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(All links have been tried in May 2007 and should work)


Listen to words in Swedish or other languages:


Burials at New Sweden Cemetery, Jefferson Co., IA:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~ijafeffer/Cemeteries/New_Sweden_Lutheran/

Life in the Illinois countryside in the mid 1800s: http://iltrails.org/19th_Everyday_Life.html

Online databases from Washington State: http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx

Recipes for Swedish Cooking: http://www.foodfromsweden.com/

Site with lots of information about Swedes in Illinois: http://www.illinoisancestors.org/swedes/

Emigrants from Jämtland: http://www.emigrant-z.com/index1.html

The Provincial Archives of the Åland Islands: http://www.arkivet.aland.fi/


Nils J. Erickson was believed to be from southern Sweden. U.S. Census records state both immigrated to the U.S. in 1887. Only Amanda’s record of exit papers to leave Stockholm in Dec. 1882 have been located. Nothing has been found for Nils John except their 14 Oct. 1887 marriage record by a justice of the peace, Chicago, Ill.; the 1900 Census in Brule, Douglas Co., Wisconsin, and the birth, death and marriage records in the family Bible. My father Walter told me that, “He had a dent in the top of his head caused by an injury, possibly during work in a quarry, mine, or woods accident.”

I am hoping that someone will have matching pictures of these two old pictures in old family albums. Amanda is said, “to have corresponded with a half brother for many years.” This might have been Johan Anton, son of Nils Nilsson Lindholm (Taskila – Finnish Name) b. 19 Feb. 1851 in Överluleå. However, no records of this have been substantiated.

No birth, baptism, or exit records from Sweden for Nils John Erickson have been found, nor knowledge of siblings in the United States. He died of asthma on 18 May 1903, half past 12 a.m., age: 49 years 7 months 3 weeks 2 days according to the family Bible.

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