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Name in the U.S.	Name in Sweden	Residence in the U.S.	Nilson's Number
Pehr Anderson Soderstrom	and the same	Rock Island and Princeton, IL; Swede Bend, Webster Co., IA	9 T 5
John Beck	Jonas Pehrsson Bäck	Rock Island, IL	9 T 7
Carin Person <sup>12</sup>	Carin Pehrsdotter	Cambridge, MN	4 T 106
Sven Eriksson Florin		Wisconsin	5 T 37
Christina Hasselgren <sup>13</sup>		Chisago Lake, MN	1 Z 100
Jacob Lindstrom		Cambridge, MN	14 Z 3
Anders Westerlund <sup>14</sup>		Andover and Galesburg, IL	11 P 2
Anna Margreta Younglof <sup>15</sup>	Anna Margreta Ljunglöf	Anoka, MN	12 M 9
Jonas Bergman	Jonas Larsson Bergman	Kiron, IA and Cushing, MN	1 N 34
Peter Lof	Pehr Pehrsson Löf	Fish lake, MN	5 Z 8
Jonas Norelius	Jonas Andersson	Chisago Co., and Carver Co., MN	5 S 46
Olof Jonsson		Princeton, IL & Humboldt, KS	5 H 17
Hans Eastlund	Hans Ericsson	Isanti Co., MN	3 K 35
Erik Wickstrom	Eric Ericsson Wikström	Isanti Co., MN	10 H 15

## Genealogical Quilt at Vesterheim Museum

The Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in Decorah, IA, recently received an interesting genealogical item—a quilt entitled "My Uncles, Aunts and Cousins", quilted by Lena Wernson, a former resident of Quandahl, IA. The quilt was found in a Chicago antique shop and was purchased by the museum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Eric Jonsson Wästlund came from Bjuråker Parish (Gävl.). See Min släkt—Sveriges släktregister för Bjuråker, Delsbo och Norrbo socknar, No. 2 A 18 (Stockholm 1949), p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Brita Wedmark was the wife of Eric Jonsson Wästlund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Erik Berglund was the son of Gölin Jonsdotter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>He resided in Isanti Co., MN in 1880 and 1905 and in South Dakota in 1900.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Helena Jacobsdotter Lindström was the wife of Per Jonsson Lif.

<sup>6</sup>Olof Norell married Kate Anderson, daughter of Joris Pelle Anderson.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Daniel Pehrsson Rattig is not in Nilson's work, but is the son of Pehr Bill and Cherstin Danielsdotter (for her see

<sup>8</sup>Christina Smith was the wife of Daniel Pehrsson Bill.

<sup>9</sup>Jonas Pehrsson Selin together with Peter Pehrsson R\u00e4ttig and Ingrid Cajsa Pehrsdotter were the children of Pehr Bill and Cherstin Danielsdotter, and thus siblings of Daniel Pehrsson R\u00e4ttig.

<sup>10</sup>Betsy Ersdotter was the wife of Jonas Pehrsson Selin (see above). She has not been found in Nilson's work.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Ingrid Cajsa Pehrsdotter Bill was the wife of Lars Wedmark.

<sup>12</sup>Carin Person was the wife of Peter Grift.

<sup>13</sup>Christina Hasselgren was the wife of Peter Widmark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>For further information on the Westerlund family, see Genealogy of the Descendants of Hans Andreus Westerlund 1747-1982 (Rock Island, IL 1982).

<sup>15</sup>Anna Margreta Younglof was the wife of Jonas Norell.

Rolf H. Erickson, a librarian at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL and a board member of the Vesterheim Museum, heard about the quilt, suggested its purchase and brought the quilt to the museum to be displayed there this fall.

The exact history of the piece isn't known, according to the Director of the museum, Dr. Marion Nelson. The guilt was stitched in 1933 and contains blocks embroidered with the names of the quilter's aunts, uncles and cousins, including many names from Decorah, as well as other towns in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Two of the names appearing on the quilt are from Chicago—Olaf and Bessie Johnson. Staff people at the Vesterheim Museum believe that it was probably these people who brought the quilt to Chicago.

The quilt blocks contain the following names, birthdays and birthplaces:

- 1. Carl Wernson, Spring Grove, MN, b. 1 Feb. 1912.
- 2. Albert Johnson, Decorah, IA, b. 17 Jan. 1889.
- 3. Victor Johnson, Quandahl, IA, b. 30 Jan. 1866.
- 4. Lena Grovedahl, Ossian, IA, b. 14 March 1892.
- 5. Eldoris Johnson, Decorah, b. 13 Dec. 1919.
- Helma Olson, Decorah, b. 6 Feb. 1896.
- 7. Lilian Johnson, Decorah, b. 20 May 1910.
- 8. Clara Landmeyer, Decorah, b. 29 July 1884.
- Almeda Johnson, Decorah, b. 14 May 1913.
- 10. Julia Musser, Decorah, b. 28 Feb. 1891.
- 11. Bessie Johnson, Nordness, IA, b. 16 Nov. 1892.
- 12. Johnnie O. Johnson, Nordness, b. 12 May 1890.
- 13. Walter Johnson, Garber, IA, b. 16 Dec. 1894.
- 14. Osie J. Johnson, Garber, b. 9 Aug. 1901. 15. Arnold Digre, Decorah, b. 3 May 1907.
- Pernilla Johnson, Decorah, b. 29 Jan. 1863.
- 17. Christ Johnson, Decorah, b. 6 Jan. 1863.
- Lottie Johnson, Decorah, b. 11 June 1895.
- 19. Thelma Digre, Decorah, b. 22 June 1903.
- 20. Anna Digre, Decorah, b. 18 Oct. 1879.
- 21. Severt Digre, Decorah, b. 4 Feb. 1866.
- 22. Johnnie A. Johnson, Decorah, b. 17 Oct. 1886.
- 23. Peter Johnson, Decorah, b. 10 July 1900.
- 24. Lillian Larsen, Detroit Lakes, MN, b. 12 April 1903.
- 25. Anton Johnson, Decorah, b. 17 Sept. 1873.
- 26. Jennie Johnson, Decorah, b. 7 June 1891.
- 27. Ma(r)tha Johnson, Decorah, b. 13 Feb. 1876.
- 28. Virginia M. Johnson, Decorah, b. 8 Oct. 1923.
- 29. Pearl Brooks, Decorah, b. 22 March 1906.
- 30. Olaf Johnson, Melrose Park, 1L, b. 3 Oct. 1893.
- 31. Bessie Johnson, Melrose Park, 1L, b. 21 April 1907.
- 32. Gladys Johnson, Decorah, b. 29 July 1909.
- 33. Luella Dotseth, Viroqua, WI, b. 27 March 1903.
- 34. Josie Johnson, Kensett, IA, b. 13 June 1898.

The staff of the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum urges anyone with further information or acquainted with the people listed on the quilt to contact the museum, Decorah, IA 52101.