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Olof Stille of New Sweden

Fritz Nordström*

One beautiful summer's day toward the end of the 1880s a stranger arrived at Penningby Manor and presented himself as Prof. Stille from the University of Pennsylvania in the United States of America. I remember him vaguely, an older, distinguished gentleman, with gray hair and a gray mustache. He related that he, while on a temporary visit to Sweden, wished to see the place in Sweden where his ancestor—Olof Stille—had grown to adulthood and from which place he emigrated to New Sweden in the Delaware Valley in the 1640s.

Prof. Stille, under the guidance of my father, toured the castle, of which the two lower floors still were in the same condition, and still are, as during the time that Olof Stille visited there. So far as the man, himself, was concerned, no one could offer any information; no one had ever heard of him or his family.

During the last few years I have carried on research in various archives, looking through old documents concerning Penningby and its owners, and during this search I have come across some facts concerning Olof Stille and his family. I here present some of the material I have taken from the records.

In the month of March 1638 Katarina Fleming of Penningby Manor, newly widowed by the death of her husband, Erik Bjelke, wrote to the governor of the county (*län*), alerting him that her late husband's former servant, Olof Stille, had broken into Penningby and she therefore now demanded that Olof Stille be brought to justice. On the basis of this complaint, the governor (Lars Sparre)¹ issued an order, dated 28 March 1638, requesting that the sheriff of the Assizes (*häradsfogde och lagläsare*) of Frötuna and Länna immediately arrest Stille and keep him incarcerated until the case could be heard at an extraordinary session of the Assizes, which should be convened as early as possible.

*This article first appeared with the title, "En lännabo, som 1648 utvandrade till Nya Sverige," in Vol. VIII of *Hundare och skeppslag* for 1947-1948, pp. 106-116, a publication of Roslagens fornminnes-och hembygdsförening (The Roslagen Local Historical Society). It was written by Fritz Nordström (1873-). He and his two brothers owned Penningby Manor, near Norrtälje, north of Stockholm. The article is published here in a translation by Dr. Richard Hulan of Arlington, VA, as a contribution to the upcoming New Sweden 1988 observance, commemorating the 350th anniversary of the New Sweden colony. Fritz Nordström's niece, Dr. Elsa Nordström, formerly first archivist at the Royal Swedish War Archives, has kindly checked the translation and has furnished supplementary material. The portion of the Nordström article dealing with Olof Stille in America has been deleted. Instead Peter Stebbins Craig of Washington, DC, has prepared a follow-up story of Olof Stille and his many descendants up to the end of the 18th century, which will appear in the December issue of *SAG*.



Dr. Charles Janeway Stille, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, who in 1888, on the 250th anniversary of New Sweden, visited Penningby Manor.

On 13 April 1638 this session of the Assizes met. The record of what transpired at the "Extraordinary Session 13 April concerning Olof Stille, by command of the Well-born Governor" may be cited here *in extenso*. (This "protokoll" is in 17th century Swedish legalese, turgid and full of circumlocutions. The translation is somewhat free, and new punctuation has been introduced to reflect the several speakers and points of view involved—Tr.)

On 13 April 1638 there appeared before the Court Per Persson, the appointed agent of Her Noble and Well-born Ladyship, Katarina Fleming; and accused Olof Stille, formerly servant of the late Lordship (Eric Bjelke): that during her great bereavement and grief, while her late Lordship lay in state, he had in bitter malice and great arrogance broken into her castle, Penningby, thereby committing the grave offense of forcible entry.

(The background of this affair is that Olof had in a spirit of arrogance spoken unseemly words to Her Ladyship at the fair in Norrtälje in 1636, besides other transgressions he had previously committed and had been forgiven through the intercession of noble persons. For this behavior he had been ordered off his [island] farm, Humblö, where his late parents had been living. By intercessory means he was, however, allowed to keep his cattle there until the following spring. The two servants who worked for Olof did not leave the farm, however, but stayed there even though Olof was gone. He conceded nothing, expressing his annoyance, etc.)

Olof now answered: that he had been drinking in Norrtälje, and that he had paid enough fines for his impropriety—a piece of cleared (burned-over) land, the crops on his field, firewood and a Baltic herring net, all of which had been taken away from him; and in addition he had been in prison twice, but had escaped by himself.

Per Persson answered that this had come about because of an inheritance² that Olof had in his possession; and the deceased Lordship had been the guardian on Olof's sister's behalf. But the real reason Olof had been kept in jail was the fact that he had refused to leave the farm, after the judgment had been handed down, and a passport had been issued.

Olof answered by saying that he had received the passport.

But when Olof was in Stockholm (Per Persson's accusation continued), his former servants stayed in Länna Parish, in a hamlet called Mutsunda (as Olof acknowledged). But His Late Lordship, Sir Erik Bjelke, got a report that the servants were cutting firewood on his property and bringing the wood to Stockholm (which Olof denied). Whereupon His Lordship had to send for the servants and have them fetched back to the estate, telling them that inasmuch as Olof was off the farm, he had no claim on them. One of them left immediately, but the other, named Anders (who was born and raised on Humblö), came to the estate on St. James Day (25 July). He thereupon promised His Lordship (now deceased) that he would work for him, not only until Michaelmas (29 Sept.) but also afterwards.

Olof answered that the servants had not hired themselves to service (were not bound).

Anders was then questioned about this matter. He acknowledged that this was true, but said that he had been coerced; however, he could not offer the necessary proof.

But the pastor of Länna parish, Sir Olof, testified that he had heard His Lordship repeatedly avow, on his deathbed, that Anders had promised with a handshake to serve him, *i.e.*, His Lordship.

Olof answered by saying that he knew nothing of this.

Some time later (the plaintiff went on) Olof Stille arrived from the City (Stockholm) and sent for Anders, ordering him to come to him immediately. Anders left the estate, unmindful of his earlier promise. He (Anders) now stayed around Mutsunda and brought firewood to Stockholm to be sold. A while later it was discovered where he was, but no one asked about him until 18 March of this year, when he came to Väsby and began quarreling with Her Ladyship's servants. When they complained, she thereupon had him seized, on account of his running away from his contracted employment, and other reluctance. In the same spirit they sent word to the sheriff that he should come and apprehend him as a vagrant while the census commissioners (for military conscription) were there.

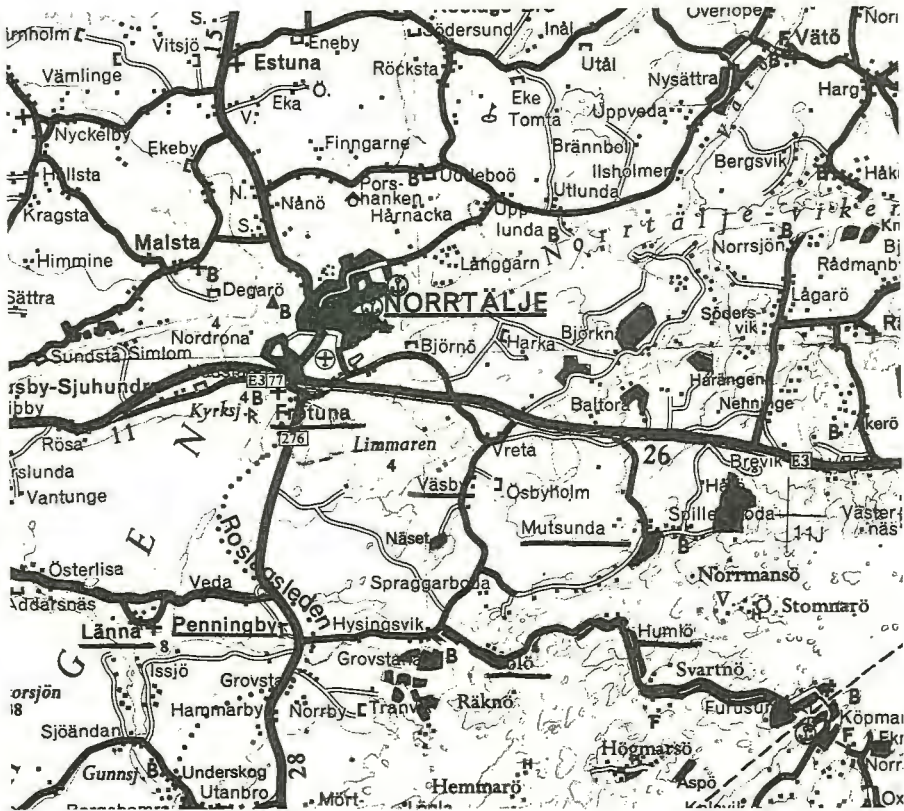
On 19 March Olof Stille arrived from Norrtälje, having in mind to travel to Väsby, where he had been requested to come. First, however, he went into Jacob of Torpet's place, where he was told that Anders had been locked up. Then he grabbed a wood-axe and said, "I shall get him out, in the name of the bad one." (However, he did not have a loaded gun with him; nor did he leave Norrtälje in anger, as he had been accused.) He let himself into Penningby through a secret door, and found the room where Anders was imprisoned, under the very house in which the said Late Lordship lay a corpse. Since the lock was strong he broke apart the masonry, took away the lock and keeper (worth one *daler silvermynt*), took the servant out, gave him the axe and sent him on ahead. When he himself turned from the wall he bared his sword, which was witnessed by Olof Svensson (who alone was at home in the castle, as the rest of the servant folk were at the census enrollment).

Then, Olof Svensson testified, Olof Stille swept his sword around, uttered foul language and said, "I dare you to come and take me!" Whereupon he fled. The others came home then, and wanted to apprehend him, but they were held back because of the risk to their own lives that could involve.

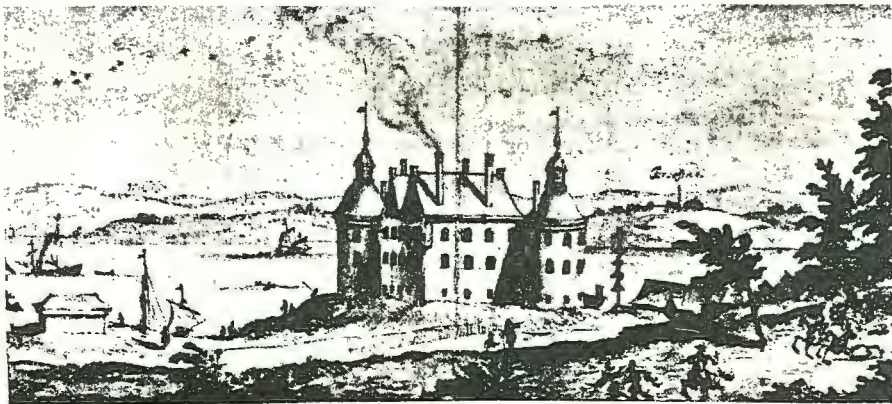
To this Olof Stille offered no rebuttal, but bade the proceedings to go on.

Since no more circumstances were placed in evidence, the matter was deliberated (by the Assizes): should this be counted as forcible entry, or robbery? After much longwinded deliberation the court could reach no other verdict than that the often-mentioned Olof Stille was in the full sense a robber inasmuch as he had taken the servant, who was locked up for breach of contract. Therefore, he was condemned under the sword (to be beheaded). Still, the possibility of merciful interpretation by the most praiseworthy Royal Court of Appeals was reserved.

(This concludes the record of the Extraordinary Session.)



Detailed map of section of Uppland in Sweden, showing the place names mentioned in connection with Olof Stille's adventures in and around Penningby Manor. Pertinent places are underlined.



Seventeenth century engraving of Penningby Manor. Sketch used in Eric Dahlberg's famed work *Suecia antiqua et hodierna*, first published in 1716.

Thus Olof Stille, judged by the strict legal standards of the time, was sentenced to death; but the verdict was referred, as was usual in cases involving the death penalty, to the final decision of the Supreme Court (*Hovrätten*). Its decree was issued 28 May 1638. The verdict was greatly watered down. Stille was to make compensation for the damage he had done to the house and pay a fine of 100 *daler silvermynt*³; or, if he was unable to pay the fines, "to be placed in irons, and to labor because of his deeds."

On 31 Oct. 1638 the regularly scheduled session of the Assizes (for Länna and Frötuna) was held. In the record of this session it is briefly and clearly spelled out that Olof Stille should pay a fine of 100 *daler*, "two parts to Penningby, and the third to the hundred and the chief judge of the hundred (*häradshövding*)." Nothing is said about forced labor; this clearly implies that Stille's economic position was good.

After these entries, I have not found Olof Stille named until I found him in a manifest of persons who accompanied the *flöijt*⁴ *Charitas*, on a journey from Stockholm 3 May 1641, via Göteborg to New Sweden. Olof Stille was accompanied by his wife and two children, one seven years old, the other one and a half years of age. Stille is listed on the ship's document, which is written in German, as a "*Muehlen Macher*" (millwright). The document states that his intention is to be a farmer in the new land.

Among other emigrants aboard we also note Axel Stille, who is going out to work on the (New Sweden) Company's tobacco plantations. I have been unable to ascertain the extent of kinship between these two Stilles. It is reasonable to suppose that they were brothers. Perhaps the proof of this may be left to descendants in the United States. Olof Stille's fate in New Sweden lies outside the scope of my research.⁵

Olof Stille's Family in Sweden

With the clue in the above proceedings that Olof Stille's parents had lived at Humblö (which then belonged to Penningby), I have gone through earlier tax lists, court records and bailiffs' accounts dealing with that and neighboring tracts.

The name Stille is first encountered on the "Älvsborg surcharge" list in 1571⁶. There we find the name Peder Stille under Solö (another [island] farm belonging to Penningby). His contribution was two *lod* silver⁷, plus 8 *marks*, 7 *öre* and an illegible number of *örtugar* in coin. The amount of cash and especially the weight of the silver reveal a very good economic position in comparison with the average peasant in the region. It seems unlikely that this Peder (or Per) Stille could be identical with Olof's father. The latter died, as will be shown below, sometime between 1631 and 1635. It is conceivable, but not likely, that he could have been a man in his prime already in 1571. I therefore postulate that Peder was Olof's grandfather; hereafter I shall cite a number of circumstances that reinforce this assumption.

In the bailiff's accounts for 1590, we find Per Stille under Solö; but in the list of (church) tithes for the same year under Solö is found "Mrs. Brigitta." I therefore suggest that Per Stille died that year, and that the widow remained on the farm.

The next time the name is met is in the bailiff's accounts for 1596. There we find, under Solö, Per Stille. I assume that this is the son of the above-named Per Stille, and is Olof's father.

Per Stille's name is still found under Solö in the bailiff's accounts for 1597 and 1600. But in a 1601 list of the farmers working under the foreman at Penningby estate we find, remarkably enough, not Per Stille but "The Widow at Solö." In the bailiff's accounts for the same year we find Per Stille under Solö. Perhaps the mother and son had the homestead as some sort of partnership.

In 1601, when Penningby reverted to the Crown⁸, a list was kept of all the persons who were fed on the estate, either constantly or occasionally. Per Stille's name occurs four times, and "Mrs. Britta at Solö" twice. On one occasion they were both guests (at the manor) at the same time; here her name precedes his, a sequence that would not occur if they had been husband and wife, but one that would be natural in reference to a mother and son. I think, therefore, that one may venture to say that there were two persons named Per Stille, father and son.

The other farmers who were fed at the manor were (in contrast with Stille) never listed by name, but only as statistics. Stille thus appears to have held a unique position among the farmers. I would guess that he was the supervisor of the estate. This supposition can be shored up by other circumstantial evidence, which, however, would lengthen this account too much.

At the Assizes on 1 Feb. 1606 Per Stille in Solö appeared as the authorized representative of a farmer accused of murder. Stille promised, on behalf of his client, full compensation if the heirs of the deceased would in turn give the murderer a letter of peace (*fridsbrev*). This was allowed.

Per Stille's name occurs under Solö in the bailiff's accounts of 1609, 1610 and 1618. In the list of married persons in the parish for the year 1609, Per Stille is mentioned as having a wife. In the same list for 1610 Per Stille is listed with his wife, one male servant and two maids.

After 1610 I have not found Per Stille's name until 1627, when he appears in a list of cattle owners. There he is no longer resident on Solö, but on Humblö. Apparently he has left the post of estate supervisor, and received the right to live on the latter island as a kind of pension. This conclusion is only intuitive, but analogous cases are found in the history of Penningby that lend credence to the theory.

In a 1628 list of the farmers holding land under Penningby one finds "old Pär Stille" at Humblö. His name is also found in a list of contributors in 1630, and in the lists of cattle owners for 1630 and 1631. In the corresponding list for the year 1635, however, the name under Humblö is Anders Persson. Per Stille appears, therefore, to have died sometime between 1631 and 1635.

In the list of enrolled students of Uppsala University may be found the following entry: "In the year 1625, the 16th of February, Johannes Petri (Stille) Roslagius (Pastor in Fundbo, Uppland)." The words in parentheses have been added later, and in a different hand. I cannot absolutely document the fact that this Johannes was a son of Per Stille, but nevertheless I am fully persuaded that such was the case.

The following is borrowed from the *Memorials of the Pastors of the Archdiocese of Uppsala*: "Funbo. Pastors. #16: Master Johan Stillerus of Roslagen. First of all he was house chaplain to the Royal Treasurer.⁹ Pastor here (Funbo), 1644. The Council greatly interfered with his appointment in 1643, because he had been a pastor only a short time, had no experience of suffering, and was like no other priest either in his mode of dress or in his hair style, and possessed no special eloquence. First Master, 1646. Member of the Riksdag (parliament), 1649. Speaker of the ministerial assembly, 1657, and the following year its President.¹⁰ Provost for Contracts, 1665. Died 1672. Married the daughter of his predecessor (Azarias Johannis Upsaliensis)."

His tombstone in Funbo church reads: "Here rests from his labors Master Johannes Stillerus Roslagius, Pastor at Fundbo, 1644-1672."

Johannes Stille had, as far as I can learn, only one child who attained maturity, the daughter Christina. She married Nils Sparrman (1668-1722), pastor at Biskopskulla, in 1694, as his second wife. Christina died in 1721.¹¹

In the court proceedings of 13 April, 1638 (above), a sister of Olof Stille's is mentioned. I believe I have also found her, although in her case as well I am unable to present absolute proof for accepting her as such.

In 1667 on 20 Sept. an inventory was made of the estate of the naval artillerist Niels Andersson Stake for the guidance of the widow Kerstin Pedersdotter Stille and her stepdaughter Margareta Nielsdotter, 12 years old. Three years later the widow died. In the inventory of her estate is found this: "In the year 1670, the 12th of June, Councilman W:tt Gustaf Mattzson and Notary Johan Nielson were present to take inventory, pay the taxes and distribute the property left by the late Mrs. Kirstin Pedersdotter and the late Niels Stake among the heirs, that is: the late wife's brother, the worthy and learned Mr. John Stille, Pastor at Funbo; and the two sons of her sister, the accountant W:tt Johan Larsson (present) and his brother Per Larsson, Inspector of Lesser Customs in Finland, resident of Åbo (present); and the representative of the interest of the widow's stepdaughter Margareta Nielsdotter (whose father and mother are both dead), the Advocate of Her Majesty the Dowager Queen¹², the noble Johan Rotman . . ."

In the will, which is copied *in extenso* into the inventory, is written among other things: "I, Chirsten Persdotter, hereby make known . . . that those of my folk who survive me should have the following bequests . . . 7) Inasmuch as both of my late husbands are buried in St. Clara churchyard, so I wish that when God calls me, I may be laid to earth and buried in the same place, ITEM, that the

stone that lies on that grave, and has still not been completely carved and finished as it should be, may by these my survivors be properly completed, the details of which I entrust to them. Dated Stockholm the 4th of May, 1670. Chirsten Persdotter.”

I looked for this grave, but did not find it anywhere in the churchyard, nor in the altogether inadequate burial registry of the congregation.¹³



Several (Swedish) researchers who assume that the Stille family must have been of Walloon origin ought to note the fact that the family, as shown above, was seated in Sweden long before the Walloon immigration began. The family is quite certainly of purely Swedish origin.



A few facts about the (Penningby) castle and some of its owners might be of interest in this connection.

The castle, built of granite in the three lower stories and sandstone in the fourth, consists of a rectangle with two diagonally placed round towers. The rectangle was built in the latter part of the 1400s; its original masters were members of the families Bonde, Sture and Ulf. The towers were built in the beginning of the 1500s by Lars Turesson Tre Rosor. The two lower stories stand, as previously mentioned, essentially as built; the two upper ones were modernized at the end of the seventeenth and the beginning of the eighteenth century. In 1831 the roof burned off, after which part of the walls of the uppermost story were broken off and the house got its present aspect.

The above-named Lars Turesson (Tre Rosor), who died in 1560, had inherited the estate from his mother, Birgitta Bonde, daughter of the well-known Lord High Constable Tord Bonde (d. 1454). Lars Turesson—a contemporary of King Gustav I Vasa and one of his trusted men—and his wife, Kerstin Eriksdotter Gyllenstierna, had a single child, the daughter Brita. She married Lars Ivarsson Fleming. Their daughter Elin (d. 1586) was married to Klas Bielke, probably the richest man in the country. On account of political developments he had to go into exile, whereupon his property, including Penningby, was confiscated for the Crown in the year 1600. In 1602 the property of their mother was restored to Bielke's children, and Penningby then fell to the daughter Margareta. She was first married to Councillor and Admiral of the Realm Axel Ryning (d. 1620); afterward to the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Gabriel Gustafsson Oxenstierna, younger brother of the great Chancellor Axel Oxenstierna. Margareta Bielke died childless in 1629; Penningby then passed into her brother Erik's possession. Erik Bielke was Olof Stille's master. Erik Bielke died in the beginning of the year 1638 and the property was inherited by his widow Katarina Fleming, who passed away in 1649.¹⁴

On a visit to Philadelphia on May 20, 1947, my brother Vilhelm Nordström presented these research results, together with a number of pictures, plans and maps, to Doctor Uppwall.¹⁵

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Notes

- ¹Copies of this and other orders signed by Sparre, before and after Stille's trial, have been examined through the courtesy of Fritz Nordström's niece, Dr. Elsa Nordström.
- ²Elsa Nordström suggests that the inheritance was personal property Olof was refusing to surrender to his sister.
- ³This sum, roughly equivalent to eighty American silver dollars, was more than three years' pay for a common soldier or farmer in New Sweden. See Amandus Johnson, *The Swedish Settlements on the Delaware* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, 1911), I: 41, 151-53, *et passim*.
- ⁴Usually called a "fly-boat" in English, this Dutch-style vessel was much used in the transatlantic trade of the day.
- ⁵Nordström's brief notes on American references to Olof Stille are omitted here. His sources and many others are covered in Peter S. Craig's article to appear in a subsequent issue of this journal.
- ⁶The citizens of Sweden were assessed an especially heavy tax in 1571 to ransom the fortress of Elfsborg (Älvsborg) from the Danes, who had captured it. This fort overlooked the mouth of the Göta River, where Gothenburg was later built. In 1643 Governor Johan Printz had his men construct Fort *Elfsborg* in present Salem County, New Jersey, and Fort *New Gothenburg* on Tinicum Island, now in Pennsylvania.
- ⁷About 27 grams of silver, exclusive of the coins.
- ⁸Crown custody of the estate was temporary, being directed against Klas Bielke, not his wife (in whose family the inheritance of Penningby was vested); see below, and note 14.
- ⁹One might speculate that the Royal Treasurer was the "noble person" on whose intervention Olof Stille relied in several potentially fatal conflicts with the nobility, both in Sweden and in New Sweden. The Treasurer of Sweden was Gabriel Bengtsson Oxenstierna, a stockholder of the New Sweden Company and a signer of Johan Printz's commission as Governor in the colony. See Amandus Johnson, *The Instruction for Johan Printz* (Philadelphia: Swedish Colonial Society, 1930), facing 32 (facsimile) and 98, note 106. One of the documents mentioned in note 1, above, shows that the final (lenient) judgment against Olof Stille was signed May 28, 1638 on behalf of the Supreme Court by Gabriel Gustafsson Oxenstierna, an even larger stockholder in the New Sweden Company, who was first cousin to Olof's brother's employer.
- ¹⁰The Clergy, as one of the four estates represented in the Swedish parliament, held a proportionate number of seats; in 1657 Johan Stille was orator on their behalf (Concionator).
- ¹¹Note that Bishop Hill, Illinois—in some respects the most impressive monument to the Swedish immigration to America—is named after this Swedish parish. Biskopskulla was the place of origin of Eric Jansson, whose followers colonized Bishop Hill.
- ¹²Hedvig Eleonora of Holstein-Gottorp, widow of Charles X and mother of Charles XI, then King of Sweden. In 1696 (a year before his own death) Charles XI resumed the mission of the Church of Sweden to America; these events are discussed in a forthcoming article, as the Stille family remained active in the Church.
- ¹³St. Clara's (Klara Kyrkan) is one of the commanding features of seventeenth and eighteenth century views of Stockholm. The present building, which dates from the 1750s, replaced the original thirteenth century church after that burned.
- ¹⁴A more recent and more complete treatment, both of the architecture and of the chain of title of Penningby castle, appears in Bengt G. Söderberg, *Uppland* (Malmö: Allhems Förlag, 1967), II:32-45. This entry in the beautiful, multi-volume series "*Slott och Herresäten i Sverige*" updates (and in some details corrects) the present article. Söderberg states that his information on ownership of Penningby is based largely upon Fritz Nordström's further research (published between 1947 and 1962).
- ¹⁵Axel Johan Uppvall was born in Avelsäter, Tveta Parish (Värmland) 2 Jan. 1872. After studies in Germany, France and the U.S. he became professor of Scandinavian studies at the University of Pennsylvania in 1924. He was active in Philadelphia at the time Nordström wrote his article on Olof Stille.

Declarations and Naturalizations of Swedes in Mobile, AL 1840-1906

Nils William Olsson

A highly interesting and very useful volume, entitled *Naturalization Records Mobile, Alabama 1833-1906*, by Clinton P. King and Meriem A. Barlow, has just been published by the Gateway Press of Baltimore, MD.* The authors have here succeeded in presenting a rich store of information on the presence in Mobile of no less than 7,000 foreign nationals, who between the years 1833 and 1906 sought U.S. citizenship in the various courts in the Mobile area.

Of particular interest to Americans with Scandinavian beginnings is the fact that the volume contains no less than 695 names of Danes, Finns, Norwegians and Swedes, who qualified for U.S. citizenship during this period. This is an astounding figure, amounting to 10 percent of the total number, far more than one would expect from countries with traditionally small populations. The obvious answer to this phenomenon is, of course, the importance of Mobile as a major U.S. seaport in the 19th century, as well as the proclivity of the seafaring Scandinavians to ship its young sailors to seaports around the world.

Though the majority of the Scandinavians who sought U.S. citizenship in Mobile were seamen, we must not lose sight of the fact that many of these arrivals in Mobile were also merchants, traders, artisans and craftsmen of all types.

In leafing through the pages of this handsomely bound volume, the reviewer was struck by the more than 300 Swedes who appear here, spanning the time period between 1840 and 1906. It motivated him to select this nationality group for a closer study, to see how many of them could be identified, thanks to additional sources. The reviewer is deeply grateful to Clinton P. King and Meriem A. Barlow for the kind permission to reprint the part of the list dealing with Swedish nationals.

In presenting the Swedish names, I have included all of the names, where the nationality is given as Swedish, although I am aware of the fact that since

*This volume may be ordered from Alabama Ancestors, 4075 Moffat Road, Mobile, AL 36618.

Norway and Sweden were united in dual monarchy from 1815 to 1905, there are instances where a Norwegian might be listed as a Swede, or vice versa. Similarly for those cases where a dual allegiance is noted, such as Norway-Sweden (N&S) or Sweden-Norway (S&N), I have generally assumed that the country cited first in the dual appellation is the country of origin of the petitioner. In a few rare instances some definitely Swedish names are listed as Norwegian or German. This has been observed in the note apparatus.

For those searching for their Swedish roots in the list printed below, it should be pointed out that a number of the petitioners have Anglicized their surnames drastically, thereby obliterating the original name, thus making identification well-nigh impossible. Short Anglo Saxon names abound, such as Brown, Smith, Thompson, Williams and Wilson. To try to penetrate the veil of anonymity in such cases therefore becomes a herculean task. Enough names, however, are to be found in this list to amply reward the researcher looking for antecedents who entered the United States via the busy port of Mobile during the 19th century.

For an easy reference to the sources used by authors King and Barlow the reader is referred to the excellent introductory material in their volume. This is particularly true with the courts in which the original records may be found. As an aid to the readers of this article, the following abbreviations are used:

Age - At the time of receiving the declaration or naturalization. NG means that the age is not given.

LR - Length of residence in the U.S. and in Alabama, separated by a slash (/). A plus sign (+) indicates more than the time given; an asterisk (*) indicates that the petitioner was a minor at the time of arriving in this country.

T - Type of document. D stands for declaration of intent; C stands for citizenship granted.

Date - When petitioner was granted his first papers or final citizenship.

CT - Court where naturalizations took place, followed by the volume and page numbers (this may be gathered from the King & Barlow volume).

No.	Name	Age	LR	T	Date	CT	BK/PG
1.	ABRAMSON, Tobias ¹	NG	5+	C	6 Nov. 1840	C	06/033
2.	ALLEN, John F.	32	4/1	D	2 Mar. 1892	B	D4/018
3.	ANDERSEN, Charles	32	15	D	27 Oct. 1868	Z	08/055
4.	ANDERSON, Charles	NG	NG	D	16 Sept. 1861	S	S2/097
5.	ANDERSON, Charles	22	2/7m	D	30 Jan. 1894	B	D4/124
6.	ANDERSON, Charles A.	NG	5+	C	29 Oct. 1856	Z	03/358
7.	ANDERSON, John ²	NG	5	C	28 Jan. 1852	C	14/088
8.	ANDERSON, John	NG	NG	C	14 Nov. 1889	B	B?/024
9.	ANDERSON, John August	32	6/6	D	18 May 1895	B	D4/174
10.	ANDERSON, Karl	NG	NG	D	8 June 1906	U	S3/085

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11. ANDERSON, Peter	21	2/2	D	5 Feb. 1892	B	D4/010
12. ANDERSON, S.I. ³	NG	5	C	30 July 1857	Z	03/669
13. ANDERSON, S.J.P.	26	6	D	23 July 1855	B	02/538
14. ANDERSON, Sigurd	NG	NG	D	6 June 1898	U	S3/034
15. ANDERSON, Sven J.	NG	5	C	22 Oct. 1868	Z	08/041
16. ANDERSON, Victor	24	6/7m	D	3 May 1905	B	D1/291
17. ANDREWS, Elias	38	11	D	29 Nov. 1848	C	12/027
18. ARNOLD, John C. ⁴	28	14/5	D	11 Nov. 1899	B	D1/091
19. ARNOLD, John C.	NG	5	C	21 Nov. 1902	B	19/210
20. ASPLUND, August	25	3/1m	D	12 Apr. 1898	B	D1/020
21. AUGUSTON, Johannez F.	25	2/2	D	20 Mar. 1900	B	D1/108
22. AXELSON, Frank G.	32	3	D	27 Jan. 1875	B	09/464
23. BACKSTROM, Francis Wm. ⁵	40	12	D	10 May 1843	C	09/078
24. BACKTROM, Francis W.	NG	5+	C	12 May 1845	C	10/068
25. BARKSTROM, Francis W.	40	12	D	9 May 1843	C	09/065
26. BASKO, Louis	NG	5+	C	31 Oct. 1856	Z	03/366
27. BENGSTON, Knut	28	2+	D	23 Jan. 1868	C	19/258
28. BENGSTON, Otto W.	NG	5+	C	18 June 1906	B	N ² /124
29. BENZER, Frederick	36	13	D	20 Nov. 1849	C	13/009
30. BERGH, Arthur	25	27m/ly	D	26 May 1896	B	D4/252
31. BOHN, Thomas	25	10	D	8 Nov. 1870	Z	08/339
32. BORG, Harry Theodore	26	8/66m	D	16 Mar. 1896	B	D4/201
33. BOWDELSON, Andrew ⁶	30	10	D	9 Nov. 1847	X	CR/013
34. BOYEN, Charles W.	NG	5+	C	21 Nov. 1842	C	08/059
35. BROWN, Andrew	NG	NG	D	25 Oct. 1861	S	S2/186
36. BROWN, Axel	36	8/5	D	27 Oct. 1894	B	D4/149
37. BROWN, John ⁷	NG	5	C	9 Dec. 1845	C	11/074
38. BROWN, John	39	NG	D	6 Apr. 1859	B	05/512
39. CAMPBELL, Charles F.	NG	5+	C	16 Feb. 1891	B	15/111
40. CAMPBELL, Gustave	NG	5+*	C	1 Apr. 1895	B	16/476
41. CAMPBELL, J.E.	35	13	D	24 Oct. 1868	Z	08/049
42. CAMPBELL, John	NG	NG	D	6 Nov. 1840	C	06/043
43. CAMPBELL, Joseph J.	23	1+	D	24 Oct. 1874	B	09/422
44. CAMPBELL, Oscar P.	NG	5+*	C	21 Dec. 1903	C	32/061
45. CAMPBELL, Thomas ⁸	NG	NG	D	23 Oct. 1861	S	S2/178
46. CARLMAN, Charles Hugo ⁹	21	30m	D	7 Nov. 1892	B	D4/052
47. CARLMAN, Charles Hugo	NG	5+	C	2 Apr. 1900	B	N ² /405
48. CARLQUIST, Eric A.	36	5	D	8 Oct. 1872	B	09/148
49. CARLSON, August	20	1/1	D	1 Sept. 1905	B	NR/061
50. CARLSON, Conrad	44	20/1	D	24 July 1897	B	D4/302
51. CARLSON, Erik	NG	NG	D	16 Nov. 1904	U	S3/061
52. CARLSON, John	NG	5+	C	15 Dec. 1899	B	18/077
53. CARLSON, John A.	23	3m/1m	D	20 Dec. 1900	B	D1/134
54. CARLSON, John Emanuel	25	9/9	D	26 Feb. 1897	B	D4/293

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55. CARLSSON, C.R.	26	5/5	D	10 Dec. 1892	B	D4/063
56. CEDER, Andrew ¹⁰	30	7	D	21 July 1855	U	S2/016
57. CHAMBERS, Augustus ¹¹	NG	5*	C	25 Nov. 1845	C	11/015
58. CHAMBERS, John O.	22	2	D	27 Dec. 1854	C	15/144
59. CHRIST, John	NG	5+*	C	26 Nov. 1902	B	19/211
60. CIMMINI (?), Harry S.	21	8/2	D	18 Aug. 1898	B	D1/051
61. COLBOURN, Charles	NG	NG*	C	21 July 1859	B	05/594
62. CROFT, Peter W.	NG	5*	C	27 Nov. 1849	C	13/025
63. DANE, John	NG	5*	C	6 Nov. 1840	C	06/032
64. DOWLING, Michael	NG	5+	C	9 July 1855	B	02/520
65. DUPERTINO, Henry Louis	NG	5*	C	28 Nov. 1849	C	13/027
66. EKSTEDT, Charles Alfred	22	16/16	D	11 Apr. 1894	B	D4/128
67. ENGSTROM, Charles	37	13/8	D	27 May 1904	B	D1/252
68. ENGVALL, William	34	9/1	D	4 Apr. 1898	B	D1/010
69. EREKSON, Olias	NG	5	C	23 Jan. 1868	C	19/257
70. FLEMING, Ernest	24	30m/2y	D	6 Feb. 1895	B	D4/157
71. FORRESTER, August	29	8	D	6 Nov. 1871	B	09/009
72. FORSHAEL, John ¹²	40	4	D	4 Nov. 1872	B	09/151
73. FORSMAN, Andrew Magnus	27	4	D	17 Sept. 1887	C	26/438
74. FORSMAN, Andrew Magmes	NG	5+	C	26 Jan. 1891	C	27/457
75. FRANKENBERG, Charles	29	2/2	D	20 Sept. 1902	B	D1/194
76. FREDLUND, Frank G.G.	32	14m	D	1 Mar. 1904	B	D1/241
77. FREEMAN, Charles ¹³	26	8	D	23 Nov. 1870	Z	08/231
78. FREEMAN, Charles	NG	5	C	9 Feb. 1874	B	09/372
79. FRÖDING, Julius F.	40	12	D	3 Nov. 1868	Z	08/074
80. GARNER, Alfred	NG	5+	C	7 Apr. 1898	B	N?/234
81. GOLDENHAMMER, Emile F. ¹⁴	28	18m/1y	D	27 Jan. 1894	B	D4/114
82. GREEN, Adolph	NG	5+	C	13 Aug. 1888	B	14/203
83. GREEN, Andrew	39	20	D	11 Nov. 1847	X	CR/020
84. GREEN, John	NG	14	D	13 Nov. 1885	C	26/199
85. GREEN, Niles Walter	NG	5+	C	20 July 1888	B	14/172
86. GREEN, Robert	NG	5+	C	28 Apr. 1856	C	16/023
87. GUSTAVSEN, John ¹⁵	46	3	D	2 Nov. 1872	B	09/150
88. GUSTAVSEN, John	NG	5+	C	16 Feb. 1891	B	15/112
89. GUSTAFSON, Gustaf M.	NG	NG	D	15 Sept. 1906	U	S3/096
90. GUTTERSON, J.	NG	5	C	19 July 1858	B	05/314
91. HADMKEY, A.G.	22	2	D	2 Nov. 1852	Z	02/124
92. HALIN, Adolph ¹⁶	27	7/6	D	4 Oct. 1900	B	D1/132
93. HALIN, Adolph	NG	NG/NG	C	9 May 1906	B	A8/016
94. HAMILTON, Berham	26	7	D	10 Dec. 1874	B	09/438
95. HAMMAR, Bernt John ¹⁷	NG	NG	C	12 Jan. 1900	U	S3/020
96. HARRINGTON, William	24	1	D	25 Mar. 1858	B	05/160
97. HEBBERT, Charles	NG	5*	C	25 Nov. 1845	C	11/015
98. HEDMARK, A.G. ¹⁸	NG	5	C	19 July 1858	B	05/310
99. HENRIKESON, Martin	18	8m/8m	D	9 Aug. 1902	B	NR/026

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100. HERLITZ, Charles G. ¹⁹	22	4	D	9 Nov. 1870	B	08, 339
101. HILLER, Thomas ²⁰	NG	5+	C	7 Nov. 1840	C	06, 055
102. HINSON, Martin	28	3	D	9 Dec. 1852	Z	02, 233
103. HOLMGREN, Julius	22	3, 3	D	10 Mar. 1906	B	D1, 337
104. HOLMSTROM, John	24	18m	D	30 May 1903	B	D1, 217
105. ISOM, David	23	8, 8m	D	2 Jan. 1896	B	D4, 191
106. IVERSON, Lars	NG	5+	C	6 Nov. 1884	B	08, 641
107. JACOBSON, John	NG	NG	D	12 Sept. 1861	S	S2, 071
108. JASPER, William	27	16	D	20 Oct. 1868	Z	08, 038
109. JOHANSON, Alfred	NG	NG	D	5 Feb. 1903	U	S3, 049
110. JOHNSON, Andrew	NG	5+	C	3 July 1900	B	18, 234
111. JOHNSON, Charles L.	NG	5+	C	19 June 1888	B	14, 055
112. JOHNSON, Frederick	NG	5	C	5 May 1854	B	02, 104
113. JOHNSON, Helge H.	27	4, 4	D	14 Apr. 1905	B	D1, 288
114. JOHNSON, Ivan	NG	NG	D	24 Oct. 1861	S	S2, 181
115. JOHNSON, John	NG	5	C	17 Nov. 1871	B	09, 015
116. JOHNSON, John Axel	22	2, 1	D	14 Nov. 1905	B	D1, 308
117. JOHNSON, Peter	NG	5	C	8 May 1860	C	17, 270
117a. JOHNSON, Samuel	NG	NG	D	15 Oct. 1861	S	S2, 203
118. JOHNSON, William	29	10	D	30 Oct. 1868	Z	08, 068
119. JONSSON, Lars	22	2	D	28 Aug. 1893	B	D4, 071
120. JORGENSON, Charles	31	11, 4	D	13 Apr. 1895	B	D4, 170
121. KARLSSON, Nestor	24	19m, 13	D	23 May 1902	B	D1, 169
122. KEENER, Francis	23	13	D	18 May 1849	C	13, 070
123. KEENER, Francis ²¹	NG	5+	C	23 July 1855	B	02, 537
124. KELLY, Philip	26	12	D	3 Dec. 1847	C	12, 044
125. KERNANDER, Adolphus G.	43	9m, 9m	D	11 Aug. 1903	B	D1, 229
126. KEY, Johannes Ahlgrin	NG	5+	C	7 Nov. 1840	C	06, 056
127. KRAFT, Edward Ferdinand ²²	NG	5+*	C	28 Nov. 1848	C	12, 026
128. KRAFT, Harry	25	7, 2	D	27 May 1892	B	D4, 033
129. LARSSON, Mathias	NG	NG	D	25 Sept. 1906	U	S3, 112
130. LARSON, August	29	7, 30m	D	9 Jan. 1894	B	D4, 095
131. LARSON, Peter	NG	5	C	10 Jan. 1866	B	07, 180
132. LAUSTNEM, Charles	37	10	D	30 Oct. 1868	Z	08, 068
133. LAWSON, Andrew	30	4	D	3 Nov. 1874	B	09, 427
134. LAWSON, Lewis	NG	5*	C	15 Feb. 1850	X	02, 066
135. LILJEROTH, Erik	NG	NG	D	13 Aug. 1906	U	S3, 087
136. LINADHE, John Berger	NG	5*	C	2 Apr. 1898	B	17, 429
137. LIND, Gustav	35	3, 30	D	17 May 1905	B	D1, 292
138. LIND, John Reynolds	26	10, 2	D	17 Jan. 1894	B	D4, 107
139. LINDMAN, Hampus	22	1	D	2 Nov. 1874	B	09, 426
140. LINDQUIST, Charles ²³	NG	5+	C	11 Dec. 1884	B	12, 332
141. LINDQUIST, Peter H.	29	30m, 8m	D	14 Aug. 1902	B	NR, 029
142. LINDSTROM, August	21	2, 2	D	15 Oct. 1891	B	D4, 002
143. LINDSTROM, August	NG	5+	C	24 July 1894	B	B?, 586

143a. LINDSTROM, N.P. ²⁴	28	10	D	26 Oct. 1868	Z	08/053
144. LINQUIST, Charles	24	NG	D	22 Apr. 1884	C	25/777
145. LINSTROM, John O.	NG	NG*	C	5 Aug. 1882	B	11/467
146. LITHNER, Theoder ²⁵	NG	NG	D	30 Sept. 1861	S	S2/195
147. LODERLINIA, Charles ²⁶	33	2	D	8 May 1871	C	21/330
148. LOSSEN, Olaf	33	5+/18m	D	13 Oct. 1896	B	NR/003
149. LUN, Charles ²⁷	47	16	D	26 Nov. 1845	C	11/023
150. LUN, Charles	NG	5+	C	27 Nov. 1847	C	12/029
151. LUND, Anders J.	21	2	D	8 Nov. 1870	Z	08/339
152. LUNDBERG, Gustave A.	24	54m	D	27 Jan. 1894	B	D4/113
153. LUNDEN, Charles	NG	NG	D	14 Aug. 1906	U	S3/087
154. LUNDGREN, Gustaf	20	4/3	D	9 Aug. 1902	B	NR/028
155. LUNDWALL, Emil ²⁸	42	10/2	D	27 Feb. 1892	B	D4/016
156. LYNN, Peter ²⁹	41	17	D	18 May 1867	C	19/107
157. MARKGRIN, John	21	5	D	5 Dec. 1870	Z	08/344
158. MARTIN, William M.	40	20	D	3 Mar. 1871	Z	08/377
159. MATSON, Mathias	55	30	D	22 Oct. 1868	Z	08/042
160. MATTSON, Karl	21	4m/4m	D	8 Feb. 1906	B	D1/332
161. MAYNUSEN, Gustaf ³⁰	28	2	D	4 Nov. 1872	B	09/151
162. MELGRIN, Charles Fred ³¹	NG	NG	D	16 Dec. 1841	C	07/130
163. MELGRIN, Charles F.	NG	5	C	26 Nov. 1851	C	14/010
164. MILLER, Charles J. ³²	NG	5+*	C	5 Nov. 1840	C	06/020
165. MILLER, Francis W. ³³	NG	5*	C	25 Nov. 1846	C	11/023
166. MODINE, Nels August ³⁴	22	6,3	D	9 Apr. 1895	B	D4/168
167. MODINE, Nels August	NG	5+	C	22 Dec. 1897	B	17/349
168. NELSEN, Charle(s)	37	25	D	6 Nov. 1871	B	09/009
169. NELSEN, Charles	30	3	D	4 Nov. 1872	B	09/151
170. NELSEN, Charles	22	7	D	8 Nov. 1870	Z	08/339
171. NELSEN, Franz F.	43	12	D	19 Nov. 1869	Z	08/234
172. NELSEN, John G.	37	14	D	20 Oct. 1868	Z	08/039
173. NELSEN, Nels	38	6	D	5 Dec. 1870	Z	08/344
174. NELSON, Frank	33	5	D	29 Oct. 1868	Z	08/063
175. NELSON, Frederick	38	8	C	26 Sept. 1906	U	S3/113
176. NELSON, John	28	3	D	30 Nov. 1848	C	12/029
177. NELSON, William	27	5/6m	D	14 Apr. 1905	B	D1/289
178. NEWMAN, Charles L. ³⁵	32	10	D	21 Nov. 1842	C	08/059
179. NEWMAN, Charles L.	NG	5+	C	28 Nov. 1844	C	10/026
180. NICHOLSON, Charles ³⁶	43	13	D	6 Feb. 1849	X	CR/004
181. NICHOLSON, Charles	NG	5+	C	20 Apr. 1853	A	01/082
182. NORSTROM, George A.	NG	2+	D	18 Nov. 1889	U	S3/001
183. OBEAR, Jacob	NG	5	C	5 Nov. 1840	C	06/028
184. OBER, Frederick W. ³⁷	31	6	D	13 Dec. 1845	C	11/082
185. OBER, P.J. ³⁸	29	10	D	23 July 1855	B	02/538
186. OBER, Peter G.	NG	5	C	30 July 1857	Z	03/669

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187. OBERG, A.	30	2	D	2 Nov. 1852	Z	02 _i 124
188. OLSSON, Oscar B.	NG	5+	C	14 Jan. 1888	B	14/051
189. OLDBERG, John Peter	NG	5+	C	19 Dec. 1845	C	11/106
190. OLSEN, Nils	26	7m/7m	D	4 May 1900	B	D1 _i 119
191. OLSON, Olof	NG	2+	D	11 Feb. 1890	U	S3/001
192. OLSSEN, Ernst	24	2/2	D	4 Apr. 1904	B	NR/045
193. PATTERSON, John	33	10	D	23 Apr. 1845	C	10/017
194. PATTON, Thomas	30	5	D	25 Mar. 1858	B	05 _i 160
195. PAUL, James ³⁹	29	13	D	29 Oct. 1856	Z	03/356
196. PAUL, James	NG	5+	C	29 Oct. 1856	Z	03 _i 357
197. PAULSON, August ⁴⁰	30	10/10	D	24 Oct. 1891	B	D4 _i 003
198. PAULSEN, August	NG	5+	C	28 Mar 1894	B	16/239
199. PEARSON, Frans Oscar ⁴¹	NG	5+	C	13 Apr. 1896	B	N? _i 063
200. PEARSON, Lawrence ⁴²	26	9m/6m	D	16 Dec. 1893	B	D4 _i 081
201. PEARSON, Lawrence	NG	5+	C	31 July 1900	B	18/269
202. PEARSON, Olaf Rudolph ⁴³	23	17m/6m	D	29 Jan. 1894	B	D4 _i 116
203. PEARSON, Olof Rudolph	NG	5+	C	31 July 1900	B	18 _i 269
204. PEDERSEN, John A.	28	4	D	6 Nov. 1871	B	09/009
205. PERRU, William	NG	5	C	11 July 1855	B	02 _i 522
206. PERSSON, Gustalf Adolf	28	7,4	D	27 May 1903	B	D1 _i 215
207. PERSSON, Oscar Gottfrid	28	5/3	D	19 May 1902	B	D1 _i 168
208. PERSSON, Per Johan	33	5/2	D	7 Feb. 1905	B	D1 _i 277
209. PETERS, David	25	10/17m	D	1 Feb. 1898	B	D1 _i 005
210. PETERSEN, Adolph	31	8m	D	24 Oct. 1874	B	09 _i 422
211. PETERSEN, C.O.	30	12	D	29 Oct. 1870	Z	08 _i 338
212. PETERSEN, Charles	36	3	D	4 Nov. 1872	B	09 _i 151
213. PETERSON, August ⁴⁴	36	9,7	D	27 Feb. 1892	B	D4 _i 017
214. PETERSON, Augustus	NG	5+	C	25 July 1898	B	N? _i 280
215. PETERSON, Isaac August	36	10	D	3 Nov. 1874	B	09 _i 427
216. PETERSON, Jacob ⁴⁵	46	25	D	26 Oct. 1868	Z	08 _i 053
217. PETERSON, Martin	NG	NG	D	17 Sept. 1861	S	S2 _i 122
218. PETERSON, Martin	40	10	D	14 May 1860	C	17/277
219. PETERSON, Peter	NG	5*	C	28 Oct. 1868	Z	08 _i 059
220. PETERSON, Swen ⁴⁶	24	5+	C	18 May 1882	C	25/433
221. PETTERSON, Nels	50	12/10	D	14 Mar. 1902	B	D1 _i 167
222. PETTERSON, Petter	NG	5+	C	20 Nov. 1902	B	N? _i 502
223. PETTERSON, Swen	24	4+	D	5 May 1881	C	25 _i 225
224. PIERSON, Frans Oscar	38	14	D	15 Sept. 1893	B	D4 _i 076
225. PITTERSON, Alex	NG	2+	D	5 Oct. 1889	U	S3/001
226. RAMBORG, A.B.	30	5	D	2 Nov. 1874	B	09 _i 426
227. RAMSEY, Charles G. ⁴⁷	21	5*	C	17 Nov. 1859	C	17 _i 162
228. RAYMON, John ⁴⁸	36	16	D	1 May 1849	C	13 _i 027
229. REED, William ⁴⁹	26	5	D	29 Nov. 1845	C	11 _i 037
230. REED, William	NG	5	C	3 Dec. 1847	C	12 _i 045
231. REGNANDER, Oscar	35	3	D	17 Sept. 1887	C	26 _i 439

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232. RENWICK, Christopher	41	23	D	26 Oct. 1868	Z	08/054
233. ROBERTSON, James	NG	NG*	C	31 Oct. 1856	Z	03/368
234. ROBUTRUE, Alfred	23	6	D	4 Nov. 1872	B	09/151
235. ROHNWICK, John	29	11	D	24 Oct. 1868	C	19/489
236. RYLANDER, Johan Gustaf	22	6m/3w	D	22 Dec. 1891	B	D4/006
237. SAHLBURG, John	22	1/1	D	12 Apr. 1897	B	D4/295
238. SALANDER, Charles	NG	5	C	12 Apr. 1850	B	01/074
239. SALLANDER, Bernard	31	5	D	28 Oct. 1872	B	09/148
240. SANDSTROM, Victor ⁵⁰	25	6	D	7 June 1850	B	01/093
241. SANDSTROM, Victor	NG	5+	C	7 Mar. 1854	B	02/059
242. SAUNDERS, Edward ⁵¹	24	3	D	19 Mar. 1853	Z	02/353
243. SAUNDERS, Edward	NG	5	C	3 May 1856	Z	03/240
244. SCHILIN, Frank ⁵²	27	7	D	30 July 1860	B	06/202
245. SCHNEBER, Frederick	NG	5+	C	29 Oct. 1856	Z	03/357
245a. SEABLON, Thor	NG	NG	D	14 Nov. 1902	U	S3/047
246. SEGERBLON, Charles	NG	5+	C	5 Nov. 1900	B	N?/422
247. SKAY, Augustus	43	26	D	28 Oct. 1868	Z	08/058
248. SKOGLUND, Nicol ⁵³	24	2	D	30 July 1890	U	S3/042
249. SKOYLUND, Nicol	24	2	D	30 July 1890	C	27/363
250. SMITH, Charles ⁵⁴	NG	5	C	8 Dec. 1845	C	11/061
251. SMITH, Charles	24	4	D	4 Nov. 1872	B	09/151
252. SMITH, Charles	25	5	D	2 Nov. 1874	B	09/426
253. SMITH, Chas. John	NG	5	C	26 Nov. 1858	B	05/337
254. SMITH, Frank ⁵⁵	38	15	D	26 Oct. 1868	Z	08/053
255. SMITH, Frank	NG	5	C	17 Nov. 1871	B	09/015
256. SMITH, Isaac	31	30m	D	21 Dec. 1850	C	13/044
257. SMITH, Lawrence	23	2+	D	3 Mar. 1871	Z	08/375
258. SMITH, Lowms ⁵⁶	NG	5	C	4 Apr. 1850	B	01/069
259. SMITH, N.H. ⁵⁷	33	8	D	9 Feb. 1853	Z	02/274
260. SMITH, Nelson, H.	NG	NG	D	5 May 1855	C	15/223
261. SMITH, William	24	6m	D	13 Oct. 1874	B	09/420
262. SMITH, William ⁵⁸	32	19	D	10 Nov. 1847	X	CR/019
263. SODERHOLIN, Anders A. ⁵⁹	48	1/4m	D	1 Feb. 1892	B	D4/008
264. SODERHOLM, Nils Emil	23	1/6m	D	30 May 1903	B	D1/218
265. SPARRE, Gustaf ⁶⁰	NG	2	C	1 Mar. 1842	C	07/006
266. SPENNARE, Theodore A.	22	1/3w	D	12 Feb. 1895	B	D4/160
267. STALL, Frederick	NG	5+	C	29 Oct. 1856	Z	03/357
268. SVENSON, Peter Svante	31	5/6	D	18 Mar. 1904	B	D1/011
269. SWAIN, Isaac ⁶¹	NG	5*	C	27 Nov. 1850	C	13/011
270. SWANSON, John	30	9	D	23 Oct. 1868	Z	08/044
271. SWENSEN, John A.	26	2	D	8 Nov. 1870	Z	08/339
272. TERNQUIST, Edward	NG	NG	D	10 Mar. 1905	U	S3/067
273. THOMPSON, Andrew ⁶²	55	30	D	2 Nov. 1870	Z	08/338
274. THOMPSON, Andrew	NG	5	C	2 Nov. 1872	B	09/150
275. THOMPSON, Solomon ⁶³	26	4	D	18 May 1849	C	13/070

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276. THOMPSON, Solimon	NG	5	C	28 Nov. 1851	C	14/013
277. THORSELL, Knut E.T.	NG	NG	C	11 Oct. 1895	U	S3/017
278. THORVALD, Sven	25	4/1	D	18 Apr. 1904	B	D1/250
279. TORN, Aaron E.M.	24	1m/1m	D	18 Mar. 1904	B	D1/243
280. VICKMON, August	26	2	D	12 Dec. 1874	B	09/439
281. WARTER, Frederick	33	6	D	8 Oct. 1883	C	25/270
282. WAYDEEN, Olof	24	5/5	D	15 Apr. 1896	B	D4/217
283. WEEKS, Peter ⁶⁴	NG	5	C	22 June 1857	Z	03/647
284. WELTERLIND, Herman ⁶⁵	45	15/6m	D	7 May 1900	B	D1/120
285. WENBERG, Harry	NG	5	C	25 Nov. 1876	B	08/340
286. WESTFELDT, August W. ⁶⁶	NG	NG	D	8 Dec. 1841	C	07/111
287. WESTFELDT, Gustav A.G. ⁶⁷	NG	NG	D	8 Dec. 1841	C	07/111
288. WESTFELDT, Gustavus A.G.	NG	5+	C	13 Dec. 1843	C	09/114
289. WESTMAN, Joe Verner	20	2/4m	D	16 Nov. 1905	B	NR/063
290. WHITE, Charles	NG	5*	C	29 June 1872	B	09/120
291. WIBORG, John	NG	5+	C	7 Nov. 1842	C	08/007
292. WILEIS, C.	NG	5+	C	30 Oct. 1856	Z	03/361
293. WILLIAMS, Charles ⁶⁸	26	3	D	7 Nov. 1840	C	06/054
294. WILLIAMS, Charles	NG	5+	C	7 Nov. 1842	C	08/002
295. WILLIAMS, John	NG	5	C	2 Dec. 1846	C	11/044
296. WILLIAMSEN, Charles	22	6	D	23 Oct. 1868	Z	08/047
297. WILSON, August ⁶⁹	24	5	D	5 Nov. 1872	B	09/151
298. WILSON, Augustus	NG	5+	C	11 Dec. 1884	B	12/333
298a. WILSON, William	35	15	D	3 Nov. 1868	Z	08/074
299. WINBERG, Haron	26	6	D	2 Nov. 1874	B	09/426
300. WINNBORN, John	NG	5+	C	7 Nov. 1842	C	08/004
301. YOUN, John Aug.	25	3	D	30 Dec. 1854	B	02/288
302. YOUNG, Charles P.	39	14/10	D	2 Aug. 1898	B	NR/008
303. YOUNG, Charles W. ⁷⁰	NG	NG	D	13 June 1855	C	15/268
304. YOUNG, Charles W.	NG	5	C	22 June 1857	Z	03/647

¹Probably identical with T. Abrahams, merchant, 44 years old, a native of Sweden, who res. in Mobile in 1850 with his family:

Mary Abrahams	31	F	Native of Georgia
Andrew Abrahams	8	M	Native of Alabama
James Abrahams	5	M	Native of Alabama
Tobias Abrahams	3	M	Native of Alabama
Juliet Abrahams	1, 12	F	Native of Alabama
Susan Abrahams	1, 12	F	Native of Alabama

Tobias Abrahams m. Mary Ann Taylor 1 April 1840. He seems to have d. before 1856, since his wife is listed as a widow in the Mobile city directory that year. —7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, p. 793; Clinton P. King and Meriem A. Barlow, *Marriages of Mobile County, Alabama, 1813-1855* (Baltimore 1985), No. 5, 16; *Mobile City Directory for 1856*.

²The Census of 1850 names three Swedes living in Mobile, all named John Anderson. The oldest was 45 years old, a seaman, living alone. The second was 40 years old, a bayman (sailor), who was m. to Margaret, b. in Ireland, 35 years old. He must be identical with the John Anderson, who m. Margaret Hennessy 26 May 1847. The third John Anderson was 21 years old, a carpenter, m. to Bridget, also a native of Ireland, and identical with the John Anderson, who m. Bridget Murphy 12 Oct. 1850. —7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, pp. 726, 727, 870; King and Barlow, *Marriages 1813-1855*, No. 8, 237 and No. 11, 89.

³Sven John Anderson, also known as S.J. or S.I. Anderson, was b. in Sweden in Aug. 1829, the s. of Peter Anderson and Margaret Svenson. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the public schools in Sweden. In 1849 he arr. in America, located in Wayne Co., MS, whence he moved to Mobile in 1851. There he engaged in the grocery business for eleven years. During the Civil War he served in the home guard. After the war he became a merchant of feed and grain, removing to Montgomery, AL in 1872, where he was engaged in business until his death. In 1856 he m. Margaret H. O'Neal (O'Neill), a widow, with whom he had seven children. In 1866 he was a partner in the firm of Mordecai. Ober (see note 38 below) and Anderson of Mobile. He is in all likelihood also identical with Sven Johan Peter Andersson, who as Sven Johan Andersson received a passport in Jönköping 27 Sept. 1849 for travel to America. Sven Johan Peter Andersson was b. in Hult, Adelöv Parish (Jön.) 16 Aug. 1826, the s. of Anders Pehrsson, a farmer, and Maja Svendsdotter. He emigr. from Adelöv 26 Sept. 1849 and arr. in New Orleans, LA 8 Dec. 1849 aboard the vessel *Martina* from Göteborg. Aboard the same ship was also Otto Fredrik Ekwurzel, who d. in Washington Co., AL 23 Oct. 1851. —Thomas M. Owen, *History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography*. Reprint (Spartanburg, SC 1978), vol. IV, pp. 39-40; King and Barlow, *Marriages of Mobile County, Alabama 1856-1875*; *Mobile City Directory for 1866*; Nils William Olsson, *Swedish Passenger Arrivals in U.S. Ports 1820-1850 (except New York) (SPAexNY)* (Stockholm and St. Paul, MN 1979), pp. 62-63.

⁴He is doubtless identical with the name below.

⁵The two Backstroms and Barkstrom are identical. Frans Bäckström was b. in Sweden in the beginning of the 19th century, the s. of Johan Bäckström, a non-commissioned officer, and Maria Folcker. He emigr. to America, where he married. —Karl A. K:son Leijonhufvud, *Ny Svensk släktbok* (Stockholm 1906), p. 3a.

⁶Andrew Bowdelson (in Sweden Bodelsson) may be identical with Axell (sic!) Boodleson, 36 years old, stevedore, native of Sweden, who was bur. in Mobile 1 Sept. 1851. In 1850 he was listed as a laborer, 33 years old, a native of Sweden, who res. in Mobile with his wife, Bridget Boodleson, 29 years old, a native of Scotland. —*Burial Records, Mobile County, AL 1820-1856* publ. by the Mobile Genealogical Society, Mobile, AL, Vol. 1.

⁷He is probably identical with John Brown, 45 years old, a native of Sweden, who ran a boardinghouse in Mobile and who in 1850 res. there with his family:

Henrietta Brown	39	F	Native of Germany
John Brown	10	M	Native of Alabama
Emeline Brown	13	F	Native of Alabama
Frank Brown	7	M	Native of Alabama
Henry Brown	5	M	Native of Alabama
Philip Brown	3	M	Native of Alabama

John Brown m. Henrietta Ritter 4 Jan. 1840. —*7th U.S. Census*, Mobile, AL, p. 679; King and Barlow, *Marriages 1813-1855*, No. 5/6.

⁸Thomas J. Campbell, sailor, 28 years old, native of Sweden, was bur. in Mobile 29 Aug. 1863. —*Mobile Burial Records*, Vol. II.

⁹No. 45 and 46 are doubtless identical.

¹⁰Andrew Cedra (sic!), male, 45 years old, a native of Sweden, was bur. in Mobile 18 Dec. 1863. —*Mobile Burial Records*, Vol. II.

¹¹Augustus or August Chambers, 33 years old, a native of Sweden, res. in Mobile in 1850 with his family:

Joana F. Chambers	33	F	Native of Germany
Charles E. Chambers	3	M	Native of Alabama
Catharine L. Chambers	5	F	Native of Alabama

He m. Joanna F. Norman 14 Nov. 1843. In the census of 1850 he was listed as being worth \$3,000 in real property. In 1856, 1859 and 1861 he is listed as a ships' chandler in Mobile. He d. 15 Dec. 1874 and was bur. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Mobile. His wife d. 15 Aug. 1900; his s. Charles O. (sic!) Chambers, b. 27 Nov. 1846, d. 16 Feb. 1893 and his dau. Catherine L. Chambers d. 12 Dec. 1913. —*7th U.S. Census*, Mobile, AL, p. 31; *Mobile City Directories for 1856, 1859 and 1861*; King and Barlow, *Marriages 1813-1855*, No. 5/304 B; *Magnolia Cemetery Burial Records*, Mobile, p. 111.

¹²Probably Johan Gustaf Henrik Forshaell, b. in Vänersborg, Sweden 9 Nov. 1826, the s. of Johan Henrik Forshaell, an apothecary, and Julia Charlotta Forshaell (his cousin), first became a farmer in Sweden, before emigr. to America. He was m. to Wilhelmina Nygren. —Carl Sjöström, *Vestgöta nation i Lund 1683-1910* (Lund 1911), p. 182.

¹³No. 77 and No. 78 are doubtless identical.

¹⁴Doubtless identical with Ernst Fredrik Gyllenhammar (in the U.S. he Anglicized his name), b. at Kamarp in Sund Parish (Ög.) 30 Oct. 1865, the s. of Axel Fredrik Fritiof Gyllenhammar, a Swedish army sergeant, and Sophia Christina Ingeson. He emigr. to America and d. unmarried in Iowa in 1925. —Gustaf Elgenstierna, *Den introducerade svenska adelns ättartavlor*, I-IX (Stockholm 1925-1936), III, p. 283a.

- ¹⁵The two John Gustavsens are probably identical.
- ¹⁶The two named Adolph Halin are doubtless identical.
- ¹⁷Berndt Johannes Hammar was b. in Mjällby Parish (Blek.) 7 Aug. 1860, s. of Berndt Ludvig Petrus Ejlert Johannes Hammar, a farmer, and Maria Sophia Lörquist. He began his studies in Kristianstad, but after his father's early death in 1875, he went to sea and took his examinations as second officer in London 8 Dec. 1885. He came to the U.S., settling in Mobile, where he continued his merchant marine studies, receiving his license as first officer and master mariner in the beginning of this century. In 1919 he qualified as a master in steam navigation. He d. in the Marine Hospital on Ellis Island, NY 11 Nov. 1930.—Martin Hammar, *Släkten Hammar* (Göteborg, 1932), p. 179.
- ¹⁸Anders Gustaf Hedmark, brass foundryman from the Skultuna Brass Works in Västmanland, Sweden, was b. in Avesta (Kopp.) 26 Oct. 1830 the s. of Anders Hedmark and Greta Lisa Nyberg. He received a passport to America in Västerås 24 Sept. 1850. —*Svenska flottans pensionskassas verifikationer in Krigsarkivet* (The Royal War Archives), Stockholm; parish records in *Uppsala Landsarkiv* (Uppsala District Archives).
- ¹⁹Carl Gabriel Herlitz was b. in Klinte on the island of Gotland, Sweden in 1847, the s. of Carl Wilhelm Herlitz, a merchant, and Johanna Dorothea Charlotta Cramér. After military studies at Karlberg he emigr. to America in 1865, where he is said to have fought with Col. Custer in the campaigns against the Indians. He joined the staff of the White Star Line, the British shipping concern, and returned to Sweden. He eventually settled in Klintehamn on Gotland, where he d. in 1915. He was m. twice—the first time to Josephina Mathilda Persson (1845-1892) and secondly to Helena Gardell (1859-1910). Three children were b. in America—Charles John, b. 1873; Wilhelm Stanley, b. 1875 and Gabriel, b. 1881. —Emil Nyberg, *Gotländsk släktbok* (Visby 1938), pp. 260-261.
- ²⁰Thomas Hiller, stevedore, native of Sweden, was bur. in Mobile 6 May 1856. —*Mobile Burial Records*, Vol. I.
- ²¹No. 123 lacks information as to nationality, but must be identical with No. 122.
- ²²Possibly identical with Edward Croft, 42 years old, laborer, native of Sweden, who was bur. in Mobile 12 Nov. 1867. He may also be the same individual as E. Crupt, male, 25 years old, a bayman and a native of Sweden, who res. in Mobile in 1850. —*Mobile Burial Records*, Vol. II; *7th U.S. Census*, Mobile, AL, pp. 722-723.
- ²³Both No. 140 and No. 141 are listed as Norwegian nationals, but their surnames strongly suggest Swedish provenance.
- ²⁴No. 143a is listed as being a German national, although the surname definitely is Swedish.
- ²⁵Theodor Emanuel Lithner, a journeyman dyer, received a passport in Karlstad, Sweden 9 July 1850 for travel to America. —*Svenska flottans pensionskassas verifikationer*.
- ²⁶The name is badly garbled. It could possibly be Söderlind or Söderlund.
- ²⁷Both No. 149 and No. 150 suggest the same individual, where the original name must have been Lund.
- ²⁸Although listed as a German national, his surname suggests that he was Swedish.
- ²⁹He is possibly identical with Peter Lynch, 20 years old, clerk, native of Sweden, who in 1850 was res. in Mobile. —*7th U.S. Census*, Mobile, AL, p. 760.
- ³⁰This name should probably be Magnuson or Magnusson.
- ³¹The two Melgrins are probably identical, despite the long interval between the declaration and the naturalization.
- ³²He is possibly identical with Charles Miller, 28 years old, a native of Sweden, who was bur. in Mobile 14 Aug. 1849. —*Mobile Burial Records*, Vol. I.
- ³³He is possibly identical with W. Miller, 25 years old, native of Sweden, who in 1850 res. in Mobile with his family:
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|------------------|----|---|-------------------|
| Jane Miller | 23 | F | Native of Ireland |
| Elizabeth Miller | 5 | F | Native of Alabama |
| Mary Miller | 1 | F | Native of Alabama |
- 7th U.S. Census*, Mobile, AL, p. 742.
- ³⁴The two Modines are doubtless identical.
- ³⁵The two Charles L. Newmans are identical. He was living in Mobile in 1850, being listed as 40 years old, a merchant by trade and a native of Sweden. A dau. Johanna, named for his mother, was four months old. His original name was Carl Ludvig Sjöberg, b. in Väsby Parish (Malm.) 23 March 1810, s. of Jonas Sjöberg, a foreman at the Höganäs Coal Mine, and Johanna Nyman. He emigr. to America, where he assumed his mother's maiden name, Anglicizing it to Newman. He became a prosperous merchant in Mobile and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He m. Martha Moore 9 July 1840. His brother was the famous Swedish American Methodist preacher and missionary, Sven Bernhard Newman (1812-1902), who spent his early American years in Mobile. —*7th U.S. Census*, Mobile, AL, p. 857; Victor Witting, *Minnen ur mitt lif* (Worcester, MA 1902), pp. 246-258; King and Barlow, *Marriages 1813-1855*, No. 5 33 B; Väsby Parish records in *Lunds Landsarkiv* (The District Archives of Lund, Sweden); Sven Bernhard Newman, *Sjelfbiografi* (Chicago 1890), *passim*.
- ³⁶No. 180 and No. 181 are identical.

³⁷Fredrik Wilhelm Åberg was b. in Börrum Parish (Ög.) 21 Sept. 1814, s. of Göran Jacobsson Åberg, shoemaker, and Anna Månsdotter. He became a sailor and left the St. Olai Parish in the city of Norrköping, Sweden for America in 1840. Just before his departure he m. Christina Wilhelmina Stenberg, b. in Norrköping 21 May 1817, the dau. of Bengt Stenberg, a sailor, and Elisabeth Catharina Österman. He settled in Mobile, where he assumed the name of Ober. —Börrum and Norrköping church records in *Vadstena Landsarkiv* (The District Archives of Vadstena).

³⁸P. J. Ober (No. 185) and Peter G. Ober (No. 186) must be identical with Peter G. Ober, 24 years old, native of Sweden, who in 1850 res. in the Fifth Ward, Lafayette, Jefferson Parish in Louisiana. There he was living with I. M. Ober, a broker, also a native of Sweden, who was worth \$5,000 in real property. In the same household was also Charles Ober, 31 years old, a native of Sweden. Thus, we are here witnessing the presence in Louisiana in 1850 of three of Fredrik Wilhelm Åberg's (see note 37 above) brothers:

Per Gustaf Åberg, b. in Rönö Parish (Ög.) 15 Feb. 1826
 Jacob Magnus Åberg, b. in Skälv (parish unknown) 26 April 1812 and
 Carl Anders Åberg, b. in Rönö 5 Dec. 1819.

Per Gustaf Åberg must therefore be identical with Peter G. Ober, who is listed in the Mobile directories for 1859 and 1861 as a clerk with the W. W. Mordecai firm in Mobile. In 1866 he is listed as a partner with Mordecai and S. I. Anderson (see note 3 above). —*Mobile City Directories, 1859, 1861, 1866*; Rönö Parish records in *Vadstena Landsarkiv* (The District Archives of Vadstena); *7th U. S. Census, Louisiana, Vol. III, p. 28.*

³⁹Both James Pauls are doubtless identical.

⁴⁰No. 197 and No. 198 are identical.

⁴¹Frans Oscar Pearson is doubtless identical with Frans Oscar Pierson (No. 224).

⁴²The two Lawrence Pearsons are identical.

⁴³Olaf Rudolph (sic!) Pearson is identical with Olof Rudolph Pearson.

⁴⁴August Peterson (No. 213) and Augustus Peterson (No. 214) are doubtless identical.

⁴⁵He is perhaps identical with Jacob Peterson, a bayman, who res. in Mobile in 1859. —*Mobile City Directory 1859.*

⁴⁶Sven Peterson (No. 220) is doubtless identical with Swen Petterson (No. 223).

⁴⁷C. G. Ramsey, male, 14 years old, native of Sweden, arr. in Mobile 8 Dec. 1852 aboard the brig *Clara* from Göteborg. —*Quarterly Abstracts of Foreign Passenger Arrivals; Miscellaneous Ports, Roll 4, National Archives, Washington, DC.*

⁴⁸John Raymond, 35 years old, bayman, a native of Sweden, res. in Mobile in 1850 with his family:

Emma E. Raymond	22	F	Native of England
Elizabeth Raymond	4	F	Native of Alabama
John Raymond	1	M	Native of Alabama

John Rayman m. Emma Weatherall 21 April 1846. He must also be identical with John Raymond, 44 years of age, a native of Sweden and by trade a stevedore, who was bur. in Mobile 18 April 1856. —*7th U. S. Census, Mobile, AL, p. 850*; King and Barlow, *Marriages 1813-1855, No. 8/59 B; Mobile Burial Records, Vol. 1.*

⁴⁹Both men named William Reed are doubtless identical.

⁵⁰Victor Sandstrom (No. 240) is identical with Victor Sandstrom (No. 241).

⁵¹The two men named Edward Saunders are identical.

⁵²Frans Gustaf Schelin, a bookkeeper, 20 years old, emigr. from Stockholm to New York in 1853. —*Personregister till Statistiska Centralbyråns i Stockholm förteckningar över emigranter 1851-1860* (Index to Emigrants 1851-1860 of Documents in the Central Bureau of Statistics), Stockholm.

⁵³Despite the difference in spelling No. 248 and No. 249 are identical. The court records indicate that Nicol Skoglund was b. in Ullånger Parish (Vn.) in Sweden.

⁵⁴Perhaps he is identical with Charles Smith, 33 years old, a native of Sweden, laborer, who in 1850 res. in Mobile with his family:

Mary Smith	24	F	Native of France
Edward Smith	5	M	Native of Alabama
Charles Smith	2	M	Native of Alabama
Jacob Smith	2 mos.	M	Native of Alabama

Charles Smith m. Mary Ann Boykin 8 Dec. 1843. —*7th U. S. Census, Mobile, AL, pp. 722, 723*; King and Barlow, *Marriages 1813-1855, No. 5/308 B.*

⁵⁵Both Frank Smiths are doubtless identical.

⁵⁶Lowns Smith is probably identical with L. Smith, 40 years old, bayman, native of Sweden, who in 1850 res. in Mobile with his family:

Mary Smith	24	F	Native of Ireland
L. Smith	3	M	Native of Alabama
Jno. Smith	4 1/2	M	Native of Alabama

—7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, pp. 722-723.

⁵⁷N. H. Smith is probably identical with Nelson H. Smith.

⁵⁸Perhaps he is identical with William Smith, 36 years old, laborer, native of Sweden, who in 1850 res. in Mobile with his wife, Kate Smith, 27 years old, a native of Ireland. —7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, p. 24.

⁵⁹His name has been garbled. It should probably be Söderholm.

⁶⁰Gustaf Sparre, a native of Sweden, declared his intention of becoming a U.S. citizen in the U.S. District Court for Maryland in Baltimore, MD 27 Sept. 1839. —U.S. District Court for Maryland Naturalizations., Vol. VII, p. 62. Annapolis, MD.

⁶¹Isaac Swain, 23 years old, laborer, native of Sweden, res. in Mobile in 1850 with his family:

Mary Swain	32	F	Native of Ireland
I.J. Swain	2	M	Native of Alabama
Elizabeth Swain	1 1/2	F	Native of Alabama

He is also listed in the city directories of Mobile. In 1866 he was recorded as a laborer with the Mathews' Press. —7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, pp. 722-723; *Mobile City Directory* 1866.

⁶²No. 273 and No. 274 are doubtless identical. An Andrew Thompson, 35 years old, bayman, native of Sweden, res. in Mobile in 1850. —7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, p. 594.

⁶³No. 275 and No. 276 are identical. A Sol. Thompson, 36 years old, barkeeper, native of Sweden, res. in Mobile in 1850 with a one year-old girl named Antonie, a Mulatto, b. in Alabama. —7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, p. 700.

⁶⁴Peter Weeks, a native of Sweden, d. in Mobile 6 Sept. 1889 at the age of 69 years, 2 mos. and 26 days. He was bur. in the Magnolia Cemetery of Mobile. —*Magnolia Cemetery Burials*, p. 185.

⁶⁵This garbled name should probably be Wetterlind.

⁶⁶August Wilhelm Wästfelt was b. in Norrköping, Sweden 17 May 1815, s. of Per Gustaf Wästfelt, a cavalry captain, and Margareta Catharina Fleetwood. He became a non-commissioned officer in a Värmland regiment, advanced to quartermaster sergeant (*furir*) 25 April 1831. On 10 April 1833 he asked for and received permission to resign his commission. On 13 Jan. 1834 he received a passport in Göteborg for travel to New Orleans. He must have returned to Sweden, for he received another passport, also in Göteborg, 26 Aug. 1841 for travel to America. He settled in Mobile as a merchant and must be identical with the Augustus Westfeldt, 29 years old, a native of Sweden, who was bur. in Mobile 30 Aug. 1844. —Elgenstierna, *Svenska adelns ättartavlor*, IX, p. 107a; *Svenska flottans pensionskassas verifikationer; Mobile Burial Records*, Vol. 1.

⁶⁷No. 287 and No. 288 are identical. Gustaf Adolf Georg Wästfelt, a brother of August Wilhelm (see note 66 above), was b. in Östra Husby Parish (Ög.) 3 Nov. 1813. He was known as George Westfeldt in Mobile, where he settled some time in the 1830s. He was listed in the Mobile city directory for 1837 as an insurance agent. By 1850 he was a wealthy commission merchant with real property worth \$20,000. He d. in Fletcher, NC 21 March 1890. He was m. to Jane McCloskey, b. in Ireland 10 June 1820, with whom he had, judging by the census entry of 1850, at least six children:

C.F. Westfeldt	12	M	Native of Alabama
Christine Westfeldt	10	F	Native of Alabama
Jane Westfeldt	8	F	Native of Alabama
W. Westfeldt	5	M	Native of Alabama
Hellen Westfeldt	3	F	Native of Alabama
Amy Westfeldt	3	F	Native of Alabama

He also occupied the position as Swedish-Norwegian vice consul in Mobile and visited Sweden at least twice with his family, in 1842 and in 1854. —Elgenstierna, *Svenska adelns ättartavlor*, IX, p. 107a; *Svenska flottans pensionskassas verifikationer; Mobile City Directory 1837; 7th U.S. Census*, Mobile, AL, p. 760.

⁶⁸The two men named Charles Williams are doubtless identical.

⁶⁹August Wilson (No. 297) and Augustus Wilson (No. 298) are probably identical.

⁷⁰No. 303 and 304 are doubtless identical and are the same individual as Chas. Young, 28 years old, sailor, native of Sweden, who in 1850 res. in Mobile together with a female named Allace Tobin, 50 years old, also a native of Sweden. —7th U.S. Census, Mobile, AL, p. 603.

Two Passenger Lists from 1869 and 1889

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An inspection of passenger lists of ships carrying immigrants to the United States provides an interesting composite of facts about 19th century Europeans traveling across the Atlantic to establish new homes. Studied were the parts of manifests of ships bringing my father's paternal and maternal grandparents from Sweden in 1869 and 1889 respectively.

My father's paternal grandparents, my grandfather at age 11 and his two siblings, appearing on the manifest as entries 3-7, traveled on the *S.S. Guiding Star* from Copenhagen to New York, arriving on 29 June 1869.

Elisha Howes, master of the Copenhagen-based *Guiding Star*, made entries on the manifest in a clear hand with deference to the Scandinavian spelling of names. Unfortunately 19th century passenger lists, in contrast to those of the 20th, carried a minimum of information about the immigrants. The *S.S. Guiding Star's* manifest called for the name of the passenger, age, sex, occupation, country of nativity and the country of destination.

Only the first page of the manifest of the *S.S. Guiding Star* is reproduced in this article. For a complete roster one is referred to the original list in the National Archives, Washington, DC (M-237, Roll No. 313).

Of the 806 passengers, 667 were Swedes and 120 were Danes. In addition there were twelve Prussians, five Americans on board, as well as one each from Holstein and Hesse. That Swedes made up 83 percent of the passengers is not particularly surprising when one recalls that 1869 was a peak year in the early period of Swedish emigration. In that year a total of 32,000 persons left Sweden for America.¹ Although Småland, Östergötland and Hälsingland had the highest emigration rates during this period,² we do not know how well represented they were, for the manifest does not indicate the home parish, nor the province of the passengers. My great grandparents came from Jämtland, which at that time was experiencing an increasing emigration rate.

The majority of the passengers were listed as farmers and laborers so far as their occupations were concerned. Sailors, joiners, merchants, shoemakers and smiths were also well represented. In addition there were one or more each of teachers, weavers and clerks. Among the Danes there were one or two each of brewers, distillers and cigar makers. My great grandfather was listed as a farmer.

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In Sweden he had also worked at the tailor's trade, an occupation that brought him to the home of Olof Kjellson, who was the father of his future bride.

Passengers ranged from infants to the 80-year-old farmer who was traveling from Sweden with his 65-year-old wife. The only deaths reported were those of three infants—a three-month-old Swedish boy, a two-month-old Danish boy and a nine-month-old Danish girl.

Erik and Karin Ohlsons' destination was Vail, IA, where they joined a Baptist minister and his family whom they had known in Jämtland. Unfortunately the manifest does not identify the specific location to which the immigrants were traveling.

My father's maternal grandparents, who also came from Jämtland, immigrated in 1889 to Dakota Territory, where they joined the Erik and Karin Ohlson family. They were passengers on board the *S.S. Servia*, sailing from Liverpool and Queenstown and arriving in New York 5 Aug. 1889.

The manifest, prepared by the *Servia's* master, Henry Walker of Liverpool, identifies the state to which the passengers were destined. In other respects the form is essentially the same as that of the *S.S. Guiding Star*. Reproduced is the fourth page (the only one given over exclusively to Swedish passengers) of the manifest of the *S.S. Servia*, arriving at the port of New York on 5 August 1889. The original list is on microfilm in the National Archives, Washington, DC (M-237, Roll No. 536).

Erik J. Walton³ and his wife Anna, entries No. 154 and No. 155 on the ship's list, were accompanied by Jämtland friends, Nils P. and Christina Vik and their six children. Nils P. Vik (the name was Anglicized to Wik in this country) was going to the Dakota Territory to serve as a clergyman to the congregation of Swedish immigrants who settled in Orleans in a part of the territory which in a few years was to become the state of South Dakota.

The English steamship carried 667 paying passengers as well as two 19-year-old stowaways. On board were 191 British passengers, 131 Americans, 120 Irishmen, 97 Swedes and 40 Norwegians. In addition there were 35 Russians and a fewer number of Austrians, Germans, Turks and Greeks. Emigration from the eastern and southern parts of Europe was gaining momentum by 1889 and would accelerate into a great wave into the 20th century, a time which saw Swedish emigration tapering off from the culmination of the 1880s.

Occupationally farmers and laborers constituted a majority of the Swedish passengers aboard the *Servia*. There were two shoemakers as well as an engineer, a clerk, a sailor, a tailor, a saloonkeeper, a currier and a painter. Unlike the 1869 passenger list, which was dominated by family groups, the *Servia* in 1889 showed 27 percent of the Swedish passengers were spinsters. This is in keeping with the research findings of Prof. Sten Carlsson⁴ which show that the early Scandinavian emigration to North America was dominated by families, while the emigration late in the 19th century shifted to single persons—men and women aspiring to better-paying jobs. Often these single persons were relatives of earlier immigrants.

The Swedish passengers were relatively young, most of them in their teens, 20s and 30s. Erik and Anna Walton, both age 66, were among the oldest Swedish

emigrants. They were joining their children, one of whom was my grandmother, who had immigrated to Iowa and the Dakota Territory earlier.

The United States destination of the Swedish passengers included 16 states. New York claimed the greatest number with 27 persons. Other popular destinations were Minnesota, Michigan, Dakota, Pennsylvania and Illinois. A more specific location was not indicated except in the case of Minneapolis, which was frequently listed in lieu of a state designation.

Early 20th century passenger lists provide more comprehensive information than those of the 19th century manifests. The last residence of the passenger includes the home parish as well as the province of his native country. The final destination in the United States includes both the city and state. Other information provides the source of the passage payment, the number of dollars brought by each passenger, and whether or not the passenger had been to the United States earlier and if so, when and where. Additionally, if a passenger were to join a relative in the U.S., the identity of that person, the relationship and the address were given.

No attempt has been made to identify persons on either of the passenger lists other than for relatives and the friends who accompanied them from Sweden. It would be interesting to learn from which areas of Sweden each of the passengers on the two ships came and to which of the states each of the 1869 emigrants were destined and why. The author would appreciate hearing from *SAG* readers who might recognize the names of ancestors or other persons on either one of these lists.

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Partial list of the Swedish immigrants who arrived in New York aboard the *S.S. Guiding Star*. (All of the individuals listed below came from Sweden and were destined for the United States.)

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation
1.	Anders Person	35	M	Laborer
2.	John Tohrnberg	23	M	Laborer
3.	Erik Ohlson	37	M	Farmer
4.	Karin Ohlson	32	F	
5.	Oluf Ohlson	11	M	
6.	Martha Ohlson	9	F	
7.	Niels Ohlson	4	M	
8.	Erik Johnson	22	M	Laborer
9.	Hans Anderson	20	M	Laborer
10.	Lars Larsson	45	M	Farmer

11. Karin Larsson	44	F	
12. Lars Larsson	11	M	
13. Hans Larsson	9	M	
14. Niels Nielson	46	M	Farmer
15. Christine Nielson	34	F	
16. Johan Nielson	10	M	
17. Johanna Nielson	11	F	
18. Martha Nielson	2	F	
19. Johanna Palm	72	F	Widow
20. Anders Nielsson	64	M	Farmer
21. Britta Nielsson	21	F	Daughter
22. Juliane Nielsson	55	F	Wife
23. Oluf Jonsson	28	M	Farmer
24. Karin Jonsson	29	F	
25. Britta Jonsson	11 mos.	F	
26. Johanna Petterson	33	F	
27. Julius Petterson	11	M	
28. Niels Nielsson	54	M	Farmer
29. Britta Nielsson	38	F	
30. Per Nielsson	11	M	
31. Oluf Nielsson	9	M	
32. Jonas Nielsson	4	M	
33. Martha Nielsson	11 mos.	F	
34. Anna Nielsson	32	F	
35. Johann Jernberg	31	M	Smith
36. Martha Jernberg	10	F	
37. Jan Olofson	59	M	Farmer

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Partial list of the Swedish immigrants who arrived in New York aboard the *S.S. Servia*. (All of the individuals listed below came from Sweden and were immigrants).

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Destination	Baggage
135.	Johan Carlson	31	M	Painter	New York	2
136.	Anna Carlson	20	F	Wife	New York	
137.	Anna B. Axelquist	31	F	Wife	New York	1
138.	Josef Axelquist	7	M	Child	New York	
139.	Anders Axelquist	3	M	Child	New York	
140.	Anna Axelquist	1	F	Child	New York	
141.	Gustaf A. Ostman	45	M	Farmer	Michigan	2
142.	Anna Ostman	42	F	Wife	Michigan	
143.	Welhelmina Ostman	18	F	Spinster	Michigan	
144.	Amanda Ostman	16	F	Spinster	Michigan	

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145. Josefina Ostman	14	F	Spinster	Michigan	
146. Sofia Ostman	11	F	Child	Michigan	
147. Gustaf Ostman	6	M	Child	Michigan	
148. Hilda Ostman	4	F	Child	Michigan	
149. Elizabeth Nilsson	31	F	Wife	Minnesota	2
150. Selma Nilsson	8	F	Child	Minnesota	
151. Martha Nilsson	4	F	Child	Minnesota	
152. Ada Nilsson	3	F	Child	Minnesota	
153. Ida Nilsson	10 mos.	F	Infant	Minnesota	
154. Erik J. Walton	66	M	Farmer	Dakota	2
155. Anna Walton	66	F	Wife	Dakota	
156. Nils P. Vik	39	M	Currier	Dakota	2
157. Christina Vik	31	F	Wife	Dakota	
158. Nicholas Vik	14	M	None	Dakota	
159. Elizabeth Vik	11	F	Child	Dakota	
160. May Vik	9	F	Child	Dakota	
161. Martha Vik	4	F	Child	Dakota	
162. Julius Vik	3	M	Child	Dakota	
163. Christina Vik	10 mos.	F	Infant	Dakota	
164. Ingeborg Newton	23	F	Wife	New York	1
165. Johanna Dalin	30	F	Spinster	Pennsylvania	1
166. Josefina Alberg	26	F	Spinster	New York	1
167. Anna A. Ohan	18	F	Spinster	Michigan	1
168. Anna Johanson	22	F	Spinster	Iowa	1
169. Eva Fredrickstein	23	F	Spinster	Nebraska	1
170. Maria Sjogren	29	F	Spinster	New York	1
171. Amanda Olson	20	F	Spinster	Massachusetts	1
172. Elin M. Sten	17	F	Spinster	New York	1
173. Elin Ekegren	18	F	Spinster	New York	1
174. Elizabeth Kristoferson	26	F	Spinster	New York	1
175. Eulaila Anderson	21	F	Spinster	New Hampshire	1
176. Selma Petersen	37	F	Wife	New York	1
177. Augusta Dahlin	33	F	Spinster	New York	1
178. Eola Ulgrin	16	F	Spinster	Michigan	1
179. Emelia Kristiansen	23	F	Spinster	New York	1
180. Olivia Lundelius	29	F	Spinster	New York	1
181. Sven A. Anderson	32	M	Laborer	Michigan	1
182. Emma Anderson	29	F	Spinster	New York	1

¹Harald Runblom and Hans Norman, *From Sweden to America: A History of the Migration* (Minneapolis and Uppsala 1976), p. 121.

²*Ibid.*, p. 123.

³Walton was the American name assumed by the family at the time they emigrated. Their daughter—my grandmother—entered the United States under the patronymic of Anna Eriksdotter.

⁴Sten Carlsson, "Chronology and Composition of Swedish Emigration to America" in *From Sweden to America: A History of Migration* (Minneapolis and Uppsala 1976), pp. 126-127.

Swedish Immigrants in McCulloch Co., Texas*

In Vol. I of *Handbook of McCulloch County (TX) History*, Wayne Spiller, assisted by Elizabeth Griffin McSwain and Thelma Jackson Murray, has compiled an impressive list of Swedish immigrants who settled in the central part of Texas, approximately 125 miles west of Waco, TX in the last part of the 19th century and the early part of the 20th.

The compilers have extracted the names of the Swedish settlers in McCulloch County from the records found in the District Clerk's Office. These records consist of Vol. I of the *Division of Naturalizations-Record of Declaration of Intention* as well as Vol. I, *Division of Naturalizations, Petition and Record* in the District Court of McCulloch County.

Since this printed list is a secondary source, it is recommended that the serious scholar on the hunt for a Swedish immigrant ancestor check the original records in the McCulloch County Court House. The list in the *Handbook* and reproduced here is of sufficient interest, however, that the reprinting of it may be useful to searchers looking for clues concerning these early Texas settlers.

Of the 111 immigrants who sought naturalization in the Circuit Court of McCulloch Co., the Swedish contingent is by far the greatest, more than twice as large as the next group—the Mexicans. A breakdown of the list by nationality shows the following distribution:

Sweden	42
Mexico	20
Germany	13
Russia	12
Prussia	5
England	4
Canada	4
Austria, Denmark and Poland	2 each
Scotland, Ireland, Cyprus,	
Norway and Switzerland	1 each

The names listed in the *Handbook* are reproduced as given, with the exception that there are obvious errors in transcription; these have been corrected. This applies in particular to the place names in Sweden.

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1. ANDERSON, Aron Emil.¹ B. in Jönköping², Sweden 5 Feb. 1877; emigr. via the *S.S. Umonic* of the White Star Line; arr. in NY 1 Dec. 1900; farmer in Melvin, McCulloch Co., TX; petition dated 2 Feb. 1917; citizenship granted 28 March 1922.

2. ANDERSON, Carl A.³ B. in Jönköping 19 Oct. 1864; emigr. via *The City of Rome*; arr. in NY 19 June 1887; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 17 Sept. 1923; citizenship granted 10 June 1927.

3. ANDERSON, Hulda Matilda. B. Malexander Parish (Ög.) 20 Nov. 1870; emigr. via the *S.S. Umbria* of the Cunard Line; arr. in NY 29 Sept. 1906; petition dated 25 April 1925; citizenship granted 21 May 1928. Housewife and wife of Carl A. Anderson (see No. 2 above).

4. BENSON, Adolph (Adolf).⁴ B. in Sweden 2 Aug. 1879; emigr. via the Gunner (Cunard?) Line; arr. in NY 10 Jan. 1900; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 16 Jan. 1904; citizenship granted 28 Sept. 1914. He was m. to Emma Benson, with whom he had the following children—Axel, b. 17 Feb. 1907; Emma Lee, b. 5 April 1909; and twins Rodye and Ruby, b. 22 Dec. 1911.

5. BERQUIST (BERGQUIST), Reinhold Herburt (Herbert).⁵ B. in Jönköping, Sweden 16 July 1888; emigr. from Göteborg, Sweden; arr. in NY in Dec. 1888 via the White Star Line; farmer in Brady, McCulloch Co., TX; citizenship granted 26 May 1928. He was m. to Gertrude Berquist, b. in Llano, Llano Co., TX.

6. BEXEL(L), Alf Oscar. B. in Åseda Parish (Kron.) 29 May 1906; emigr. via the *S.S. Drottningholm* of the Swedish American Line 6 Sept. 1924; farmer in Brady, TX; petition dated 11 April 1925.

7. BLOOMDAHL, August Arnold.⁶ B. in Jönköping, Sweden 10 Jan. 1885; emigr. from Barkeryd Parish (Jön.); arr. in NY aboard the *S.S. Carmania* of the Cunard Line 11 March 1907; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 20 April 1914; citizenship granted 3 Oct. 1921. He was m. to Melba Elsa Bloomdahl, with whom he had the following children—Berndt, b. 6 Sept. 1911; Woodrow, b. 22 April 1915 and Corine, b. 17 Sept. 1917.

8. BARG (BERG?), Simon. B. in Forsom Parish (this could be either Forshem in Skaraborg *län* or Forserum in Jönköping *län*) 7 April 1885; emigr. from Göteborg; he was a passenger aboard a vessel of the White Star Line and arr. in Galveston, TX 1 Sept. 1891; farmer in Williamson Co., TX; petition dated 24 Dec. 1908; citizenship granted 2 Oct. 1911.

9. BYMAN, Oscar Magni. B. in Högshult, Sweden (there are at least ten places in Sweden named Högshult) 8 Sept. 1888; emigr. via the *S.S. Mauretania* of the Cunard Line; arr. in NY 6 Sept. 1908, farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 9 March 1923; citizenship granted 21 May 1928. He was m. to Myrtle Byman, who was b. in Wharton Co., TX.

10. CARLSON, Johan Gideon. B. in Järsnäs Parish (Jön.) 15 Dec. 1897; emigr. via the *S.S. Drottningholm* of the Swedish American Line; arr. in NY 21 Dec. 1926; petition dated 2 March 1942.

11. DAHL, Carl.⁷ B. in Jönköping 21 Sept. 1866; emigr. from Göteborg;

arr. in St. Paul, MN and then to New Orleans, LA, where he arr. 23 May 1896; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 2 April 1917; citizenship granted 28 March 1922.

12. DAHLBERG, Carl. B. in Forserum Parish (Jön.) 31 May 1881; emigr. via the S.S. *Symric* of the White Star Line; arr. in Galveston, TX 6 Nov. 1900; farmer in Brady, TX. His name is also spelled Dolberg. Petition dated 27 Feb. 1911. He was m. to Emma Dahlberg, b. in Iowa.

13. ENGDAHL, Carl August. B. in Sweden 25 April 1870; emigr. via the S.S. *Umbria* of the Cunard Line; arr. in NY 11 Dec. 1890; farmer in Williamson Co., TX; petition dated 17 Oct. 1892; citizenship granted 23 Sept. 1912. He was m. to Ortelia Engdahl, with whom he had the following children—George Walter, b. 1 Jan. 1897; Edna Eleanor, b. 25 Sept. 1898; William Theodore, b. 2 Sept. 1900; Charlie Edward, b. 30 Jan. 1903 and Pearl Mable, b. 4 Feb. 1905. Carl August Engdahl was originally named Carl August Jarl, but he changed his surname upon his arrival in the U.S.

14. HAGSTROM, Lars Erik.⁸ B. in Gävle, Sweden 31 May 1879; emigr. from Göteborg 26 June 1905; arr. in NY probably 8 July 1905 aboard the S.S. *Lucania* of the Cunard Line; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 11 Oct. 1907; petition was later dismissed for an unknown reason. He was m. to Kristina Hagstrom, b. in Skog Parish (probably in Gävleborg län). They had the following children—Peter Erik, b. 1 Oct. 1904; Frank Elof, b. 22 June 1907; Olga Helena, b. 25 Jan. 1909; Oskar Erland, b. 24 Nov. 1910 and Gunnar Ferdinand, b. 11 Oct. 1912.

15. HANSON, Gustaf Adolph Henry. B. in Sandsjö Parish (this could be Norra Sandsjö in Jönköping län or Södra Sandsjö in Kronoberg län), 22 April 1883; emigr. from Göteborg; arr. in NY 23 Jan. 1903 aboard the S.S. *Celtic* of the White Star Line; farmer in Brady, TX; petition dated 1 June 1911.

16. HANSON, Hans John.⁹ B. in Jönköping 26 Dec. 1870; emigr. from Rydaholm Parish (Jön.) and arr. in NY 1 April 1892 aboard the S.S. *Brittanic* of the White Star Line; farmer in Brady, TX; petition dated 3 Aug 1918; citizenship granted 28 March 1922. He was m. to Hilda Hanson, b. in Rydaholm. They had the following children—Lydia, b. 24 Feb. 1903; Paul, b. 7 June 1904; Harry, b. 26 Sept. 1908; Ruth, b. 7 June 1910 and Rajnhild (Ragnhild), b. 22 Jan. 1912.

17. HERMANSON, Sven. B. in Forserum Parish (Jön.) 30 Jan. 1894; arr. in NY 5 May 1913 aboard the S.S. *Caronia* of the Cunard Line; farmer in Brady, TX; petition dated 22 March 1924.

18. HOLMQUIST (HOLMKVIST, HALMKUIST), Elis Wilhelm. B. in Norrköping, Sweden 5 June 1902; emigr. from Malmö, Sweden aboard the S.S. *United States* of the Scandinavian-American Line and arr. in NY 13 Sept. 1927; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 31 March 1928.

19. HOLMQUIST, Erik Filip. B. in Norrköping 5 July 1905; emigr. from Malmö aboard the S.S. *United States* of the Scandinavian-American Line and arr. in NY 13 Sept. 1927; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 31 March 1928. He is probably a brother of No. 18 above.

20. JANSEN, Carl August. B. in Sweden 6 June 1866; petition dated 31 Oct. 1892.

21. JOHANNESON, Per Johan.¹⁰ B. in Värmland, Sweden 12 June 1888; res. in Ekshärad Parish (Värm.); emigr. aboard the *S.S. Virginia*, which arr. in Quebec, Canada 5 May 1911; entered the U.S. at Port Huron, MI via the Grand Trunk R.R. 8 May 1911; farmer; petition dated 29 Nov. 1922; citizenship granted but no date given. He changed his name to John Bratt 20 May 1930. He was m. to Agnes Johannesson, b. in Sunne Parish (Värm.) 7 Jan. 1886 and had with her the following children—Ally Hildegard; Astrid Waldine; Alvin Berger; Bernice Corine and Ruby Virginia.

22. JOHANSON, Ernest Iver (Ivar). B. in Forserum Parish (Jön.) 31 Jan. 1902; emigr. aboard the *S.S. Drottningholm* of the Swedish American Line and arr. in NY 28 March 1925; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 11 April 1925.

23. JOHNSON, C. Henry. B. in Sweden; 22 years old; petition dated 23 Oct. 1896.

24. JOHNSON, C.O. B. in Sweden; 21 years old; petition dated 23 Oct. 1896.

25. JOHNSON, Carl August.¹¹ B. in Malmbäck Parish (Jön.) 6 June 1866; emigr. from Göteborg 20 Sept. 1881; arr. in Baltimore, MD 31 Oct. 1892 via the *S.S. Christine*; farmer; petition dated 31 Oct. 1892 (sic!); citizenship granted 24 Feb. 1915. He was m. to Delia Johnson, b. in Williamson Co., TX, with whom he had the following children—Edmond Leonard, b. 10 Oct. 1896; Ernest Theodore, b. 10 Feb. 1900; Ruby, b. 20 Dec. 1902; Lucile, b. 29 March 1906 and Anna Hazel, b. 20 Dec. 1909.

26. LEO, Carl Gustav. B. in Norrköping 1 June 1905; emigr. from Göteborg aboard the *S.S. Stockholm* of the Swedish American Line; arr. in New York 12 Sept. 1928; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 9 Nov. 1929; citizenship granted 20 May 1936.

27. MATTSON, Lewis. B. in Sweden; 22 years old; petition dated 5 Nov. 1894.

28. MOLLBERG, Samuel John. B. in Sweden 7 July 1872; petition dated 30 March 1909.

29. NELIN, E.G.¹² B. in Sweden; 26 years old; petition dated 31 Aug. 1888.

30. NELSON, Oscar Joseph. B. in Småland 29 April 1892; emigr. from Malmö, Sweden 1 Sept. 1911 and arr. in NY aboard the *S.S. Olympic* of the White Star Line 10 Sept. 1911; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 16 Feb. 1920; citizenship granted 4 Jan. 1925. He was m. to Minnie Nelson, b. in Illinois. They had one child—Harry Joe, b. 13 April 1920.

31. NORDBERG, Samuel John. B. in Öggestorp Parish (Jön.) 7 July 1873; emigr. from Göteborg; arr. in NY 28 Nov. 1889 aboard the *S.S. Wyoming*; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 30 March 1909; citizenship granted 23 Feb. 1914. He was m. to Lottie Nordberg, with whom he had the following children—Mamie, b. 3 Nov. 1898; Ella, b. 19 Aug. 1900; Leonard, b. 25 Sept. 1905 and Evangeline, b. 25 June 1910. Sometimes the surname is listed as Mordberg.

32. NYSTROM, Claus Edward. B. in Sweden 7 July 1869; petition dated 2 Feb. 1938.

33. OLSEN (OLSON), Eric Conrad. B. in Malung Parish (Kopp.) 23 Nov. 1899; res. in Ekshärad Parish (Värm.); emigr. from Göteborg aboard the *S.S. United States* of the Scandinavian-American Line; arr. in NY 11 Aug. 1925; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 2 Aug. 1926; citizenship granted 23 Oct. 1933.

34. OMAN, C. W. B. in Sweden; 27 years old; petition dated in Oct. 1892.

35. STEELHAMMER, Albert.¹³ B. in Sweden; 29 years old; petition dated 16 Aug. 1890.

36. STEELHAMMER, Charles. B. in Sweden; 21 years old; petition dated 30 Sept. 1890.

37. SUNVISON (?) (SVENSON?), Jonas Olaf (Olof). B. in Haverö Parish (Vn.) 7 March 1875; emigr. from Göteborg; arr. in NY 21 April 1894 aboard the *S.S. Germanic* of the White Star Line; farmer in Melvin, TX; petition dated 11 Dec. 1935.

38. THORNBLOM (TÖRNBLOM), C.G. B. in Sweden; 37 years old; petition dated 30 July 1887.

39. ULLENSTEEN, John. B. in Sweden; 21 years old; petition dated 26 Oct. 1892.

40. WAHL, Annette Johanna. Wife of John Wahl (see No. 41 below). B. in Sweden 20 Dec. 1888; petition dated 17 Feb. 1913; citizenship granted 21 May 1928.

41. WAHL, John. B. in Sweden 24 Nov. 1878; emigr. from Helsingborg, Sweden; arr. in NY 26 Feb. 1913 aboard the *S.S. Caledonia* of the Anchor Line; carpenter and farmer in Melvin, TX; citizenship granted 4 Jan. 1926. He was m. to Annette Johanna Wahl (see No. 40 above).

42. YOUNG, August.¹⁴ B. in Sweden 16 Nov. 1867; emigr. from Jönköping, Sweden; arr. in NY 16 Feb. 1889 aboard the *S.S. Teutonic* of the White Star Line; farmer in Brady, TX; petition dated 27 Aug. 1918; citizenship granted 27 March 1923. He was m. to Annie Young, b. in Sweden. They had the following children—William J., b. 18 Oct. 1891; G.E., b. 22 Oct. 1892; Carl O., b. 26 Jan. 1895; K.E., b. 31 March 1896; Ellen, b. 27 June 1897; Elsie, b. 20 Feb. 1901; Arthur, b. 26 July 1902; Freda, b. 3 May 1904; Clarence, b. 26 Dec. 1905; Manard, b. 31 March 1907; Ernest, b. 16 Feb. 1909 and Edith, b. 16 Jan. 1911.

The other Scandinavians were three—two Danes and one Norwegian:

43. LUND, Otto Henry. B. in Holstebro, Denmark 15 July 1904; emigr. from Copenhagen aboard the *S.S. Oscar II* of the Scandinavian-American Line; arr. in NY 14 March 1922 with his wife, Lillie Elfreda. He was granted citizenship 21 Oct. 1941.

44. PETERSON, Hans. B. in Denmark; petition dated 29 April 1893.

45. THINGSTAD, Kristian. B. in Romsdal, Norway 8 Sept. 1897; emigr. from Christiania (now Oslo) via Louisiana and arr. in Jacksonville, FL 20 Dec. 1923; farmer in Brady, TX; petition dated 30 July 1925.

- ¹Aron Emil Anderson was b. in Långåsa, Barkeryd Parish (Jön.). He remained unmarried. —Ernest Severin, Alf L. Scott and T.J. Westerberg, *Svenskarne i Texas i ord och bild 1838-1918*. I-II (n.p.n.d.), II, p. 840.
- ²Jönköping throughout this list seems to refer to the County of Jönköping, not the city itself.
- ³Carl A. Anderson was b. in Järsnäs Parish (Jön.), the s. of Anders Andersson, a carpenter. —*Svenskarne i Texas*, p. 827.
- ⁴Adolf Benson was b. in the Swedish province of Halland. In 1906 he m. Emma Johnson of Austin, TX, who was b. in the city of Linköping in 1880. The children's names differ radically from those listed in the *Handbook*. Thus the s. is named Arnold; the dau. Adeline and the twins Rhodie and Ruby. The family attended the Swedish Methodist Church in West Sweden, eight miles west of Brady. —*Ibid.*, p. 828.
- ⁵Reinhold Herbert Bergquist was the s. of Alfred Bergquist, b. in Lommaryd Parish (Jön.) in 1858. He had emigr. in 1888 with his wife, Christina Lönn, b. in Haurida Parish (Jön.) in 1856. Reinhold Herbert Bergquist m. Gertrude Porter of Llano. The family attended the Swedish Methodist Church in Brady. —*Ibid.*, p. 794.
- ⁶August Arnold Bloomdahl (Blomdahl) was b. in Barkeryd Parish (Jön.), the s. of a farmer named August Blom. Bloomdahl m. Mabel (sic!) Gustafson, who was b. in Sprinkle, Travis Co., TX in 1891, the dau. of Frank Gustafson. The family attended the Evangelical Free Church in Melvin, TX. —*Ibid.*, p. 829.
- ⁷Carl Dahl was b. in Svarttorp Parish (Jön.). —*Ibid.*, p. 834.
- ⁸Lars Eric Hagstrom was b. in Ljusne, Söderala Parish (Gävl.), but soon moved to Skog Parish in the same county, where he met his future wife, Christina Persson, b. in Mo Parish (Gävl.), but who received her education in Skog. The family res. in McCulloch Co. 1911-1913 but then moved to Kenedy in Karnes Co., TX, where they attended the Swedish Lutheran Church. —*Ibid.*, p. 758.
- ⁹Hans John Hanson was b. in Rydaholm Parish (Jön.). He was m. to Hilda Carlson, also b. in Rydaholm in 1872. The family attended the Swedish Methodist Church in West Sweden. —*Ibid.*, p. 808.
- ¹⁰Per Johan Johanneson (later John Bratt) was b. in Ekshärad Parish (Värm.). His dau. Ally Hildegard was b. in 1914. —*Ibid.*, p. 840.
- ¹¹Carl August Johnson arr. in McCulloch Co., in 1890. He was m. in 1893 to Delia Johnson, who was b. in Palm Valley, Williamson Co., TX in 1875, the dau. of John Johnson, who originally hailed from Svarttorp Parish (Jön.). The family attended the Presbyterian Church in East Sweden, due east of Brady. —*Ibid.*, p. 811.
- ¹²Erik Gustaf Nelin was b. in Hardemo Parish (Öre.) in 1862, the s. of Carl Johan Nelin, a shoemaker. He emigr. to Williamson County, TX in 1882, but already the following year he moved to San Saba, TX. He was m. in 1890 to Ellen Marie Söderling, who had arr. in Richland, TX in 1890 from Stora Mellösa Parish (Öre.), where her father, Olof Söderling was a sea captain. The couple had six children—Carl, b. 1891; Arthur, b. 1892; Emil, b. 1896; Conrad, b. 1898; Edith, b. 1901 and Ivar, b. 1903. The family attended the Presbyterian Church in East Sweden.
- A railroad siding a few miles east of Brady bears the name of Nelin, named for Erik Gustaf and his older brother, Carl Johan Nelin, b. in Hardemo in 1859. —*Ibid.*, p. 819; Otto Robert Landelius, *Swedish Place-Names in North America* (Chicago and Carbondale, IL 1985), p. 218.
- ¹³Albert John Stålhammar (in the U.S. he Anglicized his name) was b. in the city of Södertälje, Sweden in 1862 and arr. in the U.S. in 1884. In 1890 he arr. in Brady, TX, being probably the first Swede to settle there. He m. twice—the first time to Anna Nygren, who d. in 1890 and with whom he had one dau.—Agnes. His second wife was Sophia Otty, with whom he had nine children. —*Svenskarne i Texas*, II, p. 823.
- ¹⁴August Young was b. in Hjälmteryd Parish (Jön.) in 1867, the s. of a carpenter. In 1891 he was m. to Anna Charlotta Carlsdotter, b. in Lommaryd Parish (Jön.) in 1869. —*Ibid.*, p. 824.

Information on Swedish Arrivals Wanted

Dr. Erik Wikén of Uppsala, Sweden has been conducting research on Swedish passenger arrivals to the U.S. 1820-1850. These additions and corrections, supplementing Nils William Olsson's two works of 1967 and 1979, will be published in the near future. Those who are familiar with Olsson's lists, and who possess supplementary information pertinent to this project are asked to submit such material to SAG's office, P.O. Box 2186, Winter Park, FL 32790

Ancestor Tables

Ancestor Tables will be printed from time to time on a space available basis and for subscribers only. The editor assumes no responsibility for the material submitted and reserves the right to edit the material to conform to a general format.

XX. John F. Stenvall, Carl Stenvall and Ruby M. Stenvall.

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Santa Cruz, CA 95060.)

- I. 1. STENVALL, John F., b. Rawlings, WY 25 Sept. 1907.
2. STENVALL, John (Johan) Emil, b. Högsby Parish (Kalm.) 10 May 1856; m. Big Springs, NE 29 June 1888; d. North Platte, NE 8 July 1922.
3. NILSSON (NELSON), Ida Sophia, b. Vena Parish (Kalm.) 27 Nov. 1863; d. Deer Park, WA in 1918.
- II. 4. ELD (SVENSSON), Sven Johan, b. Vena 22 April 1821; m. 1844; d. after 1885; soldier in the Kalmar Regiment 6 Nov. 1840.
5. LARSDOTTER, Anna Cajsa, b. Målilla Parish (Kalm.) 25 Nov. 1814; d. Högsby 9 Sept. 1884.
6. NILSSON (NELSON), Nils (Nels), b. Vena 29 July 1823; m. 21 May 1848.
7. SAMUELSDOTTER, Maria (Martha), b. Östrahult, Vena 13 Jan. 1822.
- III. 8. LARSSON, Sven Peter, b. Vena 17 Nov. 1797; m. Vena 7 Nov. 1819; d. Vena 13 Dec. 1873.
9. SVENSDOTTER, Brita Catharina, b. Vena 18 Oct. 1799; d. Vena 26 April 1882.
10. NILSSON, Lars, b. Mörlunda Parish (Kalm.) 6 April 1780; m. Målilla 22 Dec. 1805; d. Målilla 15 June 1827 (by drowning in Hammarsjö Lake, some sources give his death date as 22 June).
11. GUSTAFSDOTTER, Anna Maria, b. Målilla 19 May 1784; d. Målilla 19 April 1866.
12. SVENSSON, Lars, b. Kvarnarp, Vena 7 Sept. 1778; m. 3 Jan. 1819; d. Kvarnarp, Vena 26 Feb. 1850.
13. JONSDOTTER, Carin, b. Kvarnarp, Vena 22 July 1792; d. Kvarnarp, Vena 22 March 1870.
14. LARSSON, Samuel, b. Östrahult, Vena 15 March 1775; m. 3 Nov. 1805; d. Östrahult 27 May 1823.
15. JAENSDOTTER, Maja Stina, b. Visbol, Vena 10 March 1786; d. Trada, Vena 23 Jan. 1867.
- IV. 16. SVENSSON, Lars, b. Vena 17 Dec. 1758; m. Vena 11 June 1789; d. Vena 10 April 1847.
17. SVENSDOTTER, Maria, b. Vena 21 March 1768; d. Vena 27 March 1855.
18. OLOFSSON, Sven, b. Vena 11 Feb. 1762; m. Vena 20 Nov. 1796; d. Vena 8 Dec. 1843.
19. NILSDOTTER, Christina, b. Vena 8 Dec. 1774; d. Vena 6 June 1844.
20. LARSSON, Nils.
21. OLOFSDOTTER, Maria.
22. NILSSON, Gustaf, b. Pelarne Parish (Kalm.) 10 Oct. 1748; m. Målilla 16 Nov. 1777; d. Målilla 12 Nov. 1804.
23. MÅNSDOTTER, Christina, b. Målilla 3 Aug. 1757; d. Målilla 6 Oct. 1801 (by drowning).
24. NILSSON, Sven, b. 7 Dec. 1778; m. 10 Oct. 1811; d. 26 Feb. 1850.
25. LARSDOTTER, Ingjeld, b. 9 Aug. 1783; d. 1 Jan. 1818.
26. PERSSON, Jon.
27. SVENSDOTTER, Kerstin.
28. MÅNSSON, Lars, b. 10 Sept. 1737; m. 14 June 1789; d. 1 June 1799.

29. SAMUELSDOTTER, Sara, b. 1737; d. 2 Oct. 1788.
30. EDMUNDSSON, Johan.
31. MÅNSDOTTER, Catharina.
- V. 32. HEMMINGSSON, Sven, b. Vena 30 April 1732; m. Vena 26 Dec. 1750; d. Vena 4 Dec. 1804.
33. PEHRSDOTTER, Elsa, b. Vena 1 Jan. 1720; d. Vena 25 Feb. 1796.
34. ERIKSSON, Sven.
35. ERIKSDOTTER, Kerstin.
36. ERIKSSON, Olof, b. Vena 1707; m. Vena 2 Nov. 1729; d. Vena 1 Jan. 1768.
37. OLOFSDOTTER, Brita, b. Vena 3 Oct. 1725; d. Vena 7 Feb. 1819.
38. OLOFSSON, Nils.
39. CARLSDOTTER, Catharina.
40. ---, Nils.
42. OLOFSSON, Mäns, b. Södra Vi Parish (Kalm.) 12 Jan. 1720; m. Mållilla 13 May 1750; d. Mållilla 16 Oct. 1793.
43. NILSDOTTER, Maria, b. Mållilla 21 Feb. 1731; d. Mållilla 18 March 1797.
- VI. 74. PEHRSSON, Olof.
75. LARSDOTTER, Brita.
84. SUNESSON, Olof, b. Södra Vi ca. 1684; m. ca. 1708; d. Södra Vi 11 July 1762.
85. MÅNSDOTTER, Ingrid, b. ca. 1686; d. Södra Vi 10 June 1768.
86. ANDERSSON, Nils, b. Mållilla ca. 1696; m. Mållilla 14 June 1721; d. Mållilla 8 May 1757.
87. JONSDOTTER, Maria, b. Mållilla ca. 1691; d. Mållilla 25 June 1772.
- VII. 172. JONSSON, Anders (?).

Sources: Microfilms of Swedish Parish Records, The Genealogical Library, Salt Lake City, UT.

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Swedish Parish Records 300 Years Old

On 2-3 Sept. this year the Swedes celebrated a unique anniversary, the tercentenary of the decision by the Swedish King, Charles XI, on 3 Sept. 1686 of instituting a new "church law," which was to regulate the affairs of the Swedish State Lutheran Church. Since the King, at this juncture of Swedish history held absolute power, this momentous piece of legislation, much of it still in force, was never approved by the Swedish Parliament or *Riksdag*.

One aspect of this new legislation was to institutionalize the keeping of records by each parish clergyman of the births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials within the parish. Additionally, each pastor had to document the knowledge of each parishioner of Christian dogma and teachings as well as knowledge of Martin Luther's Catechism.

This legislative action by Charles XI has become a boon to genealogists all over the world interested in tracing Swedish family connections. Swedish parish records are recognized as being some of the best in the world.

Since Finland 300 years ago was an integral part of Sweden, the Finnish Lutheran churches have followed the same course and can also boast of the same excellence.

Though the Swedish "church law" has been changed and modified across the years, the segment dealing with keeping parish records is just as rigorously observed today as it was 300 years ago.

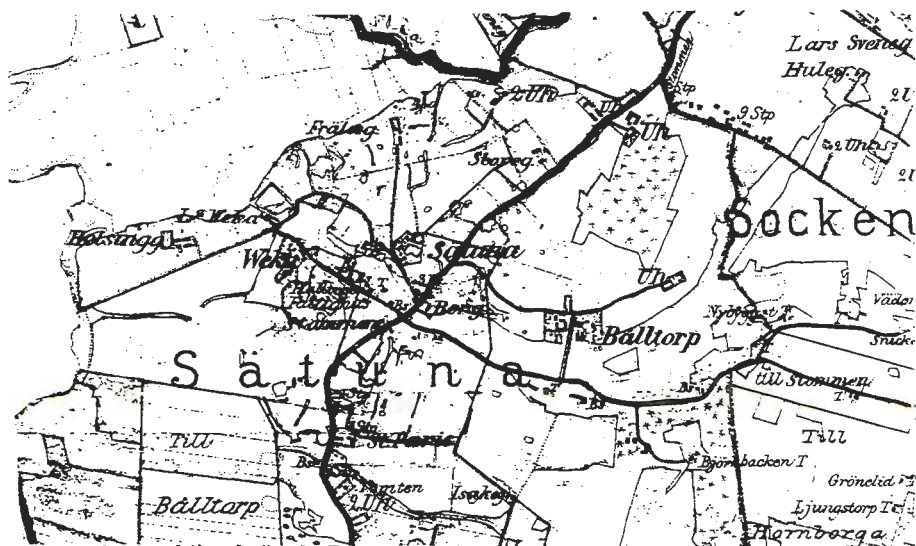
Detailed Maps of Skaraborg län to be Published

A giant project, initiated by institutions in Skaraborg län such as the county government, the county museum, a leading bank, Föreningsbanken in Falköping, as well as Sweden's National Survey Board, concerns the publishing of a unique series of highly detailed maps of Skaraborg county, dating back to 1882.

These maps, known as "economic maps," in that they present the economic factors of the land, such as cultivated fields, pasture, forests, roads, lakes, streams and rivers as well as human habitations, were first proposed for all Swedish parishes in 1807. After many delays, it was not until 20 years later that the work began. Again there were delays, and it was not until 1859 that the work of mapping Sweden from an economic aspect began to function. The work continued until the end of the 19th century, when all of Sweden was mapped and the results published—except for a section of Dalarna and Skaraborg län.

The original maps for Skaraborg consist of 117 hand-drawn and hand-colored sheets, which have been reduced to an even 100, each measuring approximately 17×24 in. The maps are in the scale of 1:20,000 and since they date back more than a hundred years, they show in great detail parts of Skaraborg, now gone—such as soldiers' crofts, farms, small shops consisting of smithies, dairies, flour mills and home textile mills.

The maps are now being produced and will be available either bound in a handsome volume or loose in a folder. They will also be available singly. The price in the U.S. has not been determined, but as more information becomes available, it will be brought to the attention of *SAG* readers.



Genealogical Queries

Queries from subscribers to *Swedish American Genealogist* will be listed here free of charge on "space available basis." The editor reserves the right to edit the question to conform to the general format.

Ohman

I would like to contact others working on the surname of Ohman, especially from Stockholm, Sweden. John Peter Ohmän/Ohman was b. there between 1839 and 1841. He emigr. to the U.S. and settled at first in New York City. By 1870 he was living in Brookville, IN. A s., John Henry Ohman was b. there 4 Sept. 1872.

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Shield, Sköld

My father-in-law, Ole Shield, was b. in Rinkaby Parish, either (Krist.) or (Öre.) 17 March 1892. Family tradition says that his original name was Sköld. Is anyone researching this name?

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Pilo. Picullel, Sturm

Several members of the Picullel and Pilo families have emigr. to America and have subsequently not been heard from. Has anyone come across any of these names?

- a. August Wilhelm Pilo, b. Torslunda Parish (Kalm.) 4 March 1831.
- b. Gustaf Axel Pilo, b. Vissefjärda Parish (Kalm.) 21 Sept. 1836.
- c. Carl Johan Pilo, b. Voxtorp Parish (Kalm.) 3 June 1814.
- d. Anton Stephan Picullel, b. Fjellie Parish (Malm.) 19 Dec. 1815 and his wife, Christina Charlotta Sturm, b. Veberöd Parish (Malm.) 28 Feb. 1817 and their dau. Ida Charlotta Picullel, b. in Lund 7 May 1849.
- e. Lars Gustaf Abraham Picullel, b. Ystad 2 Dec. 1832.
- f. Carl August Picullel, b. Rebbelberga Parish (Krist.) 16 Feb. 1822.
- g. Johan William Picullel, b. Ystad 5 Jan. 1844.
- h. Martin Wilhelm Picullel, b. Helsingborg 26 Nov. 1824.
- i. Axel Wilhelm Picullel, b. Stockholm 9 Sept. 1845.
- j. Fritz Ulrik Picullel, b. Helsingborg 2 Sept. 1837.

k. Carl Oscar Christian Picullel, b. Helsingborg 4 April 1861.

l. Johan Daniel August Picullel/ Rydberg, b. Stoby Parish (Krist.) 4 Nov. 1833.

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(The following three queries were sent in by a subscriber who neglected to give his name. Answers to any of these queries may be sent to the Editor, who will attempt to find the reseacher.)

Norra Vram, Risekatslösa, Ekeby, Bjällerup

I would like to correspond with anyone who lives in or near any of these parishes in Malmöhus *län*. I am interested in photographs of the old parish churches and cemeteries. I have the old names of the farms and villages in these parishes where my ancestors lived. Perhaps I could do some research in the U.S. in exchange for your help.

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Olsson, Persdotter, Johansson, Lundin

Johannes Olsson was b. in Ekeby Parish (Malm.) in 1828. He m. Johanna Persdotter, who was b. in Risekatslösa Parish (Malm.) in 1831. In Risekatslösa they had the following children - Christina, b. 1860; Per, b. 1862; Olivia, b. 1867; Carl, b. 1869; Olof, b. 1871 and Christoffer, b. 1874. Christoffer took the name Lundin. He m. Beata Andersson from Norra Vram Parish (Malm.) and had with her the following children - Algot, b. 1900, Ragnar, b. 1901, Marta, b. 1903 and Filip, b. 1906. The family emigr. to Travis Co., TX in 1907. I would like to contact any of the descendants of Christoffer's brothers and sisters.

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Svensson, Jonsdotter, Olsberg

Sven Svensson was b. in Höja Parish (Krist.) in 1746. He settled in Bjällerup Parish (Malm.) where he was the manager of the Stora Bjällerup estate owned by Johan Leonard von Gröninger. With his first wife he had at least two children - Kristin, b. 1778 and Olof (Ola), b. 1791. Elna d. in Bjällerup 1793. Sven m. for the second time Maria Christina Olsberg, b. in Gränna 1778. They had the following children - Elna, b. 1799; Christina, b. 1802; Johanna, b. 1806 and Sver, b. 1809. The family lived in Kvärlov. Sven d. 1821. By this time Kristin and Olof (Ola) res. in Norra Vram Parish (Malm.). Olof's s. Sven was a cabinetmaker in Malmö, while his daughters Elna and Christina res. in Lund. Johanna lived

with her mother in Kvärlov. I would like to contact any of the descendants of Sven Svensson.

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Thornsson, Persson, Andersson

Can anyone furnish information concerning the victims of a mass murderer, Belle Gunness, who in La Porte, IN during the time from 1903-1908 murdered two Swedes - Peter Thornsson from Kentucky and Oscar Persson from Milwaukee. The third victim, George Andersson, survived. He was a former goldminer and farmworker who hailed from Luleå in Sweden. Despite checking the parish records of Luleå and the surrounding parishes, it has not been possible to find any trace of him. Any help in solving this problem would be appreciated.

Klas Lithner

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Karling

I am trying to identify descendants of Alfred Karling, b. in Skaraborg *län* 6 Nov. 1856. He was m. to Kristina Andersdotter, probably in Jämtland *län*. He had the following children—Josef, Sigurd, Philip, Clarence, Ernest and Pearl. He was graduated from the Bethel (Baptist) Theological Seminary and served Baptist churches in Mead, NE and Ludington, MI. He served Ludington from 1890 to 1892, but after this date he disappears. Baptist institutions in Sweden and America know nothing concerning what happened to him. Who can help?

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Andersson

Carl Petter Andersson, b. 15 May 1839 and Anna Christina Andersson, b. 7 Jan. 1850, were the children of Anders Carlsson in Sandryd Kronogård, Tostared Parish (Älvs.) and his unknown first wife. Carl Petter was m. to Berta Andersdotter 2 Feb. 1859. Carl Petter, his wife, and his sister arr. in the U.S. in 1870 and settled either in Dunkirk, NY or Chicago. The following siblings remained in Sweden: Anders Andersson, b. 14 Oct. 1835; d. 1906. He m. Johanna Johansdotter; Gustaf Andersson b. in 1842 and Anna Britta (1857-1867). We would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows the history of these people, after they arr. in the U.S., the first members of our family to make the journey.

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Andersson

My great grandfather, Nils Peter Andersson, was b. in Fantorp, Gammalkil Parish (Ög.) 1 Jan. 1844, the s. of Anders Nilsson (1808-1850) and Stina Greta Johansdotter (1818-). Nils Peter m. Helena Christina, last name not known, b. in Ulrika Parish (Ög.) 25 Oct. 1823. They had two children and emigr. to America in 1868. Nils Peter had four brothers, all b. in Gammalkil—Daniel August, b. 4 May 1846; Anders Johan, b. 3 June 1851; Fredrik Wilhelm, b. 12 Jan. 1855 and Carl Knut, b. 14 Jan. 1857. I have information on Nils Peter's descendants which I would like to share in return for information as to what happened to Nils Peter's brothers.

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Blom

My great grandfather, Aron Blom, a grenadier in Sweden, was b. in Tidarsrum Parish (Ög.) 23 March 1825, the s. of Anders Hemmingsson and Kerstin Andersdotter. Blom m. 3 Nov. 1852 Gustava Fredriksdotter, b. in Västra Harg Parish (Ög.) 5 April 1832. Blom and his family emigr. to America 1868. Aron Blom had the following siblings, who may or may not have emigr., all b. in Tidarsrum—Anna Stina, b. 13 May 1815; Lena Stina, b. 22 Oct. 1818; Anders Magnus, b. 11 Dec. 1820 and Carl Fredrik, b. 26 Feb. 1823. The mother also had a s. in a previous marriage—Johan Gustaf Jonsson, b. 24 Oct. 1807. I have information on the Blom family I would like to share with persons who can tell me of the descendants of Blom's siblings.

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Peterson/Petersson

I am trying to locate the birthplace of my great grandfather, Nils Peterson, b. 26 May 1861, the s. of Peter Olsson and Kristina Åkesson, presumably in Småland. He d. 28 Aug. 1941. We believe that he emigr. to Philadelphia in 1882.

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Jonsson/Bäck

I would like to know why my great grandfather Christer Jonsson, b. in Fliseryd (Kalm.) 21 May 1831 and d. at the Odvall Farm in Fide Parish (Gotl.) 4 June 1899, changed his name. He arr. in Fide from Fliseryd in 1859 to the Odvall farm where he m. Catharina Margaretha Göransdotter. When he arr. in Fide his

name was Bäck, but in the 1860s he ceased to use it. Why? Who were his parents?
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Holmeren

I am seeking information on Ella C. Holmeren, m. to Charles A. Willard of Leavenworth Co., KS 23 Nov. 1893; and Henry Holmeren, m. to Carolena Johnson, also of Leavenworth Co., 10 Feb. 1872. The latter couple was living at 310 Spruce St., Leavenworth, KS in 1900 with their s. Harry Holmeren, b. in Sept. 1874.

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Lund

I am seeking information about the descendants in the U.S. of my great uncle, Gustaf Lund, b. in Laxarby Parish (Älvs.) 10 July 1836. He m. Sofia Andersdotter, b. in Botilsäter Parish (Värm.) 15 May 1847.

Lund came to the U.S. alone in 1871; five years later he returned to Sweden and in another five years he re-emigr. with his wife and three children, all b. in Botilsäter—Anders, b. 8 Aug. 1871; Augusta, b. 5 May 1877 and Carl Otto, b. 4 April 1880. They departed from Millesvik (Värm.) in April 1881 and arr. in NY 23 May 1881.

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Olsson, Swanson

I am seeking information about the descendants of Olof Olsson from Arbrå Parish (Gävl.) and his wife, Margta Pehrson, b. in Ramsjö Parish (Gävl.). The Olssons left Sweden 1879 and eventually settled in Alta, IA, where Olof worked as a carpenter. They had three sons—Arthur, who was an oil prospector in Oklahoma; Olof, who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad; and Oscar, a tower operator for the Illinois Central Railroad in Sioux City, IA. Their dau. Selma, m. a Swanson and lived in Galva or Alta, IA. Ten years ago a s. of theirs, Einer Swanson, res. at 724 Menlo, Sioux Falls, SD.

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Hauffman

Albert Ludvig Hauffman, b. in Östergarn Parish (Gotl.) 29 Aug. 1856 left for America 30 July 1881 and came to NY, where he m. a girl of German descent in 1888. He probably d. in NY 1893. He had three children—Albertina, Hollies and Adolf.

In a city directory for New York 1883-1884 I found the entry—"Hauffman, Albert, milk h 58 w. 3d." That is all the information I possess and would be grateful for any leads.

Curt Hauffman

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Hegberg

I am seeking information about my mother's parents, who were b. in Sweden. Her father's name was August Elias Hegberg and he was 28 years old in 1902. Her mother's name was Ida Magnuson and she was 37 years old in 1902. This information is contained on my mother's birth certificate in Brooklyn NY. My mother's maiden name was Louise Henriette Hegberg and she was placed in the Brooklyn Home for Children 18 Oct. 1907. I have no additional information. Can anyone help?

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Carlsson

My great grandmother's sister, Johanna Emelia Carlsson, b. in Ödskölet Parish (Älvs.) 21 July 1862, the dau. of Karl Fredrik Kristoffersson and Sofia Jonasdatter. She emigr. 10 April 1885 and may have settled in Orange, NJ or Newark, NJ, from which places my great grandmother got letters and postcards. We believe that she m. and had at least one child.

Lena Henriksson

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Anderson

I would appreciate any help in locating the parish of birth of Robert S. Anderson, b. in Sweden 19 April 1872, the s. of Carl Swenson and Mary (Marie) Tinstet (Thenstedt?). He settled in Manchester, NH, where he m. Sophie Anderson 26 March 1902. She d. in NH 26 Nov. 1934. Robert Anderson's naturalization papers have his name as Sexton R. Anderson. This must have been an Anglicization of the Swedish baptismal name Sixten.

Robert J. Cushing

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