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## **Björklund, Youngberg**

What happened to my grandfather's three brothers who emigrated to U.S.A.? The last contact was a letter from Richard to his mother in 1922.

1. *Rickard* Natanael Björklund, b. 2 February 1884 in Ekeby (Östg.). Arrived at Ellis Island 5 September 1903. Destination: His brother Bernhard (Ben) Björklund, 8428 Green Bay Ave. So., Chicago, Ill. Found in U.S. Census 1920; at 3316 E 91<sup>st</sup> St, and 1930 (as Burckland) at 3226 E 93<sup>rd</sup> St., Chicago, Ill. Staying for more than 10 years in the same family with a boy, Robert Johnson, born around 1918, and a girl, Grace Johnson, born around 1923, who could possibly be a link to Richard. In a letter in 1922 he says he is still working in a company manufacturing railway axles and that he has seen his brothers a few days before. They probably lived nearby.
2. *David Bernhard (Ben)* Björklund, b. 28 June 1881 in Ekeby (Östg.). Arrived at Ellis Island 30 January 1903. Destination: Friend Gustav Nordström, 71 State Street, Brooklyn, NY. When he registered for World War I on 17 September 1918 he had the address 3316 E 91<sup>st</sup> St., Chicago. (It is not the person who died in Bristol, Hartford, Connecticut. I checked the death certificate.)
3. *Erik Elias* Björklund, b. 5 June 1887 in Ekeby (Östg.). Arrived at Ellis Island 23 July 1909. Destination: Cousin Philip Youngberg, 207 McRoberts St., Joliet, Ill. I have not found Erik in any database so far. In the U.S. Census 1920 Phillip Youngberg's family is living at Oak Park, Precinct 1, Cook Ill. His wife Martha, 27, and children, Mildred 3, Walter 1 ½ years old. The children might still be alive and perhaps have letters or photos leading to Erik?

I am very interested to know what happened to the three brothers, especially whether they had any descendants.

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## **Nilsson, Nilsdotter**

I am seeking information about the Johan Nilsson family who left for America 9 March 1880 from Resta, Stora Mellösa (Närk.), reportedly going to Chicago. The family is related to my GGM Brita Nilsdotter. I believe they left from Örebro, likely they were in Stora Mellösa (Närk.). My GGM was from a family that ran an inn in Resta. The church record indicated the children were not baptized as they apparently joined a new church believed to be Baptist.

All of the family members were born in Stora Mellösa; Johan was born 25 October 1849; his wife Lovisa Nilsdotter was born 1 November 1856, and their sons, Johan Bernhard, born 16 September 1876 and Karl Axel Wilhelm, born 1 January 1879.

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**[Editor's note:** This family might be identical with the following family, found in *Emihamn on microfiche*: Joh. Nilsson (age 30), w. Louise (age 23), s. Johan (age 3) and s. Carl Alfred (age 11 mths). With them travelled Bror Gustaf (age 19), and they all came from Norrbyås, and left Göteborg on 12 March 1880 with tickets for Red Wing [MN].

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## **Swanson**

I would like to locate descendents of my father's cousin Charles H. Swanson. Born in Sweden 1890-1, married Inez M., two children, Shirley b. 1920, Donald b. 1922. In 1938 lived at 1216 N. 18th St., Superior, Wisconsin, employed by Lindberg Thomson grocery store, 1202 Belknap St. Superior WI.

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## Holmberg

My *morfar's* four Holmberg cousins immigrated to the U.S. during the later part of the 1800s, and I hope to get more information on three of them.

Charlotta Holmberg, born 4 November 1855 in Beateberg (Vägö.), immigrated in 1889, settled in Philadelphia, where she worked as a cook. I have found her in the 1920 Census, but have no further information.

Sofia (Sophie) Holmberg, born 17 August 1866 in Beateberg, immigrated 1885 to the U.S., settled in Chicago. Married to Sven Peter Nelson, born February 1859. She had a laundry in her own house at 3323 Irving Avenue in Chicago. She is listed as a widow in the 1920 Census. She had a daughter Martha, born ca. 1905, who in the 1930 Census lives with some Nelson cousins.

Emma Holmberg, born 22 September 1868 in Beateberg, immigrated to the U.S. in 1901, and in 1920 lived with her sister Sofia and worked in her laundry. Nothing more is known about her.

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Charlotta Holmberg. Picture taken in Philadelphia.



Emma Holmberg. Picture taken in Göteborg.



Sophie Holmberg, married Nelson, probably. Picture taken in Brooklyn.

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## Eriksson, Ericsson

I am looking for my missing relatives, and would appreciate all help.

Betty Eriksson, born 30 November 1862 in Bosarp (Skån.), left the S:t Petri congregation in Malmö 4 June 1888 with a ticket for Hannibal (no state mentioned).

Olof Eriksson, born 19 May 1869 in Lund (Skån.), left first in 1891, but came back. On 28 March 1895 he is recorded as having left Göteborg with a ticket for New York. The Ellis Island records tells a slightly different story; according to them, he arrived in New York 13 April on the ship *Venetia*, which came from Stettin in Prussia and Helsingborg in Sweden. Olof is said to be 25 years and 11 months old and on his way to Illinois. His profession is given as a smith.

Kerstin Eriksson, born 5 September 1860 in Nosaby (Skån.) is the oldest missing sibling, and is said to have immigrated before 1890, but can not be found in *Emibas* or *Emihamn*. She is also supposed to have married in the U.S. and had a daughter with the second name Ethel. Her married name might have been Dodson.

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