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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. Fjelie 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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