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Gustafson, Fredriksdotter
John Gustafson (60 years old in the 1910 census), came to the U.S. in 1888. He was in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, in 1889 when my grandmother, the first of six daughters was born. His wife [there is some question on this...] was Anna Fredriksdotter of Brunneby, Östergötland. They went to Minnesota, ending up in Minneapolis sometime in 1897. John possibly had a brother, Karl from Östra Flagred(?), who came to Whitehall, Michigan, in 1886.

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[Editor’s note]: In the Swedish emigration records there is an Anna Fredriksdotter, born 1859 Feb. 23 in Brunneby, Östergötland, who emigrated in 1888 Dec. 11 from Linköping. She left from the port of Göteborg on Dec. 21 with a ticket for New York.

Gustafsson, Magnusson, Larsdotter, Wallin
I am searching for my great-great-uncle Oskar Albin Gustafsson, born on 1865 Oct. 19, in Hängsdala, Skaraborg. His parents were Gustaf Jonas Magnusson, born 1820 March 10, in Yllestad, Skaraborg, and Maria Christina Larsdotter, born 1830 July 29, in Hängsdala, Skaraborg. His siblings were Emma Matilda Gustafsdotter, Johan Simon Gustafsson, and August Manfred Gustafsson. Simon and Manfred changed their last name to Wallin. Oskar had two older brothers who died at a young age; Herman Levin and August Sigfrid. This was Oskar’s father’s second marriage and he had four children in that previous marriage: Gustafva, Karl, Augusta, and Anna.

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Andersdotter, Petersson
I am seeking information on the descendants of Inga Maja Andersdotter and husband Svante Pettersson. I have written a book on the younger brother of Inga Maja, Rev. Lars Petter (Andersson) Lundgren who was a pioneer Lutheran minister, and I want to share this with unknown descendants of his sister, Inga Maja.

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Inga Maja was born 1845 May 27, on the Kollsholmen farm, Essunga parish in Skaraborg County. She married Svante Pettersson 1872 August 16, and the couple lived on the Getabroback farm in Naum parish. Known children born in the Naum parish included: Ida Christina, b. 1873 February 7, Carl August, b. 1875 May 16, Anna Alfrida, b. 1878 April 4, Johan Richard, b. 1882 August 4, Alma Matilda, b. 1886 August 4, Gustaf Oskar, b. 1889. Inga Maja died in the 1900-1910 time period. Her husband Svante was still living in 1920 and lived on the Getabroback farm which was then owned or managed by two Larson brothers. The daughter Alma married Gustaf Amandus Gustafsson, b. 1883 in Södra Kedum parish. One son, born in Vara in 1909 may have been named Gustaf Erik Reinhold.

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Emanuelsson, Olsson, Larsson, Lawson

My grandfather Carl Emanuelsson had a brother and two sisters who immigrated to North America. Johan Emil Emanuelsson, b 1873 Dec. 21 in Nösslinge, Halland, left 1901 March 29 from home, and left Göteborg on April 12 with a ticket for New York. Sisters Albertina (Alvina) Josefina Olsson, b 1878 May 10, and Emma Paulina Olsson, b 1881 May 29, both in Nösslinge, left from there 1901 Sep. 6, and from Göteborg 1901 Sep. 13, both with tickets for Attica, Indiana. The photo below of Johan is marked Wilcox, PA, and the sisters’ photo is from Attica. Their father was Emanuel Alfred Olsson, which is why they can both be Olssons and Emanuelsson.

According to the Ellis Island manifests, Johan of Nösslinge arrived on the S.S. Teutonic from Liverpool on April 25th, and he was going to his cousin C. A. Jonson of Box 54, Wilcox, PA. His sisters have not been found in the Ellis Island database.

Johan Emanuelsson. Photo from Wilcox, PA.

Alvina and Emma Olsson. Unknown photographer.

Alvina(?) and husband (name unknown). Photo by Smith Studios, Attica, Ind.

I am also looking for my grandmother’s aunt, Josefina Charlotta Larsson Valbäck (Wahlbeck), born 1871 Jul. 4 in Köinge, Halland. She immigrated 1892 Feb. 25 for North America, but is not found in Göteborg Passenger lists or Ellis Island. She had several brothers and sisters that immigrated before her, during the 1880s, and settled in Brooklyn, Canterbury, and Killingly, Connecticut. Perhaps she joined them? All information most welcome.

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Johnson

I am looking for information on Charles Johnson, born in Sweden around 1897, who immigrated around 1915, maybe through Stockholm to the U.S. He was a good wrestler and was a member of the U.S. Wrestling team in the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium, where he won a bronze medal in welterweight (74 kilos).

He might be identical with Karl Axel Knut Jonsson, age 18, from Östergötland, who immigrated from the port of Stockholm to Texas 1915 Oct. 12 (källkod: 1915 441). He was born 1896 Nov. 3 in Kvilleinge, Östergötland. If so, he immigrated in the company of Carl Alexander Lundquist, born 1896 May 5 in Skedevi, Östergötland, who also had a ticket for Texas.

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