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Siknäs People – Where Are You?

By Ola Lindbäck and Henry Rönnbäck

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 Lät 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!

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10. Anton Andersson  
Siknas, Nederkalix  
1874 Jul. 18  
I U.S.A. 1892  
Fargo (dead in Fargo 1897?)  
II Canada?  
Quebec, Canada

11. Robert Johansson  
Siknas, Nederkalix  
1865 Nov. 12  
U.S.A. 1886  
North Dakota?

12. Oscar Fredriksson  
Siknas, Tore  
1907 Aug. 24  
Canada 1926  
Winnipeg Canada

13. John Sundström  
Siknas, Nederkalix  
1886 Oct. 21  
Canada 1906  
Quebec Canada (died in the 1930s)

14. Anton Andersson Rönnbäck  
Siknas, 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  
Siknas, Nederkalix  
1860 Nov. 4  
U.S.A. 1884

18. Karl Fredrik Lindberg  
Siknas, Tore  
1890 Oct. 6  
U.S.A. 1910

19. Ida Andersson  
Siknas, Nederkalix  
1872 Aug. 5  
U.S.A. 1893

20. Olof Teodor Olsson Bäck  
Siknas, Tore  
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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