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Anderson, Lindblom

Seeking *Mary Christine Anderson* (or Maria Kristina/Christina, Maja Stina, Stina Maja, etc., etc., etc., – and maybe Anderson was her dad's last name and not her patronymic!

The 1900 census says that she was born Oct. 1868 in Sweden, and immigrated in 1893. The 1910 census says she was 39 years old and born in Denmark! Death & burial was 13 Oct. 1950, Oak Hill Cemetery, Hammond IN.

She lived in East Chicago City, Lake Co., Indiana, with her husband and family.

Married 21 Sep. 1895 in Chicago, IL (Cook Co. Marriage database), to *Knut Agathon "Charles" Lindblom*, (b. 7 Dec. 1872 in Motala (Östg.)). He immigrated on 6 May 1890 fr. Motala *Verkstad* (Östg.). He died 1 Sep. 1911 in Lake Co., IN, or maybe in Cook Co., IL (but not found in the Cook co., Death Index).

Children: all born in East Chicago, Lake Co., IN: *Lilley A.*, (b. Feb. 1896 in Indiana); *Violet*, (b. July 1898 in Indiana); *Eddie*, (b. 1898? not in 1900 Census, but age 12 in 1910); *Effie M.*, (b. 1901); *Ester*, (b. 2 Oct. 1904); *Olga C.*, (b. 23 March 1906); *Emil* (b. Nov./Dec. 1909).

1910 census says 7 children born, 5 still living. Lilley & Violet are not listed, so they must have died young.

After Knut A. (Charles) died or was killed on 1 Sep. 1911, Mary C. Anderson Lindblo(o)m sent all the children to an orphanage in Mishawaka, IN.

Seeking info about Knut's (Charles') death, and where Mary C. Anderson was from in Sweden, and where the children all lived within the U.S.

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All information on this family will be most welcome!

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The church clerk (*klockare*) Rahl Månsson and his wife Ingeborg on 1713 Nov. 26 gave birth to a son, *Paul*, who had a most unusual career. He was born on the farm Brytsbo in Jonsberg parish in eastern Östergötland, which is seen in his surname *Brytzelius*.

Little Paul was an intelligent child and sent to school in Norrköping, and Linköping. In 1734 he entered Uppsala University, but did not graduate there. As other poor students he supported himself as a teacher to wealthy peoples' sons. In 1740 he came to Germany and joined the Herrnhut sect (similar to the Moravians), and soon travelled to America, where he in 1742 preached in Philadelphia. He was ordained in 1743 to the priesthood in the Herrnhutian Church, and then for a short while was a priest in the Swedish churches

at Racoon and Penns Neck. He had to leave soon afterwards, as the Swedish church authorities did not think that he preached the true doctrine. He seems to have spent most of his time from 1744 in England and America, preaching to Herrnhutian congregations in PA. In 1760 he again became a Lutheran, and was the pastor of a Swedish church for a year, then became pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick, NJ. In 1767 he was ordained in London as a priest in the Anglican Church, and then became pastor of the church in Chester, Lunenburg Co., Nova Scotia, Canada.

Paul Brytzelius died there in 1773 Apr. 9. He was married to Regina Dorothea Schilling and had a large family.

Source: *Swedish Biographical Dictionary*.

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