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Else Andersdotter
– one of the models for Kristina?

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In SAG 2/08 we told the story of Andrew Peterson, who left Sweden as Anders Pettersson in 1850 and became a farmer in Minnesota. He wrote diaries for many years, and author Vilhelm Moberg used those as part of the sources that described Karl Oskar Nilsson’s life in Minnesota.

Andrew’s wife Else Andersdotter is seldom mentioned. Still she was an important part of the pioneering life.

She was born in 8 Oct. 1835 at Brunslöv #8 in the parish of Östraby in Malmöhus county, the eighth child of the rusthållare and shoemaker Anders Ingemansson and his wife Elna Olsdotter. Anders died 3 May 1851 in Brunslöv (of a long-lasting illness), and his widow had to care for all the children.

In the later 1850s Elna immigrated to the U.S., and so did at least six of her children, and they all seem to have settled in Minnesota. Most of the children seem to have used variations of their father’s patronymic as surnames; Ingeman, Ingemanson and Engman).

Else soon (15 Sep. 1858 in Waconia, MN) married Andrew Peterson and started her life as a pioneer wife.

Andrew and Else (called Ellen and Elsie in the various censuses) lived the rest of their lives on a farm in Laketown, Carver County, Minnesota. Andrew died 31 March 1898. They had nine children but none of them had any children in their turn.

In the 1920 census Elsie Peterson is still the “head” of household, and with her lived son John (56), son Charlie (54), son Frank J. (52), daughter Emma R. (49), and son Oscar B. (41). Elsie died 8 March 1922 in Carver County, MN.
Else Andersdotter’s ancestors


Children:
Charles Peterson, born 8 Apr 1865. Died 2 Nov 1900.
Frank Peterson, born 29 Oct 1867. Died 22 Jun 1921.
Emma Peterson, born 11 Apr 1870. Died 17 May 1943.
Anna Peterson, born 14 May 1872. Died 19 Sep 1889.
Oscar Peterson, born 3 Dec 1878. Died 24 Jul 1941.

Generation II

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