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## **Andersson, Magnusdotter, Jonasson**

Jonas Andersson was born 22 Oct 1817 in Grolanda parish, (Skar.). His wife, Maria Lisa Magnusdotter, was born 26 Sep 1819 in Hällestad parish, (Skar.). They were married 22 Nov 1846. The couple had two boys, Pehr August born 6 Sep 1850 and Frans Gustaf born 22 Feb 1853 in Hällestad. On 12 Jun 1854 they left Sweden from Mjälldrunga parish (Älvsb.) bound for the United States.

According to the manifest of the ship *Humblatt*, the family arrived in New York harbor 25 Aug 1854. I have looked for years in Illinois and Minnesota for this family with no results.

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## **Maria Matilda Henriksdotter**

I am looking for Maria Mathilda Henriksdotter, born 29 December 1865 in Kärnberg, Norra Ny parish, (Värm.). Her parents were Henrik Henriksson and his wife Maria Eriksdotter in Kärnberg, Nyskoga parish (Kärnberg belonged to Nyskoga parish from 1873). Maria seems to have left Nyskoga 15 April 1887 to go to America. I know she is still alive in 1902, when her mother died, because she is named in the inventory after her.

I have heard from my father a long time ago (he died in 1980) that Maria visited Sweden one time with her three boys and that they lived in Washington State. Maria is a sister to my *farmor* (father's mother).

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## **Tufvesson, Åkesson, Olsdotter**

I am looking for descendants of Mary Kohlver, married to the farmer Wilhelm Kohlver in North America. Her maiden name was Maria Tufvesson, born 4 January 1872 in Källs Nöbbelöv (Malm.). Her parents were Tufve Åkesson and his wife Olu Olsdotter. Maria (Mary) emigrated from Malmö 28 March 1889 with a ticket for Winnipeg.

Thank you for all help.

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## **Alexanderson, Karlsdotter, Appelberg**

Hulda Josefina Karlsdotter was born 10 October 1865 in Höreda (Jönk.), a daughter of the sharecropper Carl Peter Johansson and his wife Catharina Johansdotter from Bergholm on Västra Näs lands in Höreda. Hulda Josefina left from Höreda in 1886 and travelled from Göteborg 23 April 1886 under the surname Appelberg with a ticket for New York.

In the 1900 U.S. Census she is found with her family in Omaha, NE. She is then married to Charles A. Alexanderson, born in June 1864 in New York of Swedish parents. They had the following children: Elsa J. (1892-1909), Hazel K. (1896-1961), and Russell Charles (1898-1954). The latter had a son, Russel Eugene (1925-2002), but it is not known if he had a family. He died in Los Angeles, CA. We are looking for all information on this family.

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The gardener Johan Fredrik Larsson, born 12 December 1856 in Julita (Södm.) and his wife Lovisa Jansdotter, born 11 April 1852 in Linde (Väsm.) left Locknevi (Smål.) 14 October 1890 with their six children, all born in Locknevi: Anna Lovisa (b. 28 August 1880); Signe Christina (b. 12 October 1881); Johan Olof (b. 27 February 1883); Alfrida Maria (b. 3 December 1885), Clara Eleonora (b. 7 January 1889). In the U.S. daughters Lillie was born in Illinois in February 1892, and Mabel in March 1895 in Iowa.

In 1900 the Larson family is found in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Ill., and the children at home were Sigrid (Signe), Gustav, Freda (Alfrida), Lillie, and Mabel. In 1910 John, his wife, Gustav, Elfrieda, Lillian, and Mabel are still in Rock Island. But what happened then? I am very grateful for all information.

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## Acknowledging the Octogenarian Resource

BY P. ROBERT WILLEY

Frequently an often overlooked resource in researching family genealogy is "The Octogenarian Resource."

My experience in identifying and communicating with individuals who are eighty years of age or more has consistently proven to be a valuable resource in my continuing 36-year ancestral search. The octogenarians I have communicated with have not always been immediate relatives nor have we necessarily met. Several, like me, had been conducting their own independent genealogical research for years and welcomed the opportunity to make connections with someone interested in learning about their life experiences. Over time I discovered that gently prodding earlier memories was all that was needed to focus them on their recalling past events. Once the inquiry was made, they frequently followed up on a clue, an idea,

or memory that was graciously shared with me.

I have found that the octogenarian has memories that include information previously forgotten or unrecorded in letters, family records, and official documents. On the Swanson side of our family a family friend whom I had not communicated with in years sent old documents that brought new information re family experiences; a church archivist's, much to my surprise, communicated that her grandmother had purchased the home of my grandparents in 1916 and resided there as a child; a distant relative recalled as a little girl visiting our grandparents at Christmas time and having "glögg"; or someone related via one of my grandfather's sister's children leading to new information recently discovered and shared with a second cousin living in Sweden. On the Willey side, there was communication with a distant relative, previously unknown to me, living in Canada, who shared

significant information and photographs that led to my being able to make additional connections with our ancestors.

Over time I have come to appreciate that they are a treasure of knowledge, are most responsive to questions, and eagerly welcome reawakening old memories as they connect the many facets of their family history. My genealogical journey has shown that the octogenarians keenly understand the importance of sharing and documenting family history for present and future generations. Not many years from now, I, too, will be an octogenarian who may be asked similar questions.

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