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Comment

Several readers, commenting on the inclusion of the ancestral table in the September issue of *SAG*, have indicated some puzzlement over the format as well as the numbering system used. The editor readily admits that he may have taken too much for granted, in including the first ancestral table without also clarifying the method used. In order not to allow confusion to linger, the editor will here attempt to make amends for his *lapsus*, by saying a few words concerning the method used.

For generations genealogists in Europe have wrestled with the problem of finding a method which would illustrate schematically, in the simplest way possible, an individual's relationship to his parents, grandparents, great grandparents and so on backwards in time. Many systems have been devised, each with its defenders and detractors. So far as this study is concerned, the editor has accepted the Kekule system as being the simplest to use and the easiest to grasp. The system was formulated by Stephan Kekule von Stradonitz (1863–1933), an heraldic expert, who specialized in drawing up the ancestral tables of many of the crowned heads of Europe.

The Kekule method is simply the use of an Arabic numbering system, in which the student or the searcher, who is making up the chart, assigns No. 1 to himself or herself. His or her father and mother are then numbered 2 and 3 respectively. The paternal grandparents become No. 4 and 5, while the maternal grandparents are given the numbers 6 and 7. For each generation going back, the numbers double for the males. For the females the numbers also double plus one. Thus one's paternal great grandmother doubles the grandfather's number which is 4 to $8 + 1$ or No. 9. All males have even numbers, all females uneven.

In order to make the system a little easier to grasp, each generation is provided a Roman numeral, beginning with one's parents, who thus have number I. The grandfather's generation becomes No. II and the great grandparents have No. III, etc.¹

The Kekule method works well for the simple and easily understood ancestral table, which stretches back to the seventh or eighth generation. After this the numbers become quite cumbersome, since we are, after all, dealing with a doubling every generation. In ten generations or approximately 300 years, since the average generation is generally considered to be about 30 years, every person will have reached backwards to a total of 1,024 direct ancestors. When this figure

goes back an additional 10 generations, approximately 600 years to the end of the 14th century, every person can boast of 1,048,576 direct ancestors.

For the average genealogist, able to bring his lines back six or seven generations, the Kekule method is fully adequate.

Below is the ancestral chart of the late Danish King Christian X, showing five generations, going back to the 18th century. The chart is reproduced from the Danish classic in genealogical research, Albert Fabritius and Harald Hatt, *Haandbog i Slaetgsforskning*, published in Copenhagen 1943.

Kong Christian X til Danmark og Island	Kong Christian IX til Danmark (1818—1906)	Kong Frederik VIII til Danmark (1848—1912)	Prinsesse Louise af Hessen-Cassel (1817—1898)	Kong Carl XV af Sverige og Norge (1826—1872)	Prinsesse Lovisa af Sverige og Norge (1831—1926)	Prinsesse Louise af Nederlandene (1828—1871)	8	Hertug Frederik af Slesvig-Holsten-Sønderborg-Beck (1757—1816)	16	Hertug Karl Anton August af Sl.-H.-Sønderborg-Beck (1727—1759)	32
							9	Grevinge Frederikke von Schlieben (1757—1827)	17	Frederikke Grevinge af Dohna (1738—1786)	33
							10	Landgreve Carl af Hessen-Cassel (1744—1836)	18	Leopold Greve von Schlieben (1723—1788)	34
							11	Prinsesse Louise af Danmark (1750—1831)	19	Eleonora Grevinge von Lehndorf (1723—1800)	35
							12	Landgreve Frederik af Hessen-Cassel (1747—1837)	20	Landgreve Frederik II af Hessen-Cassel (1720—1785)	36
							13	Prinsesse Caroline af Nassau-Usingen (1762—1823)	21	Prinsesse Marie af Storbritannien (1723—1772)	37
							14	Arveprins Frederik af Danmark (1753—1805)	22	Kong Frederik V af Danmark (1723—1766)	38
							15	Hertuginde Frederikke af Mecklenburg-Schwerin (1758—1794)	23	Prinsesse Louise af Storbritannien (1724—1751)	39
							16	Kong Carl XIV Johan af Sverige og Norge (1764—1844)	24	Landgreve Frederik II af Hessen-Cassel (1720—1785) se Nr. 36.	40
							17	Désirée Clary (1777—1860)	25	Prinsesse Marie af Storbritannien (1723—1772) se Nr. 37.	41
							18	Hertug Eugène af Leuchtenberg (1781—1824)	26	Carl Wilhelm Fyrste af Nassau-Usingen (1735—1803)	42
							19	Prinsesse Augusta af Bayern (1788—1851)	27	Caroline Grevinge von Leiningen-Hildesheim (1734—1810)	43
							20	Kong Wilhelm I af Nederlandene (1772—1843)	28	Kong Frederik V af Danmark (1723—1766) se Nr. 38.	44
							21	Prinsesse Wilhelmine af Preussen (1774—1837)	29	Prinsesse Juliane Maria af Brunsvig-Wolfenbüttel (1729—1796)	45
							22	Kong Friederich Wilhelm III af Preussen (1770—1840)	30	Prins Ludvig af Mecklenburg-Schwerin (1725—1778)	46
23	Hertuginde Louise af Mecklenburg-Strelitz (1776—1810)	31	Prinsesse Charlotte af Sachsen-Coburg-Saalfeld (1731—1810)	47							
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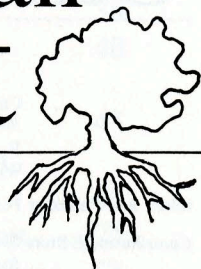
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7. NORBERG, Clara Susanna, b. Eksjö Parish (Jön.), Sweden 1872; came to the U.S. 1889; d. Rockford, IL 1959.
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11. JOHANSBOTTER, Inga Lovisa, b. Luttra Parish (Skar.) 1849; came to the U.S. 1883; d. Rockford, IL 1925.
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13. CARLSBOTTER, Augusta Albertina, b. Lerbäck 1845; d. Viby Parish (Öre.) 1904.
14. NORBERG, Jonas Fredrik, b. Eksjö 1832; m. 1860; d. Eksjö 1910.
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17. UGGLA, Margareta Magdalena, b. Jäla Parish (Skar.) 1805; d. Brismene 1889.
18. —
19. ANDERSBOTTER, Petronella Maria, b. Göteborg 1818.
20. ANDERSSON, Johannes, b. Torbjörntorp Parish (Skar.) 1809; m. 1849; d. Falköping 1890.
21. ISAKSBOTTER, Sara Maja, b. Falköping rural parish (Skar.) 1830; d. Friggeråker 1876.
22. AMBJÖRNSSON, Johannes, b. Kinneved Parish (Skar.) 1821; m. 1848; d. Falköping 1900.

23. ISAKSDOTTER, Maja Lisa, b. Slöta Parish (Skar.) 1824; d. Gökhem Parish (Skar.) 1865.
- 24–25. —
26. OLSSON, Carl Johan, b. Lerbäck 1816; m. 1840; d. Lerbäck 1852.
27. SVENSDOTTER, Maja Lisa, b. Lerbäck 1816; d. Lerbäck 1897.
28. NORBERG, Johannes, b. Korsberga Parish (Jön.) 1794; d. Eksjö rural parish 1844.
29. JONSDOTTER, Maja Catharina, b. Eksjö rural parish 1800.
30. SVENSSON, Johannes, b. Bälaryd Parish (Jön.) 1800; m. 1825; d. 1868.
31. PETERSDOTTER, Christina, b. Norra Solberga 1804; d. Eksjö rural parish 1853.
- V. 32. JONSSON, Magnus, b. Brismene 1775; m. 1799; d. Brismene 1845.
33. LARSDOTTER, Wallborg, b. Böne Parish (Älvs.) 1766; d. Brismene 1845.
34. UGGLA, Johan Mattias, b. Lovisa, Finland 1772; m. 1797; d. Börstig Parish (Skar.) 1858.
35. BELFRAGE, Johanna Lovisa, b. Jäla 1776; d. Börstig 1854.
- 36–39. —
40. JONSSON, Anders, b. Torbjörntorp 1777; m. 1805; d. Friggeråker 1854.
41. ANDERSDOTTER, Maja, b. Broddetorp Parish (Skar.) 1779; d. Friggeråker 1847.
42. BENGTTSSON, Isak, b. Falköping 1803; m. 1829; d. Marka Parish (Skar.) 1872.
43. NILSDOTTER, Catharina, b. Luttra 1794; d. Marka 1875.
44. JONSSON, Ambjörn, b. Kinneved 1788; m. 1816; d. Smula Parish (Älvs.) 1853.
45. LARSDOTTER, Kerstin, b. Luttra 1791; d. Luttra 1842.
46. BENGTTSSON, Isak, b. Slöta 1794; m. 1817; d. Slöta 1834.
47. JOHANNESDOTTER, Maria Catharina, b. Slöta 1794; d. Slöta 1874.
- 48–51. —
52. PEHRSSON, Olof, b. Lerbäck 1786; d. Lerbäck 1870.
53. ERSDOTTER, Johanna, b. Lerbäck 1792; d. Lerbäck 1869.
54. —
55. PEHRSDOTTER, Maja Stina, b. Askersund Parish (Öre.) 1788.
56. NORBERG, Fredrik, b. Edshult Parish (Jön.) 1765; d. Eksjö 1836.
57. JONSDOTTER, Sara, b. Norra Solberga 1764; d. Höreda Parish (Jön.) 1817.
58. JÖNSSON, Jonas, b. Eksjö rural parish 1777.
59. ANDERSDOTTER, Maja, b. Askeryd Parish (Jön.) 1778.
60. SVENSSON, Sven, b. Lommaryd Parish (Jön.) 1766; m. 1792; d. Bälaryd 1852.

61. SVENSDOTTER, Maja, b. Bälaryd 1771; d. Bälaryd 1825.
62. LARSSON, Peter, b. Norra Solberga 1774; d. Norra Solberga 1850.
63. PEHRSDOTTER, Ingeborg, b. Norra Solberga 1771; d. Norra Solberga 1852.
- VI. 64. ÖJEBOM, Jonas.
65. SVENSDOTTER, Annika
66. ANDERSSON, Lars, b. Böne 1712; d. Böne 1772.
67. HÅKANSDOTTER, Birgitta.
68. UGGLA, Knut Fredrik, b. 1740; d. Finland 1781.
69. RASCH, Ulrika.
70. BELFRAGE, Johan Fredrik, b. Eriksberg Parish (Älvs.) 1753; m. 1775; d. Floby Parish (Skar.) 1818.
71. HÅRD af SEGERSTAD, Agneta Magdalena, b. Od Parish (Älvs.) 1749; d. Floby 1804.
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80. ANDERSSON, Jöns.
81. LARSDOTTER, Elin, b. 1754.
82. BJÖRNSSON, Anders, b. 1725; m. 1758; d. Broddetorp 1792.
83. LARSDOTTER, Elin, b. 1738.
84. PEHRSSON, Bengt, b. Falköping 1764; m. 1795; d. Falköping 1834.
85. ANDERSDOTTER, Maria, b. Falköping 1769; d. Falköping 1835.
86. OLUFSSON, Nils, b. Luttra 1758; m. 1787; d. Marka 1826.
87. LARSDOTTER, Maria, b. Falköping 1764; d. Marka 1832.
88. AMBJÖRNSSON, Jonas, b. Kinneved 1743; m. 1766; d. Kinneved 1808.
89. LARSDOTTER, Kirstin, b. Vårkumla Parish (Skar.) 1744; d. Kinneved 1816.
90. ANDERSSON, Lars, b. 1751; m. 1780; d. Slöta 1799.
91. JANS DOTTER, Ellika, b. Slöta 1757; d. Slöta 1808.
92. JONSSON, Bengt, b. Slöta 1736; m. 1773; d. Slöta 1797.
93. JONSDOTTER, Maria, b. Slöta 1752; d. Slöta 1808.
94. JONSSON, Johannes, b. Karleby Parish (Skar.) 1758; m. 1791; d. Slöta 1813.
95. LARSDOTTER, Annika, b. Slöta 1776; d. Slöta 1856.
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105. ERSDOTTER, Maria, b. Lerbäck 1749; d. Lerbäck 1816.
106. JÖNSSON, Erik, b. Lerbäck 1762; d. Lerbäck 1827.
107. MÅNSDOTTER, Anna, b. 1750; d. Lerbäck 1811.
- 108-109. —
110. LARSSON, Peter, b. Askersund 1758; d. Askersund 1803.
111. NILSDOTTER, Maria, b. Askersund 1762; d. Askersund 1831.


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120. JONSSON, Sven, Lommaryd.
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122. CARLSSON, Sven, Bälaryd.
123. ISRAELSDOTTER, Catharina.
124. PEHRSSON, Lars, b. Norra Solberga 1745; d. Norra Solberga 1773.
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126. GUSTAFSSON, Pehr, Norra Solberga.
127. JACOBSDOTTER, Cajsa.

¹ The ancestral table which appeared in the September issue of *SAG* contained an error, in that MS Larson was given a Roman numeral I, which should have been given to her parents.

² Because the Brolander contribution shows a well developed table, it has been extended to include six generations.

Correction

Unfortunately the identification of A. G. Olsson, listed on p. 103 of the Sept. issue of *SAG* was erroneous. Thanks to a correction submitted by Mildred J. Beaulieu of Presque Isle, ME, the identification should read as follows:

“August Gustaf Olsson, as well as his entire family, were b. in the province of Västmanland, Sweden. They arr. in New Sweden in 1871. August Gustaf arr. May 23, 1871 with his s. Erik Walter, b. June 2, 1869 and his dau. Mathilda, b. June 27, 1867. The wife, Johanna Andersdotter, b. 1831, arr. in New Sweden Oct. 24 of the same year with a newborn infant, Karl, as well as a dau. Anna, b. 1861 and a dau. Sophia.”

Announcement

The genealogical tour of Sweden, mentioned as a possibility in the last issue of *SAG*, has now moved forward a notch or two. We are pleased to announce that Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola (The Folk High School of the region south of Lake Vättern) and its director, Dr. Gunnar Hallingberg, will host a two week genealogical seminar from Aug. 9 to Aug. 21. The course will offer lectures by outstanding Swedish and American genealogists as well as trips by bus to nearby archives in Vadstena, Växjö and Göteborg, as well as visits to the glass country of Småland and the museum in Skara in Västergötland.

The course will open at the annual Minnesota Day program in Växjö on Sunday, August 8, sponsored by the Emigrant Institute in Växjö.

Participants who wish to remain in Sweden an additional week, will have access to budget car rentals as well as special rates at motels and hotels.

The cost of the two week seminar in Jönköping, including tuition, room, full board, transportation to various sites as well as round trip transportation from Copenhagen to Jönköping has not been finally determined, but will be in the range of \$800–850 per person. To this should be added appropriate airfare from U.S. points to Copenhagen.

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