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Genealogical Queries

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Rundquist, Giselsson, Bengtsson

Seeking information on descendants of Gisel Bengtsson, a farmer, and his wife Lovisa Rundquist of Jämshög Parish (Blek.). Five sons were b. to this couple, the youngest being Anders Giselsson, my great grandfather. He emigr. to the U.S. in 1871, assuming the name Andrew G. Rundquist and after a short stay in IL homesteaded land in central Kansas. Some of the brothers may have become sailors and possibly one of them Karl/Charlie, may have settled in IL. The five sons of Gisel Bengtsson were — Åke, b. 24 Sept. 1827; Hans, b. 3 Dec. 1833; Bengt, b. 9 July 1841; Karl, b. 30 Sept. 1844 and Anders, b. 20 Aug. 1849.

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Olson

I am looking for information on my cousins, Robert and Vernon Olson. They were b. in Minneapolis, MN about 1914–1918, sons of Carl (Charles) Olson and Anna Sjodin. Anna Sjodin was a sister of my father, Edward Sjodin. She d. in Minneapolis 1922, her funeral being held in the Swedish Baptist Church. After her husband remarried contact was lost with the family.

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Laurell

Seeking American descendants and Swedish relatives of my great grandfather, Gustaf Adolf Laurell, who emigr. 1867, settling first in Chicago and later in Marseilles, La Salle Co., IL. He was a widower, having lost his wife, Louisa Christina Svenson, in childbirth in 1863. His s., my grandfather, Gustaf Ludvig Adolf Napoleon Laurell, was b. in Bruzaholm, Ingaryd

Parish (Jön.) 26 July 1861 and was about six years old when he arr. in the U.S. He was apparently the only child. He grew up in Illinois, m. Christine Maier from the Austrian Tyrol in Marseilles 1886. In 1907 he took his wife and five children to Birmingham, AL, where he subsequently had a long career in industry and the public schools. He d. in Thorsby, AL, a Scandinavian community, in August 1934. My great grandfather, Gustaf Adolf Laurell, remarried and may have returned to Sweden, where he might have had other children.

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Thorell

Seeking information on the descendants of Alfred Mauritz Thorell, b. in Långhem Parish (Älvs.) 17 May 1885 and who emigr. and settled in Stratford, CT in the 1920s. He m. and had a s., Lennart, who became a U.S. naval officer.

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Carlson, Hult, Johnson

My great grandmother, Gustava Wilhelmina Carlson, b. in Sweden, had the following siblings—Alfred, Peter, John, Martin, Andrew, Axel and Emma Carlson. All, except Axel, emigr., Gustava settling in Worcester, MA, and the others in Ogema, WI, where they were known to have been living in 1917 and 1930.

Martin had children named Evelyn, Victor, Clarence, Ray, Gordon and an additional daughter.

Andrew had two sons, one of whom was named Lawrence.

Emma m. a Hult and had children Jenny, Hilda, Tilly and Anna. The latter m. Charles Johnson.

Any information regarding my great grandmother's siblings and the above-mentioned descendants would be greatly appreciated.

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Arfstrom

I would like to know something about my father's uncles and one aunt. Their name was Arfstrom and they emigr. from Sundsvall about 1907. One girl and three boys, one of whom was my grandfather, John Arfstrom, came

about the same time. My grandfather brought his wife, Anna Lundberg, also from Sundsvall. Both d. before my father, Harry Arfstrom, was ten years old. He was their only child and was sent to his maternal grandfather, John Lumbard (originally Lundberg), who promptly d. in the 1918 flu epidemic. My father then was reared by a step grandmother in Oklahoma. I knew her family in Sweden, but none of the other Arfstroms who emigr. to the U.S.
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Johannesdotter, Carlsdotter

I am looking for descendants of my great grandmother, Inger Johannesdotter, who departed from Loushult Parish (Krist.) 2 April 1890 for America. She supposedly settled in Osage, IA. She was accompanied by Carl Gottfrid Pettersson, b. in Loushult 6 Sept. 1886, the s. of her dau. Ingrid Carlsdotter, also b. in Loushult 26 Oct. 1862, who had emigr. from Göteborg 14 May 1887 and who may also have settled in Osage.
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Berglund

I am searching for information on Fredrika Vilhelmina Berglund, b. in Halmstad 24 Feb. 1851, who m. Johan Pettersson, b. in Gladsax Parish (Krist.) 10 Oct. 1843. The couple was divorced and Fredrika emigr. 7 Oct. 1886 together with her dau. Ada Eugenia Hilda Charlotta. The dau. seems to have been a good singer, who resided in Jersey City, NJ, since we have a program from one of her concerts, dated 27 March 1897. She subsequently m. a man by the name of Dahlberg.
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Israelson, Israelsdotter, Oldberg, Grand

I am looking for information on the siblings of my grandparents, who emigr. to the U.S.

1. Johannes Israelson, b. Berga Parish (Kron.) 30 Dec. 1860, emigr. 26 May 1887.
2. Anna Lena Israelsdotter, b. Berga 13 Jan. 1849. Emigr. date not known, but thought to have gone to Moline, IL, where she might have m. Albert Oldberg.

3. Solomon Josephson Grand, b. 31 March 1856; emigr. 28 May 1883.

4. Martin August Josephson Grand, b. 5 May 1860. Unknown when he emigr.

Are there other people in the U.S. named Swanquist?

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Krig

My father, Gunnar Sigfrid Krig, b. in Sköllersta Parish (Öre.) 2 May 1897, emigr. to Nebraska 14 June 1929. During the winter 1929-1930 he worked on the farm of his grandmother's brother, according to the latter's grandson, Frank Wahl of Gothenburg, NE. We have been in touch with the local postmaster who informed us that he divorced his wife in 1935 and that he lived in the neighborhood of Princeton (uncertain which state) and that he had remarried.

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Svenson

Seeking information on my grandmother, Olivia C. Svenson, b. in Sweden 9 Oct. 1863, who emigr. sometime before 1893. I have reason to believe that her father's name was John Svenson.

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Torstensson/Thompson

Looking for information on Torsten Torstensson/Thomas Thompson, who emigr. 1854 with four children and seems to have arr. in Moline, IL late that year from Ränneslöv Parish (Hall.). Torsten/Thomas had four children, all b. in Ränneslöv—Lars Peter, b. 19 Dec. 1830; Pernilla (Nellie), b. 16 May 1833; Bengta Elizabeth, b. 3 Oct. 1837 and Johannes (John), b. 31 Oct. 1843.

According to Nellie, her father d. in 1857 (unknown where). Need information regarding father and s. Lars Peter.

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Svensdotter

Desire to know something of my maternal grandmother, Karna Svensdotter, b. in Mosslanda, Köpings Parish (Krist.) 24 March 1873, dau. Sven Larsson, b. in Kringelstad, Köpings 3 Aug. 1826 and his wife, Margareta Jeppsdotter, b. in Köpings 29 Dec. 1831. Other children in the family were Ture, Hannah, Christina, Johan, Louis and Hans.

Grandmother often mentioned that we had French blood and the name of Bernadotte often came up in the conversation. How can I research this?

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Hydén, Melén, Bergström

Whatever happened to the following emigrants?

1. Axel Mauritz Hydén, b. Linköping 28 Feb. 1838; emigr. from Motala 22 Feb. 1864.
2. Johan Albert Hydén, b. Motala 27 Nov. 1873; emigr. from Motala 1896 and supposed d. in New York.
3. Esther Fanny Charlotta Hydén, b. Klara Parish, Stockholm 19 Dec. 1870 and emigr. from Gävle 23 Sept. 1904.
4. Ernst Julius Melén, b. Karlsborg 6 May 1854 and emigr. from there 14 Aug. 1871.
5. Gustaf Bergström, b. Slöta Parish (Skar.) 28 Aug. 1828. He emigr. 1852, settling first in Philadelphia as a tanner. In 1859 he was working in Boston as a ship's mechanic. Family tradition has it that he m. a Catholic girl and d. in an accident on Cuba during the 1870s.

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Hagberg, Linqvist

Looking for descendants of the following aunts and uncles who emigr. to America:

1. Charley and Hulda Hagberg left for America 26 April 1897. Hulda's maiden name was Linqvist, b. Nävelsjö Parish (Jön.) 30 Oct. 1874. They lived at 2 Riley Place, Port Richmond, Staten Island, NY as late as just prior to World War II. They had two children — Carl and Signe.
2. Elof and Signe Lindqvist emigr. 5 March 1903. Elof was Hulda's brother, also b. in Nävelsjö 1 Nov. 1880. Their address in the U.S. prior to WWII was 179 Catherine St., Port Richmond, Staten Island. They had a dau., Hannah, m. to Mely Carlson, and they lived practically next door of the Linqvists at 193 Catherine St.

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Roos

Does anyone have information on Rudolph Roos, who arr. in the U.S. sometime after 1881. I understand he was a Swedish sailor, who also had been in Australia. He was b. in Kvistofta Parish (Malm.) 7 Feb. 1849. He m. Mathilda Larson in Sweden 12 Aug. 1881. These people are my paternal grandparents and I would like to know more about them before they emigr. Rudolph's parents may have been Paul Roos and Olu Larson.

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Andersson, Ekblad, Jakobson, Yungblad, Selvin

I am looking for descendants of the following people:

Johan Alfred Andersson, b. Hagebyhöga (Ög.) 1 June 1851. He was m. in Motala to Adolffina Jakobson, dau. A.F. Jakobson. She had had a dau., Eleonora Adolffina, b. in Stockholm 8 Dec. 1876, before she m. Johan. Between 1878 and 1881 he changed his name from Andersson to Ekblad. His brother took the name of Yungblad. Johan also had a brother-in-law in Motala, named Carl Fredrik Selvin, who together with his wife and children emigr. in July 1881.

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Gustafsson, Bengtsson

I am looking for the parents of my grandparents. These were:

1. Charles Fredrik Gustafsson, b. in Kalmar *län* 7 Sept. 1858; emigr. to the U.S. around 1878, when he was 19 years old. He d. in 1936. He was naturalized in the Superior Court of Cook Co., IL 15 Oct. 1888. He had a brother named Edward and a sister named Ida, who both returned to Sweden.

2. Bertha Charlotta Bengston (probably Bengtsson or Bengtsdotter), b. in Halland *län* 10 March 1854; d. 14 June 1933. She had a sister named Hannah, who returned to Sweden. One of my aunts told me that grandmother had taught in a seminary in Uppsala.

The couple had the following children, all b. in Chicago — Thomas Edward 1885; Gerda Elizabeth 1887; Ellen 1889; Anna Walborg 1891; Delmar Lincoln 1893 and Jesse Aleida (my mother) 1898.

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Peterson

Adolph F. Peterson, b. in Sweden ca. 1856, m. Josephina Anderson, b. 7 June 1861. They emigr. 1885 with dau. Selma Olivia, b. in Dec. 1882 and dau. Lena, b. in Dec. 1884. Adolph was a coalminer in Lucas Co., IA, where he d. ca. 1896-1900. Four more children were b. in Iowa — Christina in Oct. 1886; John W. in March 1888, Charles in Aug. 1890 and Blanche Anna in July 1896. After the husband's death, Josephina and her five children moved to Kansas City, MO, where they were living in 1900 according to the census. I would like to know where in Sweden Adolph and Josephina were b. and what happened to dau. Selma Olivia and s. John W.

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Bengtsson

Carl (Charlie) Johan Bengtsson was b. in Vittaryd Parish (Kron.) 23 Sept. 1869 and emigr. 29 April 1887 together with his parents, Johannes Bengtsson, b. in Berga Parish (Kron. or Skar.) 13 Sept. 1842 and Christina Andersdotter, b. in Rångedala Parish (Älvs.) 17 April 1836. Two brothers also emigr. — Albert, b. in Vittaryd 19 Nov. 1873 and Anders Bernhard, b. in Vittaryd also 13 Feb. 1877. The parents settled in New Gottland Township, later Lindsborg, KS. Carl Johan supposedly lived and d. in Oregon. He was *alive* when his father d. in 1895, but was supposedly dead when his mother d. in 1923. Any information concerning Carl or his parents would be appreciated.

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