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Jonsdotter, Jonsson, Johnston

We are trying to trace descendants of *Lars Jonsson* (brother) and *Katrina Jonsdotter* (sister) who lived at Västra Berga, Lysvik, Värmland, and immigrated to the U.S.

Katrina was born 29 January 1865 in Västra Berga, Lysvik, daughter to Jon Larsson, born 1819 in Västra Berga, and his wife Karin Persdotter, born 1822, also in Västra Berga. Their son Lars was born 3 October 1853 at the same place.

Lars left his home in Lysvik 29 April 1881, but it is not known how he travelled to the U.S. He married Christina /Christine, born April 1853 in Sweden, and they lived first in Mankato, Blue Earth County in Minnesota, and later in Minneapolis. His profession was a stone mason. He might have changed his name Lars to Lewis/Louis. He and his wife had four daughters, Esther Josephine, born Sep. 1884; Anna, born Sep. 1886; Mabel, born Aug. 1890; and Lilly, born Aug. 1895. In the 1900 U.S. census, they are still in Mankato [Lars/Lewis is mis-indexed as Garris].

On 24 July 1915 daughter Mabel married Harry Johnson in Hennepin County, Minnesota. Harry was a painter/decorator with parents from Sweden and Denmark. Mabel and Harry had a daughter Bernice born in 1918.

Katrina left Göteborg on 16 May 1884, with a ticket for New York. She travelled by *S/S Orlando* to Hull, and then on the *S/S The Queen* to New York, where she landed 3 June 1884. She later (around 1885) married Johan Johnston, born May 1860 in Sweden, and lived with him and their children at Moro Precinct in Sherman County, OR, in 1900. Their children (all born in Oregon) were John, born July 1887; Emma, born March 1890; Rosa, born May 1893; and Fred O., born February 1895.

This is all we know, and we hope that someone has more information for us!

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Hay-making at the Matsbo farm in Hedemora, Dalarna. Photo from ca 1936.