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# Genealogical Abstracts from Rock Island County, Illinois, Newspapers

**Editors note:** During my recent visit to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City I browsed the shelves, and found many interesting books, including this one. I have excerpted all notices with Swedish-sounding names for the first years and hope they may fill a gap in someone's genealogy.

*Genealogical Abstracts from Rock Island County, Illinois, Newspapers. Volume I*

**The Moline Review Dispatch 1878-1882.** Abstracted by Janet K. Pease, 2509 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, IL 61265 (1973)

(Newspapers are missing for 1880 and 1883-1888)

*4 Jan. 1878*

Coroner Morris was notified of the sudden death of John Peterson; a coroner's jury was heard at residence of N.J. Erickson, where the body lay. The deceased was found lying dead in the road near Mr. Erickson's house. The jury decided he died from exposure and exhaustion.

Frank Johnson of Altona, Ill., and Miss Anna Peterson were married at the bride's uncle on Thursday. The bride is from Moline.

*1 Feb. 1878*

John Peterson and Miss Minnie Fries were married on Thursday evening of last week.

*22 Feb. 1878*

The body of an infant child was buried in the city cemetery; its mother was Miss Hannah Anderson. The female child had been

born Sunday morning, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Miss Anderson stated that the father of the child was John Peterson, formerly of the firm of Peterson brothers.

*29 March 1878*

Administrator's notice: estate of Jonas P. Malum, deceased. Matilda Malum, administrator.

*26 April 1878*

Saturday afternoon, many friends took the son of James First, named Gustaf First, to his final resting place.

*7 June 1878*

At the residence of B.P. Oakley, A.A. Anderson married Alice B. Frick. Administrators notice: the estate of John Peterson, deceased. F.A. Peterson, administrator.

*21 June 1878*

A coroner's inquest was held for the 12 year old son of John Hertzell who lives about 4 miles up the river; the decision was that the boy "came to his own death by the accidental discharge of a pistol in his own hand." An elder brother had carried the boy home after the accident.

*28 June 1878*

John Johnson married Miss Hattie Malm on Thursday.

*5 July 1878*

Last Saturday at Rock Island, Alfred Celene married Maria Lydehn.

*26 July 1878*

The little son of Nels and Celia Lofquist, aged 15 ½ months, died Sunday and was buried Tuesday.

*2 Aug. 1878*

Executor's Notice: estate of Eric Wennerlund, deceased. H.P. Oakley, administrator.

*18 Oct 1878*

On Sunday morning last, Swan Johnson, Frank Westburg, Andrew Blom, and John Pierson, all Swedes, were drowned. The bodies were brought to Moline and were buried on Wednesday.

A double wedding has taken place – J. C. Wallace of Davenport married Miss Lizzie Hartzell of Moline, and J.F. Jacques has married Miss Estella Hartzell, of Moline. They were married at the residence of the brides' father, Michael Hartzell by the Rev. J.C. Hartzell, a brother of the brides.

**The Moline Review 1879**

*7 Jan. 1879*

Allie P. Fisk, a 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Fisk, died last week on Thursday of scarlet fever and was buried on Saturday.

*7 Feb. 1879*

The funeral of Charles Victor Anderson was Monday at the Congregational Church. He died last Friday.

*21 March 1879*

C. Peter Peterson, the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward druggist, married Miss Josephine Lindstrom at the residence of the bride's parents.

*12 July 1879*

John Swanson coming home from Cable was thrown from his horse and died on Saturday.

9 August 1879

A 3½ year old daughter of Mr. Blombergson, the painter, died of scarlet fever.

Mr. Bock, shoedealer, died a few days ago; he was 52 years old.

16 August 1879

Nels Hansen, a Swede, accidentally drowned on Thursday near Cleveland. His body was buried that afternoon.

23 August 1879

Andrew Friberg gave his son Chas. D. Friberg a gold watch for his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Milan. William Tengis and Miss Mary Peterson were married.

Milan. The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Nelson, the daughter of Mr. H.W. Buffim was Wednesday. The parents and sisters have our sympathy.

27 Sep. 1879

John Peterson, a grinder at Deere's shops, died in this city Wednesday morning last of consumption.

11 Oct. 1879

John Aug. Toren married Mrs. Christina Nelson.

22 Nov. 1879

Lars Axel Blombergson, the painer [sic], was buried on Wednesday afternoon. He was born in Soderham[sic], Sweden, 17 Aug. 1841 and hence were [sic] 38 years old. The Rev. Mr. Olsen of the Swedish M.F. Church conducted the funeral. The deceased is survived by a wife and 2 children, the youngest being only 2 weeks old.

Alfred Erickson, a tailor in Moline, died in Davenport on Wednesday. He was buried in Riverside Cemetery on Friday afternoon, the 28<sup>th</sup>.

13 Dec. 1879

Administrator's notice: the estate of Anders F. Erickson, deceased. Bengt Erickson, administrator.

**1880 is missing. For 1881 the newspaper is called Moline Review Dispatch**

13 January 1881

Mrs. Matilda Peterson, aged 49 years, wife of J. S. Peterson, died Sunday.

At the residence of Charles Efflund, Mr. Wampler married Miss Theresa Efflund on Saturday. The bride is the daughter of John Efflund, one of our oldest citizens. *Marriage licenses* issued by the Rock Island County Clerk during January 1881:

Gustaf O. Nelson – Mrs. Matilda Malum

20 January 1881

The father of N.P. Benson is said to have been the first Swede settler in Moline. N.P. himself is one of our oldest residents.

J.P. Johnson, a Swede man, who worked at the Moline paper mill for 18 years, as did his father before him, died last Wednesday morning. His parents had both died years ago leaving J.P. without a relative in this country. He was 29 years old, single and was buried this morning by his parents.

Andrew Peterson of Moline, insane, died at the county farm this week; he was buried in the county cemetery.

Mrs. Lundblad died at the county farm this week; she was from Moline and was buried in the county cemetery.

*Probate record:*

Estate of Charles V. Anderson; Andrew N. Anderson, administrator. Estate of A.J. Swanson, deceased.

Estate of Andrew Palmquist, deceased.

Gus Peters married Miss Anna Day on Wednesday at the residence of the groom's parents.

Twenty years ago on January 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Wm Evans were married. Mr. Evans is a mechanic in Moline and was born in Chester, England. He came to Moline 26 years ago and for 12 years worked for Deere & Company, and for the last 14 years has worked for the Moline Plow Company. He married Miss Anna Anderson on 25 January 1861, to which union there have been born 5 children.

3 February 1881

Mrs. A.L. Wickstrum, a longtime resident of Moline, died Monday. She leaves a husband and 7 children, the youngest a boy of 4 years. Alfred Anderson died last week, aged 54 years, 10 months, of consumption.

The body of Mrs. Bjorkland, of Osage City, Kansas, accompanied by Mr. Gust Bjorkland, was taken to the resident[sic] of Frank Gunnell where the funeral was held on Tuesday. The ceremony was partly in English and partly in Swedish. The body was buried at Riverside Cemetery. She had died at Osage City yesterday of typhoid fever. She was formerly Miss Mary Anderson, and had lived with the Gunnell family for a number of years. Last April she had married Mr. Bjorkland, a jeweler.

John Ericson, Swede, single, aged 38 years old, died at his boarding house on Saturday of consumption. He was buried today.

J.F. Peterson who with his wife and daughter were taken to the Poor House last August, died there on Friday last. He was 60 years old and died of consumption. He was buried from the Old Swede M.F. Church on Sunday.

10 Feb. 1881

John Peterson, a Swede, died on Tuesday night of consumption. He leaves a wife and 5 children.

*Marriage licenses* issued between Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>:

August Anderson and Miss Emma M. Gustafson

Christina Wickstrom, aged 42 years, died last week of inflammation of the bowels.

About a year ago Mrs. George Anderson was divorced from her husband and the husband was to have custody of the child after 31 January 1881, a little boy, aged 2 years.

*Marriage licenses* issued since Feb. 10

Andrew F. Carlson – Lottie J. Anderson

Eric Englund – Christine C. Piker

*Probate court records*

Guardianship for minor heirs of Jonas P. Hanson

*3 March 1881*

Nels Baugren, a Swede, died at his home near Halfway House on March 1<sup>st</sup>, aged 38 years. He leaves a wife and 4 children.

A.L. Wickstrom, an old settler of Moline, died Monday afternoon. He leaves liberal insurance for his family. The funeral will be held at the Congregational Church tomorrow in English and Swedish. He will be interred with his wife who died shortly ago, in one grave.

*10 March 1881*

Charles Gustus, an old grinder died Monday.

Mr. Dahlberg who buried his wife on Monday, has made arrangements for his 2 boys, aged 3 years and 9 years, to live with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Squires in Hanna township, Henry county, a few miles from Cleveland. Mr. Dahlberg will remain in Moline.

Mrs. S. Dahlberg died Saturday morning. Her maiden name was Mary A. Squires. She came to this country in 1869 and married Mr. Dahlberg. She would have been 30 years old next April 20<sup>th</sup>. She leaves 2 children, a boy aged 3 years and a boy aged 9 years. 6 children have been born to the family, 1 girl and 2 boys having died in infancy. Mrs. Dahlberg will be buried on Monday from the residence in East Moline.



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