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## Mary Parker from Las Vegas – where are you?

In 2002, members of the Swedish Genealogical Society toured the U.S. and participated in many workshops, assisting Americans seeking their Swedish roots. One such stop was in Kingsburg, CA, and the stop there was later covered by an article in the Swedish magazine *Släkthistoriskt Forum*. The article relates how a woman named Mary Parker had travelled to Kingsburg from her home in Las Vegas to get help to trace her ancestor Peter Olaus Olausson. Per Olaus Olausson had emigrated to the U.S. in the 1870's and was born in Figgemålen, Kristvalla (Smål.) on 22 March 1848, the son of farmer Olaus Petersson and his wife Valborg Charlotta Johansdotter.

Mary – your Swedish distant cousins would very much like to get in touch with you! Monica Björklund is the great grand daughter of Lorentz Petersson, who was the younger brother of Peter Olaus' father Olaus. Susanne's husband Rune's is also related to you by way of another line of the family. Unfortunately, the man helping Mary out did not record her address or phone number. We have tried calling the Mary Parkers listed in the U.S. phone book for Las Vegas without success. So, if Mary, or someone knowing her, is reading this - please get in touch with us! We have family history researched down into the early 1700's and can share many photos of family and places of family interest. Monica and her family still live in Kristvalla parish and Susanne and her family live in the adjoining parish of Åby.

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## Salomonsson

My grandmother Charlotta Salomonsdotter was born 25 March 1858 to the sharecropper Salomon Johansson/Jansson, born 7 April 1814 in Askeby (Östg.) and his wife Eva Lisa Carlsdotter, born 19 March 1819, also in Askeby, living at cottage Carlslund on the lands of Askeby Storgård in Askeby.

Their son Carl Axel Salomonsson, born 14 July 1855 in Askeby, emigrated on 24 October 1882 from Tuttorp in Svinstad (now Bankekind) in Östergötland. He left the port of Göteborg on 3 November 1882 and his destination is given just as Princeton, no state mentioned.

I am 88 years old and would really be happy if anyone can help me find my great-uncle.

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## Pettersson, Peterson

The girl in the picture is Jenny Olivia Peterson, born in 1912 in the U.S., a daughter of Anna and Olof Peterson.

Anna Johansson was born 26 February 1886 in Myckleby (Bohu.). Olof might have been of Norwegian origins. They also had daughters Lena, born in 1911, Ruth Josephine, born in 1915, and son John Oscar, born in 1908. Anna was a sister of my grandmother, Justina, and immigrated in 1904 to the U.S., where she already had brothers Carl and Olof. Anna is said to have died in 1920.

The Petersons are said to have lived at Strawberry Hill Road in Concord, MA, but may have moved to New Jersey.

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