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- <sup>28</sup> Carl Borg is probably identical with Carl Borg, who emigr. from Brålanda Parish (Älvs.) in 1876 and was admitted to the Swedish Brothers March 28, 1881. — *Swedish Brothers*, 51.
- <sup>29</sup> Mathilda Victoria Fogelberg was born in St. Anthony Park, MN.
- <sup>30</sup> Mabel Catherine Enieck was born in St. Paul, MN.
- <sup>31</sup> John T. Eckerstrom is probably identical with John F. Ekerström, who came from Hemmesjö Parish (Kron.) and who was admitted to the Swedish Brothers Feb. 13, 1879. — *Swedish Brothers*, 52.
- <sup>32</sup> Harold Frances Wilson was the adopted son of Swen and Emma Johnson.
- <sup>33</sup> Alice Charlotte Munson was born in Rio, IL.
- <sup>34</sup> Carl Luther Peterson was born in Rio, IL.
- <sup>35</sup> Herman Fredrik Peterson was born in Rio, IL.
- <sup>36</sup> Gerald Wessen Wicklund was born in Pipestone, MN.
- <sup>37</sup> Doubtless identical with Claus Alfred Fritzen (see note 12).
- <sup>38</sup> See note 16.

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Henry Hanson's article, "Swedish American By-Names" in the December issue of *SAG* was very interesting. As a youngster in Springfield, MA I was interested in everything Swedish, probably because of my parents' membership in the local Vasa Order lodge and our family membership in the Bethesda Swedish Lutheran Church. I remember hearing that this Swede was a "Skåning" and another was a "Smålänning" and when still a third Swede was referred to as "Blekingen" I did not realize until years later that his real name was Anderson and the by-name was used to differentiate him from many other Andersons. A native of the province of Dalarna in Sweden is known as *dalmas*, shortened to *mas*. Two Johnson brothers from Avesta in that province named Johnson were known as "Stormasen" and "Lill-masen". Although they were not much different in size, one was more aggressive. This might have contributed to his being named "Big" and his brother "Small". The by-name may also have alluded to their ages. Another native from Dalarna, whose name I never did learn, was called "Masen" and he actually took the English surname Mason. We also had "Långe Erik" Erickson and in Worcester, MA I heard references made to "Mjök" Anderson, presumably because he either distributed milk or owned a dairy.

In my father's birth parish of Älgårås (Skar.) there was a farm named Saltpetersjudaretorpet (indicating that the owner at one time had been engaged in manufacturing saltpeter). One of his sons was known as Lars "Sjuars" Sigfrid. There was also "Johanna på fläskebacken" (Johanna on Bacon Hill) and "Elmer i korsvägen" (Elmer at the crossroads). Those are some examples from my own experience.

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