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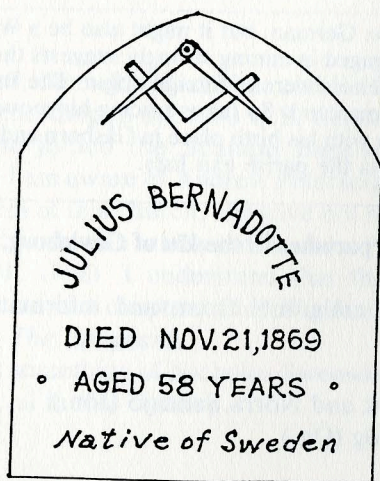
# Genealogical Queries

Queries from subscribers to *Swedish American Genealogist* will be listed here free of charge on a "space available basis." The Editor reserves the right to edit the question to conform to the general format.

## Commentary on Query 13

Several readers have responded to the query dealing with Julius Bernadotte. Erik Wikén suggests that Julius and Bernadotte were the buried Swede's baptismal names and that he possibly dropped his own surname and substituted his Christian name Bernadotte. This is quite possible, inasmuch as Bernadotte was not an unusual, if not frequent, boy's name in Sweden, after the election of Jean Baptiste Bernadotte, Marshal of France, as the Crown Prince-elect of Sweden at the Swedish *Riksdag* in Örebro in 1810. Based upon his age at the time of death, Julius Bernadotte must have been born in 1811, a year after the Swedish election.

The drawing reproduced below was made by H. A. Hjersman, member of the Vasa Order of America, Monitor Lodge No. 218. Col. Axel Friman of Göteborg, Sweden, visited the site of the grave stone in April, 1981 together with another member of the Vasa Order, Ed Range, who promised that his son Rick would see to it that the cracked stone would be repaired, restored and replaced on the original site.



Fallen and broken headstone found and copied at the Iowa Hill, Placer County, CA, Protestant Cemetery Oct. 23, 1980 by H. A. Hjersman.

### Holmquist

Seeking descendants of Carl Johan Holmquist (b. Lindquist) in either Landsbro or Nottebäck Parish (Jön.), Sweden in 1831. According to old letters found recently, he had five children, all of whom had emigr. to America by 1902. A s., P. H. Holmquist, previously to 1902, had written that Sven Johan Holmquist's address (presumably a brother) was 480 Varens Street, Brooklyn, NY. In 1902 Carl Johan Holmquist was a member of the Vetlanda church and resided in that city.

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### Olsson, Peterson, Buler

My grandparents, Per Johan and Britta Maria Olsson, left Göteborg June 17, 1870 with four children for America (according to the Göteborg Police Register in the Göteborg Provincial Archives). The family had lived in Fogdhyttan in Nora Parish (Öre.), and seems also to have lived in Sandviken (Gävl.). Somewhere along the way, until they emigr., Olsson changed his name to Buler, but upon arrival in the U.S., he again changed it to Peterson. Per Johan Olsson was b. in Gåsborn Parish (Värm.) as Johan Buler and is listed in the parish register as a part time mine owner. Buler sounds German to me. How can I trace his movements in Sweden before his departure for the U.S., and also find out why he changed his name?

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Comment: Buler may be German, but it might also be a Walloon name. The fact that the grandfather was engaged in mining strongly suggests this, since many who worked in the mines or iron smelters were of foreign origin. The Buler name is known both in Stockholm and in Västmanland. So far as tracing his movements in Sweden, it might be worth while to begin with his birth place in Gåsborn and then attempt to follow him from parish to parish via the parish exit lists.

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### Swedish emigrants from parishes in the *län* of Gävleborg, Jönköping and Östergötland.

I am interested in emigrants from, and information about the following Swedish parishes:

Järbo (Gävl.)

Frinaryd, Marbäck and Norra Sandsjö (Jön.)

Gränna and Ödeshög (Ög.)

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**Benna**

Seeking information about Jennie Benna, b. in Älvsborg *län*, last letter received 1966 from 610 Buena Vista Street, Alta, IA.

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**Blombergsson, Blombergson**

I am looking for material concerning Albert and L. Axel Blombergsson, Blombergson. Albert was b. in Sweden in 1810 and remained there. His s. L. Axel was b. in 1841, arrived in the U.S. presumably in 1860 and d. in Moline, IL in 1899.

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**Johansdotter, Plott, Glans**

Seeking information concerning Bridgett (Britta) Stina Johansdotter, b. in Falköping-Ranten (Skar.) April 24, 1834. In her first marriage to Johan Plott (b. June 16, 1835; d. in April, 1871), she had two children — Alfrida Olivia, b. Oct. 1, 1861 and Emilie, b. March 27, 1868. In her second marriage to Johan August Glans, she had a dau. Albertina Josephina, b. in Rockford, IL March 27, 1874.

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**Swenson**

My great grandfather, Nicholas Swenson, and his family came to the U.S. from Sweden in 1861 (according to the 1900 U.S. Census) and settled in Carver County, MN, where he joined the Scandia Baptist Church in Laketown Township July 26, 1861. I am aware of Andrew Peterson's diary and the fact that he was one of the founders of this church, but have not read it. I have a copy of a letter Nicholas Swenson wrote to a relative of Andrew Peterson, announcing the latter's death (March 31, 1898). I understand that this was the letter which Vilhelm Moberg used in his last chapter of his *The Last Letter Home*, the final volume of his tetralogy, *The Emigrants*.

I would like to know something of Nicholas Swenson's origin in Sweden and his time and port of arrival in this country.

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