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**Ehn, Anderson**

My paternal grandfather's brother, *Sven Wilhelm Ehn*, later changed to *Sven Andrew Anderson*, born 14 Feb. 1903 in Västerhaninge (Sörml.), immigrated in 1913 to the U.S. He lived in Seattle with his mother and stepfather. In 1927 he became a member of the Hollywood Athletic Club, where he was an able swimmer. He participated in the test for the Olympics in 1928, but I do not know that he qualified for the games. According to information from other relatives he is supposed to have worked in some movies in Hollywood, probably as a stuntman (swimmer or diver). He worked for the movie company Rodney S. Sprigg Company, but in what capacity I do not know. On his death certificate he is listed as a driver (*chaufför*). He died in April 1970 in North Hollywood, CA.

Sven was married to *Pauline Larson*, who is also supposed to have been an actress, but I have not been able to verify that. Pauline was born 5 Feb. 1908 in Washington State, and died 10 Feb. 1985 in Van Nuys, CA.

I am now looking for information about the movies that Sven or Pauline might have worked on, as well as what he did after 1928, after which time I have been unable to find information on his swimming or his work.

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**Anderson**

The young carpenter *Oskar Andersson*, born 14 May 1885 in Grava (Vrml.), left on 21 Jan. 1910 for America. He left from the port of Göteborg on 16 Feb. 1910 with a ticket for Kenosha, Ill.(!). He arrived in New York 26 Feb. 1910 on the *S/S Mauretania*, and told then that his destination was his friend Karl Bergström, who lived at 315 Ridge Street, Kenosha, WI.

In 1912 his younger sister, *Agnes Josefina Andersson*, born 19 August 1890 in Grava, also left for America. She left her home 19 April 1910, left from Göteborg on 24 April, with a ticket for New York. When she arrived in New York her final destination is given as her brother Oscar, living at 660 Edward Street in Kenosha, NE(!). Presumably this is a writing mistake, and it should be Wisconsin.

Oskar and Agnes Josefina were children of the laborer Anders Gustaf Olsson and his wife Maria Kajsa Svensdotter of Södra Skived in Grava.

Any information on Oskar and Agnes Josefina would be most welcome. Did they marry and have children of their own? When and where did they die?

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RMS Mauretania (also known as “Maury”), sister ship of the Lusitania, was an ocean liner built by Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson at Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, and was launched on 20 September 1906. At the time, she was the largest and fastest ship in the world. (Wikipedia).