A Family Story
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We were told many times that when our great-great-grandmother, Pernilla Mårtsensdotter, was orphaned, she was forced to marry a much older man who spent her inheritance. We always felt sorry for Pernilla as an oppressed woman in Sweden with no voice. Also we hoped she was called Nilla.

Pernilla Mårtsensdotter was born 2 October 1827 on #9 Grönby, Malmöhus län, to Mårten Larsson and Bengta Nilsdotter. Bengta died 22 April 1838 and Mårten died 16 August 1839, when Pernilla was 12 years old, a little young to be married off.

The oldest Mårtsensson child, Nils, died about 5 months after his father so the remaining children went to different households. We follow Pernilla in the “in and out” records;

1839-1840 to Bosarp
back to Grönby
1842-1844 to Gylle
back to Grönby
1845-1848 to Källstorp
back to Grönby

On 1 April 1849, carpenter Carl Magnus Tullberg arrived in Grönby from Caroli in Malmö. On 4 April 1849 Carl and Pernilla where married in Grönby. Where did they meet?

Carl Magnus Tullberg was born 1 October 1826 in cottage Grindenshus, Konga, Malmöhus län to Sven Magnus Tullberg and Boel Larsdotter.

Carl had a well-traveled life like Pernilla. But in 1829 Carl's father became the klockare in Källstorp. They lived on #2 and when Pernilla was a maid she lived on #1, where she was a maid in the household of the pastor (kyrkoherde) Christoffer Tegnér, son of the famous poet and bishop Esaias Tegnér. Since Carl Magnus and Pernilla were one year and a day apart in age, I am sure they arranged their own marriage.

We have not yet looked in the probate for Pernilla's father Mårten Larsson, but there is one in the archives of Vemmenhög härad (1839:133). But we are sure there was not much of an estate to divide among the 7 remaining children.

Carl later went to school and became a teacher and died 12 December 1888. Pernilla then moved in 1890 to her son Sven Magnus, born 1867, another school teacher, who lived in Ausås in Kristianstad län, but soon afterwards she left again. In 1891 she moved to another son, Nils Magnus, born 1851 in Grönby, where she was still living in 1896.

This is another of our family stories that research has proven to be just a story.

Editor’s note: As Pernilla lived all her life in Sweden, her name is given in the Swedish form.

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