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Genealogical Queries

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Trank

Seeking information concerning the parents and siblings of my husband's paternal grandfather, John Trank, b. in Ulricehamn, Sweden April 9, 1849. He emigr. to America in 1870. Where or when he first m. is not known. His first wife, Carolina Lun(d)blom gave birth to two children, Emil and Emma, in Hastings, MN. The family then moved to Cannon Falls, MN in 1878, where dau. Agnes was b., and where Carolina d. Dec. 17, 1883. John Trank then m. Eva Amanda Youngquist (my husband's grandmother), b. in Angelstad Parish (Kron.) Sept. 10, 1865. They were m. in Red Wing, MN June 23, 1884. John and Eva had four children — Alvira, Walter, Bror and Jakobus. Eva d. Nov. 22, 1892. John Trank's third wife was Mathilda Larson, who d. March 23, 1898. John himself d. April 5, 1901 and is bur. in Cannon Falls.

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Pettersson, Nilsson

I am looking for descendants of the following persons, who emigr. to America:

a. Olof Pettersson had a s., Petter Olofsson (who probably called himself Olson), b. in Kila Parish (Värm.) March 21, 1838. He emigr. from Norway to America July 26, 1869.

b. Olof's brother Nils Pettersson had the following sons, who all emigr. to the U.S.

Jan Petter Nilsson, b. Sept. 27, 1841; emigr. from Stenbyen, Långserud Parish (Värm) April 15, 1873.

Edward Nilsson, b. July 5, 1850; emigr. from Långserud the same day.

Johannes Nilsson, b. Feb. 18, 1848; he was m. in Sweden but traveled alone to America and d. there.

Nils Nilsson, b. in Elovbyen, Långserud March 25, 1845. He may have emigr. from Stenbyen.

Otto Nilsson, b. in Elovbyen April 1, 1860. He may have moved to

Stenbyn and then to America.

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Stålberg

Three brothers Stålberg, Anders, b. 1859, Karl, b. 1867 and Otto, b. 1873, all in Munkfors Parish (Värm.), emigr. to America. I would like to know what happened to them and their descendants.

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Wikberg, Sjöstedt, Mattson

I am looking for information concerning three siblings who emigr. to America in 1926:

a. Kristina Wikberg, m. to George Wikberg, b. 1882 and residing in Los Angeles, CA.

b. Karl Sjöstedt, b. 1884, residing in Brooklyn, NY.

c. Leontine Mattson, m. to Edwin Mattson and residing in Groveland, FL.

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Lundberg, Ode

I am looking for descendants of the following persons:

a. Karl Lundberg, b. 1887, emigr. either from Stockholm or Göteborg; d. in the U.S. in an accident.

b. Ernst Johan Lundberg, b. 1892, emigr. March 18, 1916.

c. Emma Sofia Ode, b. 1866; emigr. April 14, 1892.

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Gustavsson

I am seeking information concerning my aunt, Mrs. Eva Samueldotter Gustavsson, b. in Torslanda Parish (Göt.) March 23, 1857. She emigr. with her husband and three children to Toledo, OH June 2, 1882. From Göteborg they travelled via *SS Orlando* to Hull, England and then from Liverpool to the U.S. The family consisted of the following persons:

Otto Andreas Gustavsson, b. in Bäve Parish (Göt.) April 11, 1849. Eva Samueldotter Gustavsson, b. in Torslanda March 23, 1857. Their three

children, all b. in the city of Uddevalla — Hilmer, b. Dec. 23, 1877; Carl Algot, b. Dec. 18, 1879 and Esther Alida, b. in Jan. 1882.

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Carlsson, Petersson

I am looking for descendants of the following family:

Johan Peter Carlsson, b. in Torslunda Parish (Kalm.) Sept. 18, 1847; d. in Sioux City, IA March 3, 1936. He was m. Sept. 9, 1871 to Mina Charlotta Andersdotter, b. in Torslunda Oct. 26, 1847. She d. in Sioux City July 14, 1901. They had the following children:

a. Carl Alfred, b. in Torslunda Oct. 14, 1871; emigr. April 30, 1886.

b. Anna Amalia, b. in Gårdby Parish (Kalm.) July 17, 1874. She emigr. with her parents Sept. 11, 1891. She resided at 211 South Wall Street, Sioux City and was m. to a chap named Petersson. They had a dau. Elin Charlotta, b. in Sioux City Oct. 17, 1906.

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Swenson

I wish to obtain information on a Swedish American domestic (chambermaid) named Linnea Swenson, employed in the household of Mrs. Charles E.F. McCann of New York City during the years 1922 and 1925. She was from somewhere in the province of Småland and returned to visit Sweden with her co-worker, Signe Sonesson (from the province of Skåne) in the spring of 1925.

I am also interested in any data concerning other Swedes employed in the McCann household during these years (as cooks, maids, housemen, etc.).

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Holmquist

Three brothers Holmquist emigr. to the U.S., Adam Wilhelm, Christian Johan and Andreas. They were the s. of Olof Holmquist, b. in Kläggeröd, Slimminge Parish (Malm.) and Gunhild Thomelius. Olof was the master gardener at Hovdala Castle in Brönnestad Parish (Krist.) They had ten children, of which four d. young.

a. Adam Wilhelm Holmquist emigr. in 1865, although the emigration

record cannot be found. He worked in Indiana and Illinois before coming to Faribault, MN, where he m. Mari Groven. They had eight children and 24 grandchildren, of whom I am No. 21.

b. Christian Johan Holmquist, b. Nov. 29, 1838, emigr. to Chicago. He was m. in Sweden and had three children — Alma, Oscar and Anna. He remarried in the U.S. Did he have descendants?

c. Andreas was b. in Brönnestad in Nov. 1850. His migration record is dated Aug. 9, 1868. Where did he go and did he marry?

I should very much like to find descendants of Christian and Andreas. They have many cousins in the U.S. and Sweden and their roots are known as far back as 1665 and 1730.

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Persson, Andersson, Westlund

Seeking information concerning Jon Persson, b. in Malmö July 25, 1846, d. in Eastern Twp., MN Dec. 8, 1920. He was m. to Maria Jönsdotter Andersson in Eslöv Dec. 31, 1878. She was b. in Vitaby Parish (Krist.) Nov. 19, 1856 and d. in Eastern Twp. June 28, 1920. Jon Persson changed his name to Westlund upon arr. in America around 1887. They had three children — Ida, Johanna and Nils.

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Jepsson, Åkesson, Andersson

Seeking information on Åke Jepsson and his wife Boel from Kågeröd Parish (Malm.). They had four s. — Nils, b. Aug. 27, 1863, who d. in St. Paul, MN June 23, 1941; Per, b. April 15, 1876, d. in Eagle Bend, MN Nov. 3, 1921; Jon (?) and Olof. The latter, b. in 1874, changed his name to Roth and d. in Kågeröd March 18, 1948. Per and Olof m. sisters, Maria and Emma, daus. Nils Andersson and his wife Kerstin. Per emigr. from Landskrona on the *Cedric* in March, 1904. Maria came in 1907 with children Victor and Martha.

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Sandberg, Persson, Jenson

Seeking information on John S. Sandberg, b. in Sweden 1825, who d. in Parkers Prairie, MN 1903. He was m. to (Betsy) Jenson with whom he had the following children:

a. Per. b. 1868; d. in Parkers Prairie 1892.

b. Mary, b. in Västerstad Parish (Malm.) 1871 or 1872; d. in Battle Lake, MN 1965. She emigr. 1892 and m. Gotfred Miller in 1903.

c. Andrew Forsce, b. in Västerstad 1856; d. in Parkers Prairie 1939.

d. John Holmquist, b. 1853; d. in Little Sauk, MN 1907. He emigr. in 1880 and was m. to Karna Nilsson, b. 1851, who d. in 1933 and with whom he had eleven children.

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Nicholsen

I am seeking information concerning the family of Ada Götilda Petersdotter, b. in Jämjö Parish (Blek.) Nov. 14, 1890. She emigr. to the U.S. in 1913 and m. Henry Nicholsen, b. in Oslo, Norway Jan. 3, 1895. They seemed to have resided in Brooklyn and Long Island. Ada d. in Meadowbrook Hospital, East Meadow, NY Nov. 24, 1955. Henry remarried and moved to Sarasota, FL, where he d. June 19, 1962. I am told that Ada and Henry had a s., but I cannot locate any. None are listed on the death certificate.

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Petersdotter

What became of Elina Petersdotter, b. in Jämjö Parish (Blek.) April 2, 1880? I have her emigration contract. She arr. Aug. 3, 1895 aboard the ship *St. Louis* with Pennsylvania as her destination.

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Olsson

Seeking information concerning Elina Olsson, b. in Ramdala Parish (Blek.) Oct. 3, 1883. She emigr. to the U.S. April 21, 1899 and since nothing had been heard from her, was declared legally dead by the district court in Blekinge Nov. 24, 1931.

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Bengtsson

Seeking information concerning Swan (Sven) Bengtsson, b. in Gråmans-

torp Parish (now Klippan) March 29, 1861. He emigr. to Wilcox-Rasselas, PA and m. in Kane, PA Ingrid Monsson Oct. 26, 1886. The marriage was performed by P.A. Bergquist. Nothing is known of him after that. Did he die there? Did he have children? One rumor claims he moved to northern Illinois.

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Naeverbakken, Beck

Henrik Halvorsen Naeverbakken was b. in Jevnaker, Norway and emigr. to South Dakota, where he used the name Henry H. Beck. He seems to have m. in June, 1897 and was then living in Bonestell, SD. A Henry Beck d. in Bonestell in 1900 and was bur. in the Rosebud Cemetery there. The records of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in the area can not be found.

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Eklund

Per (Pete) Eklund, b. in Leksand Parish (Kopp.) Jan. 20, 1861, emigr. to America in 1891. He worked as a tailor in Butte, MT until 1912, when he returned to Sweden. He seems to have m. in Butte and had a s., b. between 1894 and 1900. When Eklund returned to Sweden his s. remained in the U.S. Any information regarding the son would be very much appreciated.

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Broström, Kling

I am looking for descendants of Lars-Erik and Julia Broström who emigr. to America from Ockelbo Parish (Gävl.) in 1886. Their s. Richard was about a year old at the time. A second child, Esther Malvina, was b. in the U.S. July 2, 1890. It is possible that Julia Broström's brother, Johan Kling, accompanied them. The family moved around a lot — Davenport, IA, Rose-land and Galva, IL. They were living in the latter place in Dec. 1894. In Feb., 1901 the family was located in Chicago. Any lead on the Broströms would be appreciated.

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Fahlén

I am on the lookout for my uncle, Herbert Fahlén, b. in Väja in the province of Ångermanland, Sweden Aug. 4, 1901. He departed for America ca. 1921–1922. He m. an American woman named Mary and worked for a while in an automobile factory in Flint, MI. After retirement he and his wife settled in Punta Gorda, FL. Letters to him there have been returned. Can anyone help me locate my uncle?

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Bergström, Montán

I should like to know what happened to my maternal grandmother's siblings and half-siblings who emigr. to America. They were — Maja Cajsa Bergström, b. 1840, Christina Bergström, b. 1842, Anna Bergström, b. 1845 and Johan Petter Bergström, b. 1848. These emigr. in the 1860's. Another brother, Lars August Bergström, b. 1854, emigr. 1871. The brothers changed their name to Montán and settled in Chicago, where Johan Petter, after the fire of 1871, bought land and constructed buildings.

My grandmother's father remarried and his two children in this second marriage emigr. also. They were Emma Charlotta Bergström, b. 1864, who m. Frank Backman and resided in St. Paul, MN, where she d. 1912. The other sister was Anna Sofia Bergström, b. 1869, who m. Karl Hellén and also probably lived in St. Paul, where she had 2 or 3 sons.

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