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Genealogical Queries

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Asplund, Hammarberg

My great grandfather, Emil Arvid Asplund, b. in Södertälje, Sweden Aug. 19, 1849, was graduated from the Ultuna Agricultural College in Ultuna, Sweden in 1872. He emigr. to the U.S. some time between 1882 and 1885 together with his wife, Florentine Andriette Hammarberg, b. in Hudiksvall, Sweden Jan. 14, 1844 and their dau. Sigrid, b. in Stockholm in 1874. My grandfather, Emil Constantin Asplund, was left behind in the care of foster parents. I have learned that my great grandfather had two additional daughters in America, their names possibly being Florentine and Constance.

Since I am going to be visiting the U.S. this winter, I would be very happy if I could meet some of my American relatives.

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Svensson, Claësson

Seeking information about Klas (Claes) August Svensson, b. in Kölingared (Älvs.) in 1856, emigr. to St. Charles, IL in 1880 with his wife, Josephina Johansdotter, b. in Liared (Älvs.) in 1850 and s. Carl Ivar, b. 1880. His cousins, Aron, b. 1867 and Edwin Claësson, b. 1870, emigr. to Providence, RI in 1889.

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Johansson, Johnson, possibly Pehrsson

Seeking information about Pehr Gustaf Johansson, b. 1828, wife Sophia Pehrsson, b. 1832, children — August Levin, b. 1856, Pehr Johan, b. 1859, Augusta Wilhelmina, b. 1860, Claes Wilhelm, b. 1862, Hilda Christina, b. 1864 and Gottfrid Justus, b. 1866, all in Fivlered (Älvs.). All emigr. to America in 1868.

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Dahlgren Larsson

Seeking descendants of Alfred Dahlgren, b. in Otterstad Parish (Skar.), Sweden Oct. 11, 1863, s. Johannes Larsson and Kaja Catharina Johansdotter. He was m. in 1891. His sister, Hilda Maria, b. in 1871, worked in New York. Alfred and Hilda were first cousins of my father, Oscar Malachi Johnson of Woodland, ME.

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Martin, Marten, Martensson, Mårtensson

Seeking descendants of Ola Mårtensson, b. in Stora Köpinge (Krist.) Nov. 4, 1871, s. Mårten Mårtensson and his wife, Kersti Olsdotter. The father, brother Nils, and sisters, Elna (Ellen), Metta and Anna, all emigr. to Buffalo and Rochester, NY in 1885 after the death of the mother. Ola and his brother Herman emigr. in 1892. Ola, also known as "Louie" was never heard from again after his arrival in the U.S.

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Hammar

Seeking information regarding birthplace in Sweden and family of Carl Arvid Hammar. According to information contained in his death certificate, filed in Rochester, NY, he was b. in Sweden Sept. 10, 1881, the s. of Pehr Hammar and Christina Beron. He arr. in the U.S. in the early 1900's and m. my grandmother, Elna (Ellen) Martin ca. 1903 in Buffalo, NY.

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Holm, Nilsson

Looking for information concerning the descendants of Anna Charlotta Holm, b. in Kila Parish (Värm.) Oct. 14, 1863, who emigr. to the U.S. in 1868 with her parents, Lars Fredrik Holm, b. in Bro Parish (Värm.) April 29, 1831 and Carolina Andersdotter Nilsson, b. in Hallerud, Kila Parish Jan. 20, 1842, and a sister, Julia Maria, b. Oct. 12, 1865, who d. young. Anna Charlotta Holm reportedly was left with another family, when the mother went to Wisconsin with two other children, b. in the early 1870's. The father, Lars Holm, had evidently d. by that time.

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Jonasson, Johnson

Seeking information concerning the family of Anders Jonasson (Johnson), which emigr. to Mankato, MN during the years 1869–1871. Anders Jonasson was b. in Kila Parish (Värm.) Sept. 28, 1827 and his wife, Sara Maria Johannesdotter Jan. 19, 1825, also in Kila. Their children were as follows — Johan Gustaf, b. Nov. 8, 1852, Charlotta Maria, b. June 29, 1857, Wilhelmina, b. Feb. 9, 1860, Augusta, b. Aug. 2, 1864 and Carolina, b. Dec. 5, 1867. There is some evidence that descendants now live in Virginia.

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Säll, Sall, Jonsdotter

Johanna Charlotta Jonsdotter, b. in Eksjö Parish (Jön.) July 2, 1848, the illegitimate dau. of Stina Carin Jonsdotter, m. Frans Oscar Säll Oct. 30, 1872, who d. Dec. 28, 1899. They had no children.

According to the records of the Höreda and Edshult Parishes (Jön.) her name was removed from the parish rolls April 1, 1901, with the notation that she had gone to America. Despite long and exhaustive studies I have not found her name on any exit registers of emigrants leaving Sweden for the U.S., neither have I found her entry on passenger manifests for the ports of Boston and New York for the time in question.

Checks with the families of her two half brothers, my great grandfather, Johan August Johansson Gräns, who resided in Rockford, IL and his brother, Gustaf Alfred Johansson Gräns, who moved from Rockford to Marshall County, KS in 1883, have proved negative.

I hope that some reader will be able to throw some light on the fate of Johanna Charlotta Jonsdotter Säll.

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Räf, Rääf, Ref

Seeking further information concerning the following persons, who emigr. from Finland to America via Göteborg:

John W. Räf, 22 years old, to Boston, MA Nov. 12, 1880.

Adrian J. Räf, 18 years old, to Trinidad June 12, 1885.

Jacob Räf, 27 years old, to Bay City, MI April 17, 1885.

Anders Henriksson Ref, 21 years old, to Grand Rapids, MI June 7, 1872.

Joh(an) Rich(ard) Ref, 21 years old, to Grand Rapids, MI June 7, 1872.

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Carlson

Looking for information on Gustaf or August (Gust) W. Carlson, who was living in Iron Mountain, MI 1892. He had two sisters, one of whom was Frida or Alfrida, b. in Otterstad (Skar.) Dec. 3, 1862, who went to Minneapolis in 1892 from Woodland, ME. Both were the children of Carl Gustaf Johansson and thus cousins of my father, Oscar Malachi Johnson as well as the Dahlgrens (see query 43).

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Robsahm, Robertson

Gerhard Albert Hjalmar Robsahm, (who called himself Robertson in the U.S.), was b. in Asker Parish (Öre.), Sweden Sept. 27, 1860, s. of Victor Napoleon Robsahm and his first wife, Christina Mathilda Edström. He emigr. from Kristinehamn April 3, 1883 and d. in Chicago, IL April 22, 1893. He m. Anna Christina Berggren (known as Annie Anderson in the U.S.), who was b. March 6, 1864. A dau., Alice Gerda Albertina, was b. in Chicago July 23, 1892. Upon her father's death she moved to Sweden to live with her paternal grandfather, but returned to the U.S. sometime after 1900. Looking for information concerning Gerda Robertson and her eventual descendants in the U.S.

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Bergfeld

Seeking information concerning the life and background of my great grandfather, Joseph Bergfeld, b. in northern Sweden ca. 1829, came to the U.S. in the late 1840's and settled in the St. Paul-Minneapolis area in the early 1850's. He d. in the Twin Cities area Oct. 7, 1912.

C. Daniel Bergfeld, c/o Case & Co., Inc.,
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New York, NY 10016

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Broberg

Seeking information on my maternal grandmother, Martina Broberg, b. in Södra Vram (Krist.) April 20, 1865, dau. Benjamin Pehrsson Broberg and Johanna Bengtsson. She came to the U.S. in 1881.

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Carlson

Seeking information on my paternal grandfather, Carl Otto Carlson, b. in Höganäs (Malm.) in October, 1864.

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Johnson, Hanson

I am researching the family of Andrew Gust Johnson and his wife, Emma Caroline Hanson. He was b. Jan. 27, 1844 and she Jan. 1, 1854, both in Skaraborg *län*, Sweden. They had four children — Hilma Josephine, Alma, John Carl and Hulda, all emigr. to Burlington, IA in 1881. We know very little about Andrew's and Emma's siblings, except that one of Andrew's brothers, Leonard, made it as far as Minneapolis and then disappeared.

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Larsson, Nurpi

Seeking any information on descendants of Mrs. Norma N. Nurpi, who resided at 6314 13 South, Seattle, WA and possible relatives, Ingjald/Ingvald Larsson and his sister, Johanna Larsson from Alnö (Vn.). They emigr. ca. 1910-1920.

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Additional comment on Query No. 26

Pehr Johan Bratt was b. in Karleby Parish (Skar.) Sept. 29, 1828, the s. of Sven Jonsson, a farmer (*inhysesman*), and Maja Sabel. At the time the family moved to the neighboring parish of Slöta (Skar.) in 1844, Sven Jonsson seems to have added the surname Bratt. All his three sons used this name. Pehr Johan, who called himself Peter John in America, arrived in New York July 13, 1852 aboard the Swedish vessel *Swea*.

Karleby and Slöta Parish Records in Göteborg Landsarkiv as well as *Register of Swedish Passenger Arrivals in New York 1851-1860*, also in the Göteborg Archives.