence D. Peterson, 3309 Murray Ridge Road,

San Diego, CA 92123

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Andersson

I am trying to find out something concerning my relatives who were living in Minneapolis, MN. Alfred Andersson was b. in Sweden September 11, 1852 and emigr. to the U.S. March 22, 1880. He settled in Minneapolis, where he was foreman for road work, a job, which I believe he had from the very beginning. In 1932, at the time he was 80 years old, he had a picture taken at the Nordin Studio at Lake and Nicollet, which he sent home to Sweden. He must have had at least four children.

Kerstin Lindström, Vassvägen 12, 702 31 Örebro, SWEDEN

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Larsson

My grandmother was b. in Dalen Svanskog (Värm.) Jan. 1, 1888 and emigr. supposedly to New York in Sept., 1909, and then lived briefly in New Jersey, before settling in Chicago and later in Gary, IN. I wish to locate her on the passenger manifests. I believe she may have sailed to New York by way of Southampton, England as my search of Scandinavian departures for period has been unsuccessful. Also I should like to know something concerning my great grandparents, Johan Alfred Larsson (1857–1937) and Maria Kajsa Andersdotter (1862–1955) of Dalen and Bollsbyn, Svanskog (Värm.).

Kendall Svengalis, Burgess Road, Foster, RI 02825

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Nelson

Urgently need information on Alva Nelson, medal engraver, who emigr. to the US from Sweden between 1885 and 1890. He engraved the Sternberg medal for the Surgeon General of the Department of War in Washington, DC in 1921. The medal had been designed by Dr. Richard Lee. Nelson is supposed to have had a studio in New York City before he died. He is reputed to have been an excellent engraver.

Francis Pessolano-Filos, Venus Numismatics, P.O. Box 313, Parkchester Station, Bronx, NY 10462

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Bengtsson

Desirous to find out what happened to my great grandfather's brother, Tufve Bengtsson, who arr. in the U.S. in 1854 from the parish of Knislinge in Kristianstad *län*. He was 26 years old at that time.

Jos. B. Rosenbery, 337 Niagara Street, Park Forest. IL 60466

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Nordling, Erickson

I am seeking information concerning Stina Nordling and her ancestors and descendants. She was b. in Väse Parish (Värm.) Dec. 5, 1812 and came to America in 1876 with her s., August E. Nordling (my husband's grandfather). They went first to Varna, IL and then to Geneseo, IL in 1879. In 1887 she went to Holdrege, NE. Stina Nordling had eleven or twelve children, of which most became clergymen or m. clergymen. Some used the name of Nordling and I believe that some used the name of Erickson.

Mrs. Keith C. Nordling, Highway 82 N, Box 5 B, Geneseo, IL 61254

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Bergman

I am searching for information concerning my relatives in the U.S., with whom we lost contact many years ago. The first generation consisted of Olof Olsson Bergman and his wife Anna Sjöberg. They had two children, Anna Erika, b. 1864 and Erik Olof, b. 1866 and emigr. to Lansing, IA in 1868, where the

Bergmans bought a farm. In Lansing three additional dau. were b., Mary, Carrie and Hanna. The family attended the First Baptist Church in Lansing and the oldest daughter, Anna Erika, served as a missionary in India for seven years. Of the four girls, only Hanna m. She was m. to Oscar (?) Carland and lived in Minneapolis. I have been in contact with a lady in Lansing who tells me that she had visited Hanna Bergman Carland in Minneapolis and I have also learned that Carrie Bergman was living in Minneapolis in the 1940s and that she had a niece also living there, in which case Oscar and Hanna Carland must have had a child. Seth Sjöberg, % Jönsson,

Herserudsvägen 4 B, nb.

181 34 Lidingö, SWEDEN

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Jönsson

I wonder if someone can help me find out what happened to Erik Jönsson, b. in Trönö Parish (Gävl.) Sept. 25, 1822. On June 28, 1870 he left for America. During his first year in America he was in contact with his family and there are many letters extant. On Aug. 12, 1871 he wrote that he was going to come home in September of that year. He was never heard from again. He seems to have been a stone mason. His last address was Miami Station, Carroll Co., MO. Gösta Berglöw.

Borg 3087,

826 04 Norrala, SWEDEN

111

Jansson

I should like to know if there are any descendants to this family which emigr. to America in 1884:

Jan Erik Jansson, b. in Hällefors Parish (Öre.); his wife Ida Carolina Andersdotter, b. in Hjulsjö Parish (Öre.) July 17, 1850 and their two children, Elin Carolina, b. 1873 and Carl Oscar, b. 1876.

Viktor Andersson,

Övermoravägen 22,

781 95 Borlänge, SWEDEN

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Nilsson

Who can help me find descendants of the following family which emigr. to the U.S. in 1884:

Carl Adolf Nilsson, b. in Hjulsjö Parish (Öre.); his wife, Sophia Albertina Andersdotter, b. in Hjulsjö Feb. 22, 1855 and their children, Sophia Vilhelmina, b. 1875 and Anna Maria, b. 1877.

Viktor Andersson.

Övermoravägen 22,

781 95 Borlänge, SWEDEN

Andersson

I am looking for descendants of the following family which emigr. to U.S. Johan Ulrik Andersson, b. in Hjulsjö Parish (Öre.) July 1, 1863 and his wife, Selma Maria Biörk, b. Jan. 26, 1866.

Viktor Andersson,

Övermoravägen 22,

781 95 Borlänge, SWEDEN

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Andersdotter

Hilda Maria Andersdotter, b. in Hjulsjö Parish (Öre.) Nov. 11, 1866, emigr. to the U.S. 1886. Can anyone tell me what happened to her? Viktor Andersson,

Övermoravägen 22.

781 95 Borlänge, SWEDEN

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Anderson, Florine

I am seeking information on three brothers, who were uncles of my grand-father Robert Johnson Florine. They were s. of Andreas Ericsson of Noltorpet, Nårunga Parish (Älvs.) and his wife Maja Stina Andersdotter. The brothers used the surname Anderson in Sweden, but may have taken the name of Florine (Floren) in America. Johan Edvin, b. Feb. 20, 1858, arr. in America 1880; Erik Alfred, b. Nov. 5, 1860, came in 1880 and Linus, b. April 21, 1864, arr. in 1891. It is believed that they settled in Iowa.

Howard W. Florine,

1111 Bonnie Brae, Apt. 3 W,

River Forest, IL 60305

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Johnson, Florine

I am seeking information concerning Axel R. Johnson, s. of J. A. Jonsson and his wife Charlotta, b. in the city of Alingsås, Sweden Jan. 16, 1881. He was the brother of my grandfather, Robert Florine, and may also have taken that name upon arrival in the U.S. It is believed that he settled in California.

Howard W. Florine,

1111 Bonnie Brae, Apt 3 W,

River Forest, IL 60305