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Lind

I am looking for my relatives who were born in Sweden but immigrated as children during the 1880s to the U.S. According to the 1900 U.S. federal census, Eli Lind was born 21 Nov. 1871 (date from Ohio Death Index) in Sweden, his wife Minne was born Sep. 1869 in Sweden, and their two daughters were Marie, born Aug. 1896 in Pennsylvania, and Jennie, born Oct. 1896. In 1900 they lived in Youngstown, Ohio, where Eli is recorded as a day-laborer.

In 1910 they had moved to Duquesne in Pennsylvania, and the family had grown with daughter Hilda, who was born around 1902, also in Ohio. In 1920 they were back in Ohio, now living in Masillon, Stark county, and Jennie and Hilda are still living at home. In 1930 Eli is a widower and daughter Hilda, who is a high school teacher, lives with him in Masillon. Eli still works as a furnace tender/helper in a steel mill. Eli dies 13 Nov. 1948 in Masillon, according to the Ohio Death Index.

Any information on this family would be much appreciated!

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Bloomquist, Blomqvist, Bloom

My great-grandfather Charles Alfred Bloomquist is a mystery to me. Some records indicate he was born in 1871 and others 1870, sometimes with the exact date of 1 January, but no good match is found in the Swedish emigration databases. I know nothing of this man prior to 3 July 1897, when he married my great-grandmother Rose Von Allman in Beaver Falls, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. On the marriage license (the surname is spelled Blumquist) he states that his parents are “Charles and Sophia Blumquist,” that his birthplace is Sweden, and that he is 26 years old and works as a steel worker, residing in Beaver Falls.

While he was at the courthouse that same day, he filed a declaration of intention to become a U.S. citizen. In that declaration his surname is spelled Bloomquist. The document says he was born in 1871 in Sweden, from whence he migrated in the year 1894. His signature appears “Cha Blumqvist.”

On 12 March 1900 he became a naturalized citizen (“Second Papers”), and the witness for his 5-year minimum residency in Pennsylvania was a man named Alfred Lundberg. This man is enumerated on the same page of the 1900 U.S. census as my great-grandfather, so they lived near each other at the time and possibly worked together in the same steel mill. Another Swede, August Dahlstrom, was naturalized in the court at Beaver county that same day. I don't know if they have a connection.

By 1902 Charles moved to Pittsburgh and worked in the steel mills, but later became an upholsterer. He used the surname “Bloom” interchangeably with “Bloomquist” for many years. He and Rose had seven children: Anna, Lillian, Charles, Rose, Mildred, Clarence, and Harry, only the last three lived to adulthood. Charles died 18 July 1932 in Pittsburgh, and his funeral records say that his father's name was “Eriksson Bloomquist.” I don't know if Charles had any siblings. I don't know where he came from in Sweden except that his daughter's marriage record says he was from “Stockholm.” I know a lot about him from 1897 until his death, but nothing that helps with tracing his past.

A few likely ones are:

Karl Blomqvist came over on the S.S. EMS, arriving in NYC on 26 Jun 1893.

Karl Alfred Blomqvist, born 4 Oct. 1869 from Kungs-Husby parish, Uppsala län.

Karl Alfred Blomqvist born 16 July 1871 in Torpa, Södermanland.

Karl Alfred Blomqvist born 1871 in “S. Telge.”

Information, ideas, suggestions on how to find my great-grandfather are most welcome!

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