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# Ahnentafel XLIX. Flying Ace Richard (Dick) Bong – a Work in Progress

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 Richard Ira (Dick) Bong. Born 24 Sep 1920 in Poplar, Douglas Co, WI, USA (Sv Flyghist Tidskr. 6/01:20). Died 6 Aug 1945 in Burbank, CA, USA (R Bong Heritage Center website).

He shot down 40 enemy planes over the Pacific Ocean. He died during a test flight in California. Ref: Svensk Flyghist. Tidskrift 6/01:19. (Father 2, Mother 3)

Married 10 Feb 1945 (R Bong Heritage Center website) to *Marjorie Ann (Marge) Vattendahl*. Born 1924 in North Dakota, USA (US Census 1930).

#### **Generation I**

- 2 f Carl Ture Bong. Born 28 Mar 1891 in Galtström, Y (St Tuna AI:25j: 128). Died 5 Feb 1973 in Poplar, Douglas Co, WI, USA (SocSec, Poplar Cemetery, USGenWeb).
- Moved 1897 from Islingby 79, Stora Tuna, W to Poplar, Douglas Co, WI, USA (Emibas).

Served in WWI: Wisconsin CPL Co E 318 ENGINEERS WWI. He was a "road contractor". (Child 1, Father 4, Mother 5)

Married to the following ancestor.

 3 m Dora M. Bryce. Born 1901 in Wisconsin (US Census 1930). Died 30 Apr 1959 in Poplar, Douglas Co, WI, USA (Poplar Cemetery, US-GenWeb). (Child 1)

#### **Generation II**

4 ff Gustaf Bång. Born 26 May 1864 in Kölaråsen, Nås, W (SCB-C). Died 1914 in Poplar, Douglas Co, WI, USA (Poplar Cemetery, US-GenWeb).

Moved 25 Jan 1893 from Hässjö,

Y to Islingby 79, Stora Tuna, W (St Tuna AI:25j:128). Moved (with a ticket for Marinette, WI) 1 Jul 1896 from Islingby 79, Stora Tuna, W to Poplar, Douglas Co, WI, USA (Emibas, Emigranten (Child 2, Father 8, Mother 9)

- Married 21 Jan 1888 in Nås, W (SCB-E) to the following ancestor. Marriage records: he a tenant farmer's son from Laknäset, she a homestead owner's daughter from Närsen.
- 5 fm Augusta Warg. Born 15 Feb 1866 in Närsen, Nås, W (SCB-C). Died 1938 in Poplar, Douglas Co, WI, USA (Poplar Cemetery, US-GenWeb). (Child 2, Father 10, Mother 11)

#### **Generation III**

8 ff f Johan Jansson Bång. Born 19 Jul 1835 in Fredriksberg, Säfsnäs, W (C).

Moved 1855 from Säfsnäs, W to Nås, W (Nås AI:15d:96). Laborer, first lived with his family at Kölaråsen, and moved later to Laknäset, both places in Nås.

Ref: Nås AI:15d:96. (Child 4, Father 16, Mother 17)

- Married 14 Nov 1862 in Nås, W (Nås AI:15d:96) to the following ancestor.
- **9 ff m** *Anna Gustafsdotter*. Born 26 Apr 1840 in Järna, W (Nås AI:15d:96). (Child 4)
- 10 fm f Johan Warg. Born 28 Jul 1826 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:10:209). Moved 1842 from Säfsnäs, W to Nås, W (Nås

AI:15d:59). He first lived as a lodger in Närsen and is then called a former nail smith (*spiksmed*). In 1859 he buys a small farm in Närsen, Nås.

Ref: Nås AI:15d:59, 66. (Child 5, Father 20, Mother 21)

- Married 1852 (Nås AI:15d:59) to the following ancestor.
- 11 fm m *Maria Ersdotter*. Born 30 Dec 1835 in Nås, W (Nås AI:15d:59). (Child 5)

#### Generation IV

16 ff ff Jan Bång. Born 29 Mar 1808 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:10:214).

Moved in 1824 from his parents to Ulriksberg. Enlisted as a soldier and was given the name Bång. He lived with his family at Fredriksberg in Säfsnäs.

Ref: Säfsnäs AI:10:214; AI:8:108. (Child 8, Father 32, Mother 33)

- Married 31 Dec 1834 in Säfsnäs, W (Disreg) to the following ancestor. Marriage records: he a soldier from Säfsbyn, she a servant girl from Västansjön.
- 17 ff fm Maja Lena Bruse. Born 24 Jan 1813 in Västansjö, Säfsnäs, W (C). (Child 8, Father 34, Mother 35)
- 20 fm ff Jan Warg. Born 31 Mar 1802 in Annefors, Säfsnäs, W (C).

Nail smith at Fredriksberg iron works in Säfsnäs.

Ref: Säfsnäs AI:10:209. (Child 10, Father 40, Mother 41)

- Married to the following ancestor.
- **21 fm fm** *Lena Matsdotter*. Born 14 May 1804 in Granberget, Säfsnäs, W (C). (Child 10, Father 42, Mother 43)

#### **Generation V**

32 ff ff f Mats Matsson. Born 10 Jun 1780 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs

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AI:7:142). Died about 1816 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:8:108).

Lived in Säfsnäs village, Säfsnäs. Ref: Säfsnäs AI:7:142. (Child 16, Father 64, Mother 65)

- Married 1802 (Säfsnäs AI:7:142) to the following ancestor.
- 33 ff ff m Greta Zachrisdotter. Born 18 Apr 1779 in Skäfthöjden, Gåsborn, S (C). (Child 16, Father 66, Mother 67)

Married second time to *Henrik Jansson*. Born 6 Jan 1790 (Säfsnäs AI:8:108).

**34 ff fm f** Nils Bruse. Born 6 Aug 1774 in Annefors, Säfsnäs, W (C). Nail smith, lived at Annefors iron works in Säfsnäs. Ref: Säfsnäs AI:7:110. (Child 17,

Father 68, Mother 69)

- Married first time 2 Nov 1800 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:7:108) to *Anna Nilsdotter*: Born 20 Aug 1779 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:7:110). Died 1805 in Annefors, Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:7:110).
- Married second time 5 Nov 1805 in Säfsnäs, W (Disreg) to the following ancestor. Marriage records: he a master nail smith from Fredriksberg, she a servant girl from Hösjöberget.
- **35 ff fm m** *Stina Jansdotter*. Born 22 Nov 1782 in Hösjöberget, Säfsnäs, W (C). (Child 17, Father 70, Mother 71)
- 40 fm ff f Petter Warg. Born 1759 (Säfsnäs AI:7:108). Nail smith at Annefors, Säfsnäs. (Child 20, Father 80, Mother 81)

Married 2 Oct 1785 in Säfsnäs, W (Disreg) to the following ancestor. Marriage records: he a hardware smith from Annefors, she a servant girl from Palahöjden.

**41 fm ff m** *Maria Olsdotter*. Born 31 Aug 1761 (Säfsnäs AI:7:108). (Child 20)

**42 fm fm f** *Mats Henriksson*. Born 31 Mar 1766 in Granberget, Säfsnäs, W (C).

Sharecropper at Granberget on Fredriksberg lands, Säfsnäs, W. Ref: Säfsnäs AI:7:127. (Child 21, Father 84, Mother 85) Married 15 Nov 1789 in Säfsnäs, W (Disreg) to the following ancestor. Marriage records: She a widow from Säfsen, he a farmhand from Granberget.

**43 fm fm m** Kerstin (Catharina) Sigfridsdotter. Born 10 Apr 1764 in Frössåsen, Säfsnäs, W (C). (Child 21, Father 86, Mother 87)

#### **Generation VI**

**64 ff ff ff** *Mats Pålsson*. Born 26 Aug 1743 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:6:126).

Charcoal burner at Säfsnäs village, Säfsnäs. (Child 32)

- Married 2 Jul 1767 in Säfsnäs, W (Disreg) to the following ancestor. Marriage records: both from Säfsen.
- 65 ff ff fm Catharina Henriksdotter. Born 22 May 1748 in Säfsnäs, W (Säfsnäs AI:6:126). (Child 32)
- 66 ff ff mf Zachris Jonsson. Born 1740 (Gåsborn AI:1:107). Sharecropper at Skäfthöjden, Gåsborn. (Child 33)
- Married 22 Jun 1766 in Gåsborn, S (VigReg) to the following ancestor.
- 67 ff ff mm Catharina Petersdotter: Born 1747 (Gåsborn AI:1:107). Died about 1790 (Gåsborn AI:1:107). (Child 33)

68 ff fm ff Jan Bruse. (Child 34)

Married to the following ancestor. 69 ff fm fm Stina Nilsdotter. Born 1750 in Kroppa, S (Säfsnäs AI:7:110). (Child 34)

70 ff fm mf Jan Olofsson. Charcoal burner at Hösjöberget, Säfsnäs. (Child 35)

Married to the following ancestor.

- **71 ff fm mm** Catharina Jansdotter. (Child 35)
- 80 fm ff ff Nils Warg. Born 1729 in Filipstad, S (Säfsnäs AI:6:99). Miller at Annefors, Säfsnäs. Ref: Säfsnäs AI:6:99. (Child 40)
- Married to the following ancestor. 81 fm ff fm Catharina Persdotter. Born 1733 in Ransäter, S (Säfsnäs

AI:6:99). (Child 40)

84 fm fm ff Henrik Larsson. Born 1727 (Säfsnäs AI:7:127). He lived at Granberget on Fredriksberg lands, Säfsnäs. (Child 42) Married to the following ancestor. **85 fm fm fm K**erstin Zachrisdotter.

(Child 42)

86 fm fm mf Sigfrid Jansson.

He lived at Frössåsen, Säfsnäs, W. (Child 43)

Married to the following ancestor.

87 fm fm mm Catharina Zachrisdotter. (Child 43)

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#### **Comments:**

This Ahnentafel (*antavla*) is not complete, there are still many dates missing. The idea was to show how an *antavla* could be documented.

#### Sources:

Notes like Säfsnäs AI:10:214 means the clerical survey volume AI:10, page 214, for Säfsnäs. The Family History Library film number is not shown, as the research was done in Sweden, where those numbers are not known.

Notes like (Disreg) refers to a printed index of marriages in Säfsnäs, available in libraries. Note (VigReg) refers to a private index of marriages in Gåsborn. Such secondary sources should always be checked in the proper church records.

The parish names is followed by a letter (Säfsnäs, W). That letter is the code letter for the county, see the inside back cover of SAG for the whole list.

Letters like (C), (E), refers to the Birth and Marriage records. If the letter is preceded by "SCB" the info is taken from the Civil Vital Registration after 1860, from the archives of the Swedish Central Bureau of Statistics (*Statistiska Centralbyrån*).

Letters **f** and **m** refers to the Swedish words far = f (father) and mor = m (mother), which helps to point out who the ancestor is. Ancestor #67 here is Richard Bong's *farfars farfars mormor*, which is far more exact than just 2nd great-grandmother.

Citing Swedish sources will be discussed in a future article in SAG.

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