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103	Skarmansmåla	Gustaf Wilhelm Rydqvist	Hovmantorp	1 Nov. 1857	1888
105	Askefälla	Nils Petter Olsson Svan	Sillhövda	7 May 1842	1888
108	Skuntamåla	Petter Andersson Skott	Fridlevstad	16 Sept. 1820	1887
116	Vida Södergård	August Carlsson Gräns, son of Carl Johan Petersson Gräns	Hovmantorp	- - 1859	1878
116	Vida Södergård	Carl Johan Carlsson Gräns, son of Carl Johan Petersson Gräns	Hovmantorp	- - 1863	
121	Kylle	Petter Samuel Pettersson Käll	Algutsboda	23 June 1823	1890
121	Kylle	Johan August Carlsson	Algutsboda	5 March 1839	1864
121	Kylle	Edvard Skruvsson Käll	Ljuder	3 Oct. 1851	1889
125	Ålebäcksås	Johan Pettersson Åberg	Långasjö	20 June 1839	1890
126	Skruv Västergård	Johan Elof Petersson Blid	Hovmantorp	17 Dec. 1856	1888

Absc. = Absconded; Ret. = Returned

—Nils William Olsson

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The average generation is usually accepted as being on the average thirty years or roughly three generations per century. Occasionally, because of huge age differences between an older husband and a younger wife, children born late in the life of the father will obviously lengthen the generations.

Mrs. Eva Svahn Grönberg of Stockholm, Sweden has furnished the following unique case, published in the Swedish genealogical journal, *Släkt och Hävd*, 1984, p. 141:

On 1 Oct. 1983 Miss Elna Fernström of Eskilstuna celebrated her 95th birthday, having been born in 1888. Her paternal grandfather, Johan Gustaf Fernström, a city councillor in the city of Skara in Västergötland, was born 8 May 1793. His youngest son, Harald Fernström, was born in 1855, when his father was 62 years of age. Harald Fernström in turn became the father of Elna. Thus Miss Fernström, living at the end of the 20th century, has a grandfather, born in the late 18th century—making three generations in 190 years.