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Genealogical Queries

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Möller, Miller

Where in Illinois did Johan Möller (John Miller), his wife Inga (Ida) Peterson and three small children settle upon their arrival from Sweden? In 1864 they came by ship, leaving Malmö en route to Quebec from their southern Sweden home. They then journeyed overland to Illinois, where they stayed for two or three years. Possibly another child was born to them there. There is no doubt but that they lived in an area settled by Swedes. They should be listed in the 1865 Illinois State Census, but where? They later moved to western Michigan.

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Gustafsson

I am looking for the descendants of a brother and sister, b. in Nöbbeled Parish (Kron.). They were:

a. Ida Christina Gustafsson, b. Jan. 2, 1871, who departed from Göteborg for New York on board the *Venetia* Dec. 15, 1893.

b. Carl August Gustafsson, b. Aug. 22, 1858. He was a tailor in the parish of Linneryd (Kron.) and left for the U.S. Sept. 6, 1892. His wife, Alma Nilsson, b. July 14, 1862 and their four children — Knut Wilhelm, b. March 29, 1883; Frida Emilia, b. Sept. 22, 1885; Ellen Maria, b. Jan. 4, 1888 and Hilma Theresia, b. in 1891, all left for the U.S. Sept. 10, 1895.

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Paulsdotter, Paulsson

I am searching for information concerning a brother and a sister b. in Nöbbeled Parish (Kron.). They were:

a. Ingrid Paulsdotter, b. Oct. 11, 1836. She was m. to Carl Pettersson, b. Dec. 28, 1841 and who emigr. April 6, 1869. There were three children — Johan Peter, b. April 26, 1860; Emma Mathilda, b. July 6, 1867 and Johanna

Lovisa, b. Nov. 29, 1869. The mother and the three children left for America May 3, 1870.

b. Carl Paulsson, b. Aug. 25, 1839. He was m. but unknown to whom. He left Sweden and his wife (?) April 17, 1868.

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Carlson

I am looking for information about my grandfather, John Wilhelm Carlson, who was b. in Länghem Parish (Älvs.) March 29, 1887. He emigr. to the U.S. in April of 1910 and settled in Dayton, OH, before moving to Chicago ca. 1920. His father, Carl Johan Larson, was b. in Länghem Jan. 18, 1858 and his mother, Amanda Rylander, was b. in Redslared Parish (Älvs.) March 10, 1850. I believe that both Carl Johan and Amanda are buried in Länghem. Any information concerning this family would be much appreciated.

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Nilsson, Nilsson

I am looking for information concerning the following siblings, all b. in Vena Parish (Kalm.), who emigr. to America:

- a. Carl Johan Nilsson, b. Jan. 29, 1852.
- b. Christina Lovisa Nilsson, b. Jan. 19, 1854.
- c. Nils Magnus Nilsson, b. Dec. 27, 1857.
- d. Emma Maria Nilsson, b. March 27, 1862.
- e. Carolina Mathilda Nilsson, b. April 26, 1865.
- f. Otto Vilhelm Nilsson, b. Oct. 13, 1867.

All of these siblings probably settled in Salina, KS from 1870 to 1882. I have in my possession a photograph of Uncle Otto, taken by a photographer named Atherton in Salina.

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Johansdotter, Björklund

I am searching for information about these persons who left for America:

a. Sofia Emilia Johansdotter, b. in Vena Parish (Kalm.) May 5, 1880. In Dec. 1911 she sent a post card to Sweden, giving her address as 4528 West 28th Ave., Denver, CO.

b. Gustaf Emil William Björklund was b. in Kläckeberga Parish (Kalm.)

Jan. 14, 1893 and emigr. to America Sept. 30, 1910.

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Sundén, Sundeen, Bjurman, Hansson, Åsberg

I am seeking information concerning descendants of six of my wife's relatives, who emigr. to America and settled in Holdrege, NE. They were all b. in Sundborn Parish (Kopp.) and were as follows:

a. Daniel Henric Sundén, b. in May 1852 and his wife Greta Lisa Bjurman, b. in July 1848. This couple emigr. in 1879.

b. Anders Sundén, b. in Feb. 1812 and his wife, Greta Åsberg, b. in June 1815, the parents of Daniel Henric, emigr. either 1880 or 1881 with their granddaughter, Anna Lovisa Hansson, b. in Oct. 1870.

c. Sara Elisabeth Hansson, another granddaughter, b. in Dec. 1871, emigr. in 1888.

I have heard that there are people living in Holdrege today by the name of Sunden or Sundeen.

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Eriksson, Österberg

I am trying to find out something concerning some distant relatives who emigr. to the U.S. and settled in Providence, RI.

In 1889 Edla Karolina Eriksson, b. Nov. 21, 1853, emigr. She seems to have m. a widower in Providence by the name of Österberg and with whom she had five children — Hilda, Emanuel, Ephraim, Isidor and Emilton. Her address was Mrs. Lina Österberg, 89 Pontiac Street, Providence, RI. She d. May 2, 1917.

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Svensson

My grandfather, Carl Edward Svensson, had a brother, Petter Svensson, who arr. in this country in 1880. Since my grandfather d. early, the family lost track of his brother. I am anxious to know if there are any descendants of Petter Svensson. We might have some long lost cousins in this country.

Petter Svensson, b. in Torpa Parish (Kron.) July 18, 1822, emigr. from Tving Parish (Blek.) in 1880 with his wife, Benedikte Pettersdotter, b. in

Nöttja Parish (Krist.) March 28, 1831. Their four children, all b. in Nöttja, were:

- Tina Maria Pettersdotter, b. June 30, 1871
- Otto Elvin Pettersson, b. March 9, 1873
- Tolfyra Selmina Pettersdotter, b. April 9, 1875
- Oskar Trittonius Pettersson, b. April 10, 1878

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Bergström

In 1910–1915 my aunt, Olga Sandberg Backford of Chicago, used to write to a cousin of her mother's in Sweden, but soon lost contact with her. Does anyone have any information on:

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Danielson

My paternal grandfather, Nils Gustaf Danielson, was b. in the vicinity of Linköping, Sweden Feb. 27, 1835, the s. of Daniel Danielson. He had four children:

- a. Gustaf Nilsson or Nelson, b. in the spring of 1867.
- b. Charles Nelson, b. Jan. 20, 1871, who emigr. to America.
- c. Emma Nilsson, b. April 26, 1873, who remained in Sweden.
- d. Alfred Theodore Nelson, my father, b. Nov. 30, 1874 and who emigr. to America.

I would appreciate very much hearing from someone who has had contact with descendants of the above.

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Svensson

My paternal grandfather, Johan Emil Svensson, b. in Tvååker Parish (Hall.) April 21, 1885, emigr. from Morup Parish (Hall.) to America Sept. 28, 1910 via the steamship *Eldorado* from Göteborg to Hull, England and then from Liverpool to New York. He was a tailor, married to Amanda Petters-

dotter, with whom he had three sons, b. 1905–1910. He emigr. alone and is supposed to have been a tailor in New York. According to information in the few letters he wrote home, which unfortunately have not been preserved, he mentioned that he was moving to the “lakes” and my father believes that he went to Chicago ca. 1913. Since that time nothing has been heard from him.

I would appreciate any help in finding out what happened to my grandfather.

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Albeson, Bowker/Bouker

I am searching for any and all information on my Swedish ancestors, who came to this country in the 17th century:

a. Nicholas Albeson, “the Swede”, lived in Scituate, MA during King Philip’s War 1676. His granddaughter Sarah Alverson/Albeson, was b. in Scituate in Feb. 1682, m. Thomas Ramsdell and d. in Hanover, MA Aug. 4, 1773.

b. Margarite Bowker/Bouker, “daughter of a Swede”, m. Thomas Holbrook of Weymouth, MA ca. 1650. She d. in Sherborn, MA April 9 1690.

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Andersson

I am searching for information on Johan Andersson, b. in Hageby Melångård, Rogslösa Parish (Ög.) April 20 1825. He m. Maja Greta Andersdotter in 1847. She was b. on the same farm as he Nov. 26 1825. Johan d. in 1915, whereas Maja Greta had d. already in 1887. They had nine children, b. between 1848 and 1867.

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Jonsson, Johansson

I am looking for information on Peter Jonsson/Johansson, b. in Korsberga Parish (Jön.) 1829, parents unknown. He m. Maria “Mia” Brita Andersdotter, b. in 1826. He d. in Sweden in 1913, she in 1908.

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Gustafsson, Andersdotter

I am searching for information concerning the following:

1. The Rev. Johannes Gustaf Gustafsson, b. in Aplanäs, Berga Parish (Kron.) April 15 1828, probably the s. of Catharina Gustafsdotter, who in turn was the dau. of Gustaf Germanson (Germundsson ?) and his wife named Maria, who resided in Bokholmen in Berga. He was m. ca. 1852 to Christina Andersdotter. He emigr. to Rockford, IL in 1871 and d. there Jan. 28 1913. He had nine or ten children.

2. Christina Andersdotter, b. in Angelstad Parish (Kron.) Dec. 27 1824, dau. of Anders Peter Petersson or A. J. Johansson, and his wife Maja Bengtsdotter. She m. Johannes Gustaf Gustafsson (see No. 1 above), with whom she had nine or ten children, all b. in Kyleberg, Svanshals Parish (Ög.). She came to Rockford, IL with her husband and d. there Nov. 28 1910.

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Grip, Ståhl

I am hoping someone can help me with the following query:

Lisa Grip, b. in Ervalla or Axberg Parish (Ore.) Sept. 6, 1787. She had seven children, b. in Ervalla with the surname Ståhl. Whom did she m. and who was the father of the Ståhl children?

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Isberg

My grandmother, Sissa (Cecilia) Isberg, b. in Mjällby Parish (Blek.) Dec. 3, 1848, emigr. to America in 1882 and settled in Chicago, IL. My father saw her when he arrived in Chicago in 1892, but it is believed that she d. soon thereafter. Our only cue is a photograph taken of her by the Albert J. Hoffman Studio at 20 Clybourn Ave. in Chicago ca. 1890.

Any information concerning her, such as a church affiliation, occupation, death and place of burial, will be much appreciated.

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Hagelin, Andersson, McMichael

On 1 Jan. 1860 Frank (Frans) Gustaf Hagelin was b. in Stockholm, Sweden. In 1880 he emigr. to America and m. in Galesburg, IL Jane (Jennie) Andersson. Their dau. Grace Viola Hagelin was b. 21 June 1883 and m.

Frank Isaac 13 July 1905. Grace d. in Riverside, CA in 1964, two years after the death of her husband.

Frank Hagelin departed from Galesburg some time after 1883 and has not been heard from since. He was supposedly working for the Burlington Railroad as a painter. He was reported to have been dead in 1915, when his father died in Uppsala, Sweden.

His wife, Jane (Jennie) Andersson Hagelin became Mrs. W. W. McMichael in Loup City, NE 12 April 12, 1904. They were divorced in Arcadia, NE 10 June 1927, after which no trace has been found of her. Any information regarding Frank and Jane (Jennie) after 1883 and 1927 respectively will be greatly appreciated.

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Sundin

I am seeking descendants of Jonas Nilsson Sundin, b. in Sunnemo Parish (Värm.) 1 Oct. 1846; m. in Njutånger Parish (Gävl.) in the late 1880s to Anna Kajsa Halvardsdotter Ekberg, also b. in Sunnemo 1 May 1859. They had the following children: Maria Christina, b. 1881; Hulda Emilia, b. 1883; Elisabeth, b. 1887 and David Isidor, b. 1890.

During this time the family moved to North Sweden, where Jonas worked at various lumber mills. It is possible that there were additional children.

Oct. 4, 1893 Jonas Nilsson Sundin emigr. to the U.S. and was followed by his wife and four children, who left 7 Sept. 1897. Any leads on descendants of these persons would be appreciated.

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Sandberg, Johannesson

Request information regarding Charles Sandberg/Claes Johannesson, b. in Varnum Parish (Älvs.) 15 May 1836; m. Christina Andersdotter, b. in Brunn Parish (Älvs.) in Dec. 1829. They emigr. to the U.S. and settled in Chicago in the 1880s.

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Andersson

Jonas Andersson, b. in Stora Kil Parish (Värm.) in Jan. 1829; d. 11 April 1865, killed, reportedly, in a munitions plant blast in his hometown. His

wife, Anna-Stina Jansdotter, b. in Grums or Grava (Värm.) 19 Jan. 1836, emigr. to Chicago, Il in the 1880s with several children.

I would like to find descendants of the above.

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Granlund, Danielsson

I am on the lookout for descendants of the following persons, who emigr. to America:

a. Agnes Maria Granlund, b. in Torslunda Parish (Kalm.) 29 April 1873; emigr. 19 May 1891.

b. Augusta Theresia Granlund, b. in Vickley Parish (Kalm.) 2 Nov. 1874; emigr. 2 Nov. 1893; m. Karlsson.

c. Eugenia Julia Granlund, b. in Vickley 9 Jan. 1878; emigr. 10 March 1896; d. before 1916; had two children, George Emil Ahlström and Ella Virginia Ahlström.

d. Pehr Adrian Emil Granlund, b. in Vickley 15 May 1884; emigr. 1 March 1902; res. in Hillside, Pasadena, CA in 1914.

e. Nanny Emma Carolina Danielsson, b. in Vickley 2 May 1878; emigr. 13 May 1897; m. Wahlström.

g. Edvard Valfred Sextor Danielsson, b. in Vickley 18 July 1884; emigr. 17 April 1906.

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Peterson, Torkelsson

Seeking descendants in Sweden of Nils Peterson, b. in 1873 and August Peterson, b. in 1878, sons of Per Torkelsson and Elna Trulsdotter of Östraby Parish (Malm.). They came from a farm named Oderup No. 10. Their sisters Bengta/Betsy, Ingrid and Emma lived in Minnesota between the 1880s and the 1940s. I have much information concerning my great grandmother Bengta/Betsy and others which I would like to share.

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Larson

I am seeking further information concerning the Aron Larson family. Aron was b. in Långhem Parish (Älvs.) 17 June 1791. Who was his wife and when and where did he marry?

Some of their children were: Maja Cajsa, b. 16 Jan. 1814; Olof/Olaus, b. in Fristad Parish (Älvs.) 5 May 1815; Sara, b. 26 July 1820; Lars Johan, b. 11 March 1825; Clara, b. in Borås 10 Dec. 1833. Other children were b. in Dec. 1828 and April 1830. What were their names?

Olof/Olaus emigr. to the U.S. in 1869 and settled in Rock Island Co., IL. Did any other family member also come to America? What happened to the other children?

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Carlsson, Olsson

Can anyone help me find descendants of the following persons, all related to me. They were all b. in Söderåkra Parish (Kalm.) and were siblings:

- a. Johanna Christina Carlsson, b. 8 March 1867; emigr. 23 Aug. 1886.
- b. Jenny Maria Olsson, b. 16 May 1871; emigr. to NY 22 June 1886.
- c. Signe Cecilia Carlsson, b. 24 Jan. 1869; emigr. 8 July 1887.
- d. Betty Victoria Carlsson, b. 6 Feb. 1876; emigr. 31 March 1896.
- e. Carl Fredrik Olsson, b. 20 June 1873; emigr. to Quebec 2 June 1892.
- d. Hilding Conrad Olsson, b. 18 Feb. 1877; emigr. to Canada 17 May 1895.

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Rinne

Can any reader of *SAG* help me with information concerning Johan Fredrik Rinne, b. in Åbo, Rauma, Finland 11 March 1891. According to a family tradition he was supposed to have settled in New York State.

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Peterson, Johansdotter

I am searching for descendants of my ancestors in America. Gustaf Andrew Peterson, b. in or near Tibro Parish (Skar.) 7 May 1867. s. of Peter Jonsson and Maria Brita Andersdotter. Gustaf emigr. to NY in 1890 and then settled in Rockford, IL, where he was a member of the Swedish Baptist Church. Gustaf m. Anna Josefina Johansdotter, 16 Oct. 1897 and remained in Rockford. She was b. in Borghamn, Rogslösa Parish (Ög.) 17 Nov. 1865,

dau. A. Johan Andersson and Maja Greta Andersdotter. She d. in Rockford 5 Feb. 1948.

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Redin, Ståhl, Grip

I am looking for information concerning the following persons:

a. Johan Eric Redin, b. in Axberg or Hallsberg Parish (Öre.) 8 Oct. 1858, s. Eric Redin and Sara Lisa Ståhl. He emigr. 1879 to New York and then to Rockford, IL, where he m. Lydia Johanna Gustafson 3 May 1884. He d. in Rockford 30 Sept. 1926.

b. Eric Redin, b. in Stora Mellösa Parish (Öre.) 15 Oct. 1824. I do not have the names of his parents or siblings. He m. in Axberg 6 June 1858 Sara Lisa Ståhl and d. in Sweden between 1872 and 1877.

c. Sara Lisa Ståhl, b. in Ervalla Parish (Öre.) 20 June 1828, dau. Lisa Grip. Sara Lisa had many siblings with the surname of Ståhl, but no father is mentioned. Where did the name Ståhl come from? She emigr. to Rockford between 1874 and 1877 and d. before 1900.

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Genealogical Research in Skaraborg County

The year of 1984 has been designated as "The Homestead Year" (*Hembygdens År 1984*) in Sweden, when Americans of Swedish descent are invited to visit the land of their ancestors — to view the landmarks of the countryside, from they which emigrated, such as churches, farms, crofts, schools, etc. A huge program is being offered in almost every section of Sweden. The County Library of Skara, serving Skaraborg County in Västergötland, contains a wealth of local historical materials as well as microfilms of that county, particularly parish records of the Swedish churches. The Director of the library, Dr. Arne Sträng, has announced that his library will attempt to help Americans find their Skaraborg ancestors. His advice to readers of *SAG* is to write to him, giving him all pertinent information on hand, and he and his staff will take it from there. He may be addressed at Stifts- och Landsbiblioteket i Skara, 532 00 Skara, SWEDEN.