Genealogical Queries

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Öberg, Andersson

Hilda Öberg, born 25 April 1875 in Kville (Bohu.) left on 27 February 1893 from Göteborg, in the company of her brother Nestor, born 19 Aug. 1876, also in Kville, and both had tickets for Chicago. Their parents were the soldier Otto Elis Öberg and his wife Josefina Nätt in Kville.

Hilda married John A. Anderson in Cook County 15 Feb. 1898. According to the 1900 Census, John (born in Sweden in May 1868) and Hilda lived in Hyde Park, Chicago, with their son John C. W., born in Feb. 1899 (later used first name Clarence), and her brother Nestor, who was then a garden laborer. In 1910 John and Hilda also had son Arthur (8) and daughter Edith (7). In 1920 the children are still at home. In 1930 the probable son Clarence Anderson is 30, and married to Kathryn, and they have children Clarence (5), Herbert (4), Charles (2½), and Theodore (0). A Clarence Anderson, born 25 Feb. 1899, died in January 1968 in Chicago. Is he the son of Hilda? What happened to his children, and Hilda’s other children?

Nestor moved to Birmingham, Alabama, and later to Thorsby in Chilton County, AL, where he died 19 Nov. 1940. He never married.

Hilda’s brother Johan, born 3 Dec. 1879 in Kville, was first a soldier in Tanum (Bohu.) and then left Grebbestad in 1910, and continued 4 May to Birmingham, AL, to brother Nestor. In the WWI Draft registration he lives in Suffolk, Mass, and is single.


These siblings have an old cousin in Sweden who hopes for more information about them. Contact Elisabeth Thorsell, Hästskovägen 45, S-177 39 Järfälla, Sweden. E-mail: <sag@etgenealogy.se>

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A SAG reader: Sonya Anderson

SAG reader Sonya Anderson of St. Paul, Minnesota, e-mailed me earlier this year with suggestions for article topics, which is a great idea that could be done by more of you. In my note to her I mentioned that I was going to be in the Minneapolis area in October, and she suggested that we should meet.

However, our schedules made it difficult to find a suitable time, so finally it was decided that we should track her down at work.

And from this photo you can see where Sonya works, at IKEA! And as I live about 5 minutes from IKEA Barkarby in Stockholm, it felt just like home. So we had a nice chat and will keep in contact. It is always nice to meet with the SAG readers!