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Siknäs People – Where Are You?

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We are two cousins who have our common roots in Siknäs village, Töre parish, Kalix township in Norrbottens län, at the very northernmost end of Sweden. A shared interest, our home area, has been the incitement to various kinds of local historical research.

Henry Rönnbäck has published a book – *Siknäs - Gårdar och människor (Farms and People of Siknäs)* – which is a detailed survey of all farms in the village and their inhabitants from the present time and backwards, in some cases as far back as the 1600s.

Ola Lindbäck lived in the U.S. during the 1950s. He has done extensive research trying to find his missing grandfather, who immigrated to the U.S. After many years he finally succeeded, and the final result was a book *Låt farfar vila i frid (Let Grandpa Rest in Peace)* in 1996.

Our village, Siknäs, saw 130 individuals leave for foreign countries, the main part for the U.S. and Canada. The emigration took place during the period of 1880–1930. We have been able to trace most of the 130, but some are still missing. One

reason can be that the Social Security System did not start until the 1930s, another that some of them perished from social or other causes.

In spite of modern communication by computers, the personal historical knowledge is one of the most vital sources for genealogical research.

We want to ask you to help us to find out the destinies of these missing Swedes!

Name	Born	Emigration	Destination
1. Bror Daniel Rönnbäck Siknäs, Nederkalix	1885 Jun. 14	U.S.A. 1905	Cadillac Michigan
2. Helmer Rönnbäck Siknäs, Nederkalix	1878 Dec. 12	I U.S.A. 1908 II U.S.A. 1914	Duluth Seattle, Washington
3. Nils August Eriksson Siknäs, Nederkalix	1862 Jun. 4	U.S.A. 1884	Iowa
4. Erik Anton Jacobsson Blixt Siknäs, Nederkalix	1880 Mar. 17	U.S.A. 1908	
5. August Emanuel Jacobsson Siknäs, Nederkalix	1884 Dec. 5	I U.S.A. 1906 II U.S.A. 1907	Illinois ? Moline, Illinois?
6. Georg Lindman Siknäs, Töre	1895 Oct. 16	U.S.A. 1912	Vilpen Minnesota (soldier in WW I)
7. Johan Johansson w. Anna Lisa Johansson Siknäs, Råneå	1835 Mar. 6 1842 Jan. 13	U.S.A. 1872 U.S.A. 1872	Minnesota Minnesota
8. Erasmus Nordqvist Siknäs, Töre	1881 Jan. 23	U.S.A. 1910	Hoquiam Washington
9. Johannes Andersson Siknäs, Nederkalix	1871 Jan. 23	U.S.A. 1891	Fargo North Dakota

10. Anton Andersson Siknäs, Nederkalix	1874 Jul. 18	I U.S.A. 1892 II Canada?	Fargo (dead in Fargo 1897?) Quebec, Canada
11. Robert Johansson Siknäs, Nederkalix	1865 Nov. 12	U.S.A. 1886	North Dakota?
12. Oscar Fredriksson Siknäs, Töre	1907 Aug. 24	Canada 1926	Winnipeg Canada
13. John Sundström Siknäs, Nederkalix	1886 Oct. 21	Canada 1906	Quebec Canada (died in the 1930s)
14. Anton Andersson Rönnbäck Siknäs, Nederkalix	1861 Jul. 6	U.S.A. 1882	
15. Per-Olof Sennström Nederkalix	1859 Nov. 20	U.S.A. 1881	Clinton, Canada?
16. Ida Rebecca Sennström Nederkalix	1878 Aug. 26	U.S.A. 1903	
17. Johannes Persson Siknäs, Nederkalix	1860 Nov. 4	U.S.A. 1884	
18. Karl Fredrik Lindberg Siknäs, Töre	1890 Oct. 6	U.S.A. 1910	
19. Ida Andersson Siknäs, Nederkalix	1872 Aug. 5	U.S.A. 1893	
20. Olof Teodor Olsson Bäck Siknäs, Töre	1886 Feb. 16	U.S.A. 1905	Lived in Saxon, WI, in 1906



#3. Nils August Eriksson



#4. Erik Anton Jacobsson Blixt



#11. Robert Johansson



#13. John Sundström



#20: Olof Theodor Olsson with wife Belle, and children David Theodore, George Edgar and Dorothy Janet Grace. Picture from 1928.

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