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(The appearance of this article is designed to bring to the readers of *SAG* the complete roster of marriages performed in the St. Ansgarius Protestant Episcopal Church of Chicago during the years 1867-1879. The magnitude of this list is such, that it will be necessary to break it up into four or five segments. We deplore this somewhat, since editorially it makes better sense to run an item without interruptions. The number of names presented here is so immense, however, that it presents a dilemma of not publishing the list at all or doing it piecemeal. We have chosen the latter course of action.

The list as published here gives us an interesting run of early marriages in Chicago, primarily in the Swedish colony. It is even more valuable since it records marriages for four years before the Great Fire of 1871, when so many other records were destroyed.

The marriages have been numbered so that in the final installment it will be possible to add identifying notes referring to those numbered couples, for which additional facts have been located. Should readers be able to identify any of these entries, it would be highly desirable to include such material in the final segment of this series. —The Editor).

The chartering of the St. Ansgarius Protestant Episcopal Church in Chicago 1 March 1849 brought into being the first church organization in that city which attempted to provide a church home for the newly arrived Swedish and Norwegian immigrants. Originally conceived by the Rev. Gustaf Unonius (1810-1901) as a binational church carrying the name of the St. Erik and St. Olav Protestant Episcopal Church, it was designed to reflect the political union of Norway and Sweden as created by the Treaty of Vienna of 1815. The final church charter, however, lists the name of the parish as the St. Ansgarius Protestant Episcopal Church, in honor of the first Christian missionary to visit Sweden in the early part of the ninth century A.D.¹

The binational concept was not without friction, however, as Unonius discovered. Rivalry and dissension cropped up from time to time, though it should be mentioned that the Swedes and the Norwegians stuck to the original agreement for at least another five years, or until the Civil War, when most of the Norwegians left the church.

During the time that Unonius served as pastor (1849-1858), the highly respected churchman, both among the Scandinavians, as well as the Americans, had been able to reconcile the major political differences as they arose. When he eventually returned to Sweden in 1858, with his family, the congregation fell on hard times.² The lack of leadership proved almost fatal, and the parish began to face gradual disintegration. Basically this was not due so much to the rivalry between the Norwegians and Swedes as to the dynamic leadership evidenced within the swiftly growing Swedish immigrant community in Chicago. Already the arrival of Erland Carlsson (1822-1893) from Älghult Parish in Kronoberg *län* in 1853 had caused some problems for Unonius as many of his Swedish members left for the newly organized Immanuel Swedish Lutheran congregation under the leadership of Carlsson. As the 1850s grew to a close a discouraged and frustrated Unonius "threw in the towel" and decided to return to his native Sweden, from which he had departed seventeen years earlier.

With Unonius gone, the St. Ansgarius parish began to display disagreements between the Norwegian vs. the Swedish members. When it came to the choice of a new clergyman, the Norwegians opted for J.G. Gasmann, an early Norwegian settler in Wisconsin, whereas the Swedes were casting about for a Swedish pastor.³ In 1859, for an interim period of three months, the congregation was served by a Swedish clergyman, Carl Johan Vossner (1809-1883) from Tidarsrum Parish (Ög.) who had arrived in America five years earlier.⁴ When his assignment was completed, the congregation asked The Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle, an American Episcopalian clergyman, on 10 May 1859 to preach once every Sunday in English in return for his occupying the empty parsonage.⁵ This arrangement was to prove disastrous inasmuch as Tuttle regarded himself to be the rector, whereas the congregation vehemently denied it. In the end, the parish minutes noted on 10 Nov. 1863 that "The Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle has never been regarded as the Rector of St. Ansgarius and cannot be so regarded or treated."⁶ Tuttle was now out and the congregation began looking around for a new pastor to carry on the duties, preferably Swedish.

The congregation chose Jacob Bredberg and on 28 May 1864 the minutes of the vestry reflect this: "That The Rev. Jacob Bredberg be called as Rector of the St. Ansgarius Scandinavian Church with a salary of \$500 per year and free house in the parsonage."⁷

Bredberg seems not to have been a stranger to the St. Ansgarius people. In fact, the *Journal of Convention* of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago for 1862 mentions Bredberg as the rector of the church.⁸ This must be an error, although it is perfectly possible for Bredberg to have preached from time to time in the church, supplying the Swedish sermons which Tuttle could not do. Bredberg was a resident of Chicago at this time, and according to the same *Journal of Convention*, had been visiting some of the Scandinavian settlements along the Illinois Central Railroad, as far south as Effingham, IL, ostensibly at the behest of the Episcopal Diocese.⁹

Who was Jacob Bredberg and what role did he play in the early history of the St. Ansgarius Church? Since he is responsible for all of the ministerial acts which were carried out in the church between 1867 and 1877 and for marriages up to 1879, it is only proper to trace the career of this man, who arrived in the Chicago area with a somewhat shady past, but who during his years at St. Ansgarius was responsible for reversing the downward trend, imbuing a new spirit in the parish and seeing the communicants grow in number to close to 500 by the middle of the 1870s.

Jacob Bredberg was born in Alingsås, Västergötland 1 May 1808, the son of Jacob Bredberg, Sr., a hatter, and Catharina Holmberg. After studies in Skara and the University of Uppsala he was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1832. He returned to his home province of Västergötland, where he served in many parishes as an assistant, assistant pastor and finally as associate pastor (*komminister*) in Broddetorp Parish (Skar.) in 1846. Here he not only carried on his pastoral duties but also tilled a small rented farm named Toltan.¹⁰

What happened next in his career is difficult to chart. We find some answers in the minutes of the Consistory of Skara Diocese for the years 1852-1853. On 11 Aug. 1852 the legal assistant (*notarie*) notified the Consistory that Bredberg had not paid his land rent for the previous year, neither his taxes, which had been prepaid by the Consistory.¹¹ On 29 June 1853 the Consistory was approached by the city bailiff of Göteborg, accusing Jacob Bredberg of certain forgeries and summoning him to Göteborg to stand trial on 9 July 1853.¹² In the meantime Bredberg had asked for and had received two months' leave of absence from 1 June 1853 to 1 Aug. to take care of some personal matters. On 10 Aug. 1853 his chief, the provost of Broddetorp reported to the Consistory that Bredberg had overstayed his leave and on good authority was believed to be living abroad.¹³ Finally on 30 Nov. 1853 the Consistory advised the Crown, since Bredberg had overstayed his leave and had not returned to his charge, that the necessary papers be drawn up in order to help locate him. By this time Bredberg was already in America.

What the nature of his crime was cannot be elicited from the minutes of the Consistory, only inferred, but the printed biographies of the clergymen of the Skara Diocese mention that Bredberg "lived high on the hog," that despite the fact that he had a small salary, he was able to drive around in a fine chaise, drawn by spirited horses. In order to pay for this style of living he forged the names of prominent people in the community on notes payable, which he then cashed.¹⁴

The judicial mills in Sweden ground slowly, but in 1854 the Consistory ruled that he be fired from his position as *komminister* at Broddetorp. In 1856 the Crown defrocked him and cancelled his ministerial license.¹⁵ This piece of news seems not to have filtered over to America, or if it did, it was ignored, since none of the American biographies of Bredberg contains anything concerning his peccadillos in Sweden.

Once in America (the exact date is unknown, but it is believed to have been in June of 1853, probably during his two-months' leave of absence), he spent the first two years in New York, working with Olof G. Hedstrom, famed Methodist missionary aboard the *Bethel* ship in New York's harbor. Here he seems to have converted to Methodism, working aboard the ship, translating Methodist hymns and tracts from English into Swedish.¹⁶ In the meanwhile he resided in Jersey City, NJ, where his wife and two children joined him in 1854.¹⁷ In 1855 he was sent to Jamestown, NY, where he worked for four years as pastor of the Swedish Methodist Church and in the latter year he came to Chicago, where he was given the biggest plum of all, the pastorate of the large Swedish Methodist Church in the city. He served this church for two years, but by this time Bredberg was eyeing the possibility of joining the Episcopal Church, which is borne out by a Methodist clergyman by the name of Victor Witting, who in his autobiography characterizes Bredberg in the following fashion: "It went very well the first year, since Bredberg was a powerful speaker and was looked upon as a very learned man and there was no lack of an audience. It was different the second year—while he possessed the same learning and spoke as well, there was something of an air of indifference and falseness about him and he seems to have been considering joining another denomination."¹⁸

While Bredberg's tenure as pastor of the St. Ansgarius church coincided with an upswing in the fortunes of the congregation, he seems to have continued his financial struggles late into the evening of life. The church had asked him to become its pastor at a salary of \$500.00 per year. Seldom did the parish fulfill its contract. We have figures for three of his years at St. Ansgarius which show that in 1870 he collected \$379.50, in 1872 a total of \$200.00 and in 1873 the paltry sum of \$183.50, which broken down for the 464 communicants meant that each parishioner gave his minister 40 cents annually.¹⁹

The final years of Bredberg's life were probably the most peaceful and tranquil of his entire career. After having flitted from charge to charge in Sweden and in America, he finally was able to settle down for the remainder of his life. While the *Journal of Convention* of the Chicago Diocese states that he left the church in 1876,²⁰ other sources state that he left the parish in 1877 due to illness and old age.²¹ Yet, he performed some marriages well into 1879. By that time, however, he was not conducting baptisms and funerals and the number of marriages had dropped measurably. His handwriting also shows the onset of old age and frailty. He died in Chicago 25 Nov. 1881 and was buried in the Graceland Cemetery.²²

In 1840 he had married Carolina Christina Bergström, born in Hjo Parish (Skar.) 18 Aug. 1815, the daughter of Carl Gustaf Bergström, a bailiff for the Crown (*kronolänsman*), and Ulrika Christina Carlsson.²³ She died in Chicago 23 Oct. 1888. The couple had four children—Axel Johan (1841-1853); Ulrika Catharina, b. in 1843 (death year unknown), who married in America; Conrad Gustaf, born 31 Jan. 1848, died in Chicago 1 Sept. 1891 and Claudius Edward, born, probably in Jamestown, NY in 1856, died in Chicago 29 Dec. 1897.²⁴

Despite his vicissitudes earlier in life and the harsh criticisms leveled at him by some of his contemporaries, Bredberg established himself as a very popular clergyman at St. Ansgarius. He was in great demand to perform ministerial acts, not only among his own parishioners, but also among other Scandinavians—Danes, Finns and Norwegians. But he also functioned outside the Scandinavian circle, marrying American, English, German, Scottish and even Polish nationals.

The record beginning in 1864, the year that Bredberg took over the charge, and up to 27 Aug. 1867, has been lost, if it ever existed. The book presented here, beginning in Aug. 1867 runs through 30 Aug. 1879, Bredberg's last entry, covering precisely twelve years.²⁵

One marvels at the endurance of a typical immigrant pastor, laboring at a time when one either walked or used a horse and buggy, with perhaps an occasional ride on the horse-drawn street cars, in order to reach hundreds of parishioners scattered throughout the city. During the short twelve years for which we have records Bredberg also performed a total of more than 2,800 ministerial acts—900 marriages, 1,300 baptisms and 600 funerals.²⁶ He preached between 75 and 100 times during the year, held confirmation classes, chaired vestry meetings and presided over countless committee meetings in addition to making calls on ill and needy immigrant parishioners. Midway through his pastorate, in Oct. 1871, he had to cope with the disruption and misery of a burned out city, which leveled the church, his parsonage and countless dwellings belonging to his flock. When Bredberg retired in 1877 he could look back on thirteen years of a very busy pastorate but he must also have been pleased to have left as his legacy a strong and vibrant congregation which was to grow and prosper even more in the 1880s and 1890s which lay ahead.

As mentioned earlier the Book of Marriages (1867-1879) contains the names of more than 900 couples married by Bredberg over a period of twelve years. The roster provides us with the names of the couples, where they came from (for Sweden we always get the city, parish or county), the name or names of the witnesses and the date of the ceremony. We also learn where the marriage took place, whether in the parsonage, church or a private home.

The register of marriages is presented herewith in the hope that it will provide additional data for Americans with Swedish forebears, whose roots go back to the St. Ansgarius Protestant Episcopal Church in Chicago.

¹Nils Willam Olsson, "The First Constitution of the St. Ansgarius Church in Chicago" in *The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly* (now *The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly*), Vol. I, No. 2, Oct. 1950, pp. 18-22.

²*Journal of Convention*, The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, 1859, p. 60. The author is indebted to Rima Lunin Schultz, the Cathedral historian of the Chicago Diocese, for furnishing this material.

³*Ibid.*, 1858.

⁴The Minutes of the Vestry of the St. Ansgarius Church, 5 Feb. 1859, in the Archives of the Swedish-American Historical Society of Chicago.

⁵*Ibid.*, 10 May 1869.

⁶*Ibid.*, 16 Nov. 1863.

⁷Ibid., 28 May 1864.

⁸*Journal of Convention*, 1862, p. 52.

⁹Ibid.

¹⁰Bo V:son Lundqvist, *Västgöta nation i Uppsals från 1595*, I-III (Uppsala and Skara 1946-1975), III, pp. 287-288.

¹¹Skara Domkapitels protokoll 1852-1853 (The Minutes of the Skara Diocese 1852-1853), A1:73 in *Göteborgs landsarkiv* (The District Archives of Göteborg). The author is indebted to Per Clemensson, archivist in the District Archives of Göteborg, for providing this material.

¹²Ibid.

¹³Ibid.

¹⁴Lars August Cederbom and Carl Olof Friberg, *Skara stifts herdaminne*, I-II (Stockholm 1928-1930), II, p. 351.

¹⁵Ibid.

¹⁶Victor Witting, *Minnen från mitt lif* (Worcester, MA 1902), p. 360; N.M. Liljegren, N.O. Westergren and C.G. Wallenius, *Svenska metodismen i Amerika* (Chicago 1895), p. 233.

¹⁷Letter from Jacob Bredberg to Eric Norelius, dated Jersey City, NJ 28 Dec. 1854 in the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Rock Island, IL.

¹⁸Witting, p. 360.

¹⁹The Minutes of the Vestry of St. Ansgarius, 17 April 1871; 14 April 1873 and 6 April 1874.

²⁰*Journal of Convention*, 1876, p. 53.

²¹Ernst W. Olson, *History of the Swedes of Illinois*, I-II (Chicago 1908), I, p. 390; Eric Johnson and C.F. Peterson, *Svenskarne i Illinois* (Chicago 1880), p. 419.

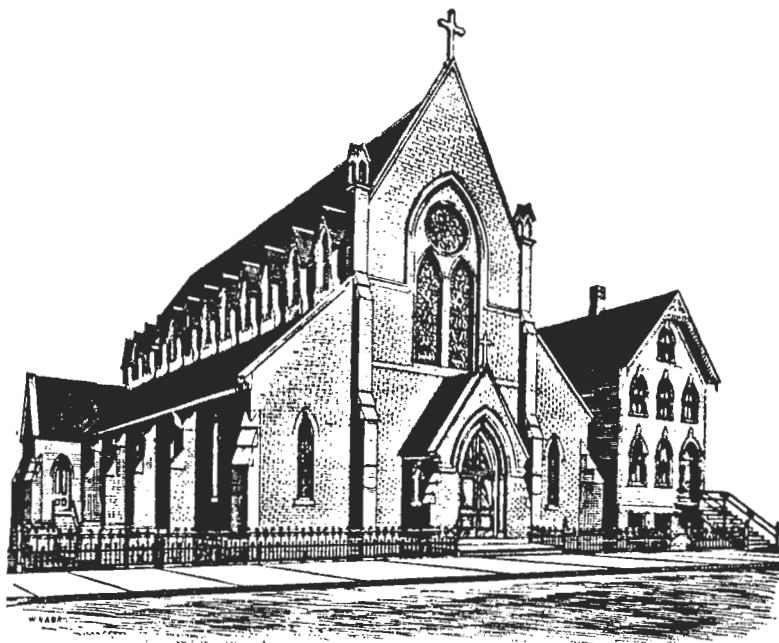
²²Death Certificate No. 12621, Illinois State Board of Health, Chicago, IL.

²³Hjo Parish Records, The District Archives of Göteborg.

²⁴Broddetorp Parish Records, The District Archives of Göteborg; Death Lists for Cook Co., Chicago, IL.

²⁵St. Ansgarius Parish Records in the Archives of The Swedish-American Historical Society of Chicago.

²⁶Ibid.



The St. Ansgarius Episcopal Church in Chicago, constructed after the fire.

	Date	Names	Place of Marriage	Witnesses
	1867			
1.	25 Aug.	Gust. Rob. Anderson from Böne Parish (Älvs.) and Anna Olson from Hälsingland,	Rectory	Mrs. Bredberg and Mrs. Peterson
2.	25 Aug.	Nils Wendel and Mary Killén, both from Kristianstad	"	Mrs. Blomquist and Mr. Carlson
3.	2 Sept.	Charles Johnson and Mrs. Johanna Lindahl, both from Michigan	"	P.R. Björkman
4.	4 Sept.	Lars Johnson and Augusta Bergman, both from Vänersborg	"	Mrs. Peterson
5.	17 Sept.	John Anderson and Nelly Nielson, both from Göteborg	"	Christer Christerson and wife, 33 W. Kinzie
6.	5 Oct.	Andr. Edwin Anderson and Charlotte Fredr. Ericson	"	Charles Anderson, Charl. Swenson, Clara Freund and Miss Anderson
7.	6 Oct.	Charl. Alb. Aleen from Stockholm and Hedda Anderson from Strömstad	"	Mrs. Bredberg
8.	12 Oct.	Andrew William Nelson and Augusta Charl. Törnquist, both from Örebro	"	P. Rouswald and wife
9.	19 Oct.	Peter Brown of Chicago and Henrietta Johnson of Norway	"	- - -
10.	19 Oct.	Alfred Oleson and Miss Davida Wahlberg, both of Göteborg	67 Wells Street	J.F. Törnquist and Mrs. Törnquist; Mr. and Mrs. John Roland
11.	26 Oct.	John Aug. Davis from Uddevalla and Miss Helen Chr. Josephina Anderson	Rectory	Mrs. Bredberg

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12.	26 Oct. 1867	Carl Fredr. Oscar Rundgren from Stockholm and Miss Ottolina Christina Johnson of Chicago	Church	The Congregation
13.	1 Nov.	Sven Carlson and Miss Charlotte Anderson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	Rectory	- - -
14.	3 Nov.	Peter Habel, widower from Norway and Mrs. Inga Maria Johnson, a widow from Norway, both residing in Chicago	Corner of Addison & Hubbard Sts.	- - -
15.	3 Dec.	John Johnson and Miss Emma Evanson, both from Norway and residing in Chicago	Rectory	Mrs. L. Larson
16.	8 Dec.	Adolph Fredrik Brunbeck and Miss Amelie Euphrosyne Hammarlund, both from Stockholm	Church	The Congregation
17.	8 Dec.	Birger Johannes Giersing and Caroline Petrine Holm, both from Denmark	Rectory	Mrs. Bredberg
18.	10 Dec.	Carl Joh. Peterson from Östergötland <i>län</i> and Maria Nordström from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	Some friends; Mrs. Bredberg and Mrs. Peterson
19.	11 Dec.	Franz Eberhard Jocknick and Albertina Victoria Ivendorff, both of Chicago	"	C. Ivendorff; Mrs. Hallbeck; Mrs. Ivendorff and Euphr. Ivendorff
20.	23 Dec.	Christoph. Thomson and Lena Peterson, both of Norway	"	Mrs. Brunbeck and Miss Bergman

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	1867			
21.	24 Dec.	Gustaf Alfred Anderberg from Malmö and Mrs. Rachel Elisab. Rasmusen of Evanston, IL	Rectory	Miss Rasmusen
22.	24 Dec.	John Pehrson from Kristianstad and Maria Bergendal from Göteborg	"	- - -
	1868			
23.	25 Jan.	George Littlefield of Chicago and Mathilda Carlson from Göteborg	"	Mr. Berry and wife
24.	12 Feb.	Gunnar Appelquist (Swede, blind) and Sarah Riley (American), both of Chicago	"	G.R. Anderson
25.	17 Feb.	Charl. Lindgren from Hedemora and Sophie Johnson from Falköping	"	Sven Svenson and Mrs. I.B. Larson
26.	28 Mar.	Charles Bergman from Vänersborg and Emma Nilson from Stockholm	"	Sune Smith and Mrs. Stafving
27.	29 Mar.	Charles Edward Peterson from Norrköping and Margaret Marx from Milwaukee	550 State Street	Mr. Urelius and Mr. Lindholm
28.	6 Apr.	Anders Gud. Tiodolf Lövgren and Josephina Albertina Anderson, both from Norrköping	Rectory	Mrs. Bredberg and Mrs. Andr. Johnson
29.	10 Apr.	Moses Chandler Colby and Kathrine O'Neill, both from Chicago	"	- - -
30.	14 Apr.	Franz Otto Nelson from Kalmar and Anna Christ. Nelson from Västergötland	"	Mr. Bergman and Miss Nelson

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	1868			
31.	14 Apr.	Charles August Wardrum and Mrs. Bernhardine Hillberg, both of Chicago	79 Hubbard Street	Parents of the bride and sisters of the couple
32.	18 Apr.	Gustaf Henrik Lindberg from Stockholm and Gustava Peterson from Kalmar <i>län</i>	Rectory	- - -
33.	27 Apr.	Nathan Morgan and Isabella Connerton, both of Chicago	"	- - -
34.	3 May	Carl Johan Carlson and Johanna Sofia Johnson, both from Stockholm	65 Illinois Street	Mr. Wennberg and wife
35.	10 May	Andrew Hallén and Anna Sofia Sjöberg, both from Stockholm	205 W. Lake Street	J.A. Berry and wife and Mr. Forsberg; Mr. Nilson and Mrs. Winquist
36.	17 May	Edward Edberg from Stockholm and Mrs. Amalia Clausen (divorced from former husband in Chicago)	75 Huron Street	Mr. Davis and wife; Mrs. Osberg; Anna Karstrom
37.	31 May	John Anderson and Mrs. Anna Christina Fernlöf, widow, both of Chicago	233 Huron Street	Ol. Ek and wife; C. Fredrikson and wife; J.F. Berglund and wife
38.	11 June	Charles Lundin and Mathild. Josephine Anderson	230 Division Street	Mr. Stomberg and wife; Mr. Olson and wife
39.	13 June	Johan Bengtson and Johanna Peterson, both from Västergötland	Rectory	Ch. Ivendorff and wife; Mrs. John Peterson
40.	15 June	Lars Gustaf Wohlfart and Ida Fogelberg, both from Värmland	"	- - -
41.	22 June	Lorentz Adolf Nelson and Augusta Lovis. Anderson, both from Halland	14 Pleasant Street	Mr. Börjeson and wife; Mr. Anderson and wife; Mrs. Larson; Mrs. Peterson

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42.	28 Jun.	John Gustav of Jefferson, IL and Gustava Johnson of Småland	42 Sela Street	P. Björkman and wife; Sv. Anderson and wife
43.	14 July	Nils Samuelson and Lovisa Erikson, both of Nora	Rectory	- - -
44.	18 July	Pet. Gustaf Anderson and Maria Larsdotter, both from Blidsberg Parish (Älvs.)	"	Mr. Anderson and wife
45.	25 July	Andrew John Fredrikson and Emma Swenson, both of Chicago	16 Bremer Street	Olaus Ek and wife; C.F. Nilson and wife
46.	28 July	Anders Ek and Ingrid Olson, both from Kristianstad	Rectory	- - -
47.	1 Aug.	Swen Magnus Johnson and Helena Qvenstedt, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	- - -
48.	1 Aug.	Charles Fredrik Nylander and Mrs. Christina Wilhelmina Lindblom	157 Townsend Street	Mr. Peterson; Miss Charl. Jacobson
49.	2 Aug.	Johan Gustaf Malmgren from Vänersborg and Christina Hallberg from Björke (probably Älvs.)	Church	Congregation
50.	2 Aug.	Joseph Edward Hanson and Charlotte Johnson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	Congregation
51.	3 Aug.	John Johnson and Sophia Gustafson from Jönköping <i>län</i>	Rectory	Lars Jonson
52.	4 Aug.	Anders Samuelson and Caroline Westberg from Örebro <i>län</i>	"	- - -

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	1868			
53.	8 Aug.	Carl Johan Anderson and Carolina Olson, both from Stockholm	Rectory	Joh. Nilson
54.	10 Aug.	Johannes Sjöberg, widower from Porter Station, IN and Mrs. Gustava Olden, widow from Chicago	85 Indiana Street	- - -
55.	14 Aug.	William Morgan Griffith and Mrs. Dalia Conneston, both of Chicago	Rectory	Mr. Morgan and wife
56.	15 Aug.	Andreas Jonson and Erika Lenell, both from Stockholm	- - -	- - -
57.	15 Aug.	Gustaf Adolf Johnson and Augusta Cecilia Tour, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	Rectory	Eric Ericson and Miss Johanson
58.	16 Aug.	Gustaf Hellström from Stockholm and Maria Larson from Göteborg	144 West Lake Street	Mrs. Winquist
59.	25 Aug.	Charles Fredrik Magnuson and Johanna Johnson, both from Småland	Rectory	Mrs. S.B. Larson and Mrs. John Peterson
60.	25 Aug.	Peter Adolph Holmgren and Anna Karström, both of Chicago	"	Mrs. Bredberg and Mrs. John Peterson
61.	28 Aug.	John Anderson from Blekinge and Augusta Sophia Gustafson from Östergötland	55 Ada Street	Moses Jones and wife; Mathilda Anderson; Carlson; Swenson
62.	29 Aug.	Israel Wikström and Anna Martha Johnson both from Ångermanland	Rectory	Mr. Sherdin and Mr. Hedlund
63.	30 Aug.	Carl Joh. Lunden and Christina Gustafson, both from Stockholm	Church	Congregation

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	1868			
64.	4 Sept.	Joh. Robert Lilja and Augusta Maria Hagelin, both from Vadstena	Rectory	- - -
65.	19 Sept.	Lars Axel Törnquist of Chicago and Johanna Gustava Ericson from Småland	186 Townsend Street	Frank Johnson and wife; Mr. Bäckström and wife
66.	26 Sept.	Louis Anderson and Mrs. Honora Malone, both of Chicago	Rectory	C.F. Nylander and wife
67.	26 Sept.	Peter Wilh. Samuelson and Carolina Christina Johnson, both of Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	- - -
68.	30 Sept.	Swen Larson Roos from Kristianstad <i>län</i> and Albertina Olivia Brefwitz from Jönköping	"	Mr. Kjellgren
69.	3 Oct.	Anders Anderson and Christine Göransson, both of Kronoberg <i>län</i>	"	Mrs. Peterson; Mary Anderson; Mr. Eneson and wife
70.	7 Oct.	John Edward Erikson from Göteborg and Josephina Axelina Johnson from Örebro	"	- - -
71.	11 Oct.	Per Anderberg and Christina Lundgren, both from Kristianstad	"	- - -
72.	13 Oct.	Carl Johan Hult and Anna Sophia Swenson, both from Kalmar <i>län</i>	"	Carl Strömquist; An. Lovisa Hult
73.	17 Oct.	Johan Peterson from Småland and Ulrica Cecilia Ericson from Malmöhus <i>län</i>	"	Mr. Ericson
74.	17 Oct.	Gustaf Robert Östman and Anna Anderson, both from Norrland	"	C. Ohdal; Mr. Wardsten; Mrs. Lindgren; Mr. Green

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	1868			
75.	18 Oct.	Andrew Bobäck of Lidköping and Amanda Wikman from Vänersborg	Rectory	Charles Peterson and wife; W. Grundell and wife
76.	2 Nov.	Auke Swenson and Bengta Pehrson, both from Kristianstad	"	- - -
77.	3 Nov.	Adam Sundtman and Cajsa Josephina Winquist, both from Finland	"	P. Holmquist and Mary Anderson
78.	7 Nov.	Louis Lawson and Anna Benson, both of Chicago	"	- - -
79.	9 Nov.	Anton Sellgren and Cajsa Nilson, both from Värmland	"	- - -
80.	15 Nov.	Swen Joh. Engdahl and Hedda Christ. Johnson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	Mrs. Bredberg; P.W. Samuelson and wife
81.	16 Nov.	Edmund Marelus and Mrs. Caroline Dahl, both from Stockholm	"	Mrs. Bredberg
82.	1 Dec.	Anders Olof Enberg and Wilhelmina Stone, both from Stockholm	"	Peter Swan and wife
83.	2 Dec.	William Sutherland and Emelie Susen Margr. Hammarsköld, both of Chicago	"	Mrs. Holmberg; Miss Hammarsköld; Mrs. Bredberg
84.	3 Dec.	Samuel Smith and Lovisa Anderson, both from Norway	"	Peter Anderson; Mrs. Serina Christofferson
85.	12 Dec.	August Swenson and Mary Johnson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	- - -

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	1868			
86.	12 Dec.	Olof Joh. Parker of Chicago and Josephina Charlotta Adamson from Uppland	Rectory	Mr. Johnson and wife
87.	12 Dec.	Charles August Johnson and Charlotte Sophia Johnson, both of Chicago	146 W. Washington Street	The parents of the couple
88.	19 Dec.	Peter August Westerström from Kalmar and Joh(an)na Mar. Elis. Lundblad from Stockholm	Rectory	Andr. Larson; An. Mar. Peterson
89.	23 Dec.	Lars Johan Hallberg and Charlotte Forsberg, both from Stockholm	"	Frank West
90.	24 Dec.	Johan Lindström and Fredrika Agneta Johnson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	- - -
91.	26 Dec.	Nils Nilson and Anna Olson, both from Kristianstad <i>län</i>	60 Chicago Ave.	Nils Martinson and wife; Nils Swenson; Kerstin Johnson
92.	30 Dec.	Anders Peter Skog and Gustava Eugenia Kihlberg, both from Närke	Rectory	Ch. Joh. Stockhaus; Mrs. An. Mar. Hage
93.	31 Dec.	Hans Wilhelm Swenson from Västergötland and Eva Charlotta Burman from Östergötland	"	Mr. Nilson and wife
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94.	5 Jan.	Fredrik Theodor Engström and Mrs. Anna Maria Lembke of Chicago	Church	Congregation

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95.	16 Jan.	Olof August Falk and Maria Sophia Klint, both from Stockholm	Rectory	- - -
96.	21 Jan.	Benjamin Anderson from Lindome Parish (Hall.) and Christina Sophia Johnson from Vetlanda Parish (Jön.)	234 N. LaSalle Street	Mr. Anthony, Esq. and wife; Mr. Peterson and wife; Mr. Johnson and wife; Miss Johnson
97.	4 Feb.	Olof Olson and Christine Theresia Johnson, both of Chicago	156 E. Superior Street	Parents of the bride; Mr. Sundell; Miss Anna Erikson; P. Smith
98.	13 Feb.	Charles Nilson from Närke and Annie Tulin from Kristianstad <i>län</i>	Rectory	- - -
99.	15 Feb.	Francis Per Reed and Mathilda Carolina Peterson, both from Kalmar <i>län</i>	---	---
100.	20 Feb.	Erik Nelson and Mary Louise Heft, both of Chicago	Church	Congregation
101.	23 Feb.	Marius Montgomery and Agneta Hanson, both of Chicago	Rectory	- - -
102.	4 March	Theodor Marbeck of Belgium and Mrs. Helena Peterson from Småland, now in Kane Co., IL	"	- - -
103.	1 Apr.	Nils Anderson and Sara Swenson, both of La Porte Co., IN	"	- - -
104.	9 Apr.	Charles Kolm from Gävle and Emma Peterson from Ulricehamn	"	Charles Mossel

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105. 10 Apr.	Axel Victor Carlson and Alida Emilia Peterson, both from Östergötland	58 Fourth Street	Carl J. Hagström and wife; Carl Joh. Blomquist and wife; Hilda Eulania Carlson
106. 14 Apr.	Johan Fält and Carolina Erikson, both from Örebro <i>län</i>	Rectory	Mrs. Sehlberg; Mary Anderson; and Charlotte Nordin
107. 17 Apr.	William Ol. Johnson and Ida Erica Johanna Enwall, both of Chicago	"	Mrs. Enwall; Mrs. Helgesen and Miss Helgesen
108. 6 May	August Anderson and Mathilda Josephina Anderson, both from Östergötland	55 Ada Street	John Anderson and wife; Mrs. McLeish; Mr. Jones
109. 20 May	John Ol. Olson and Fredrika Nelson, both of Chicago	144 Erie Street	Mrs. Bredberg
110. 28 May	Johan Swenson from Kristianstad and Jenny Anderson from Göteborg	63½ Chicago Avenue	Mr. Liljeberg and wife; Mrs. Andreen; Mr. Rydell; Mrs. Marie Pehrson
111. 29 May	Erik Pehrson and Sara Charl. Peterson, both from Nora	144 Erie Street	Mrs. Bredberg
112. 2 June	Nils Peter Smith from Helsingborg and Elise Soph. Amalia Lindström from Eksjö	86 Townsend Street	J.G. Hentzel; Mrs. Oberg
113. 9 June	William Åström and Louise Löwqvist, both from Gävle	Rectory	Mrs. Bredberg
114. 12 June	Sven Aug. Svenson and Anna Chris. Elggren, both from Stockholm	"	Mr. Brink and wife
115. 12 June	Carl Youngberg and Clara Joh(an)na Sjöling, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	Rectory	Carl Ahlgren

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116.	18 June	Anders Olson and Carolina Pehrson, both from Nora	"	G. Bredberg
117.	19 June	Oscar Edward Tollstam from Stockholm and Anna Maria Johnson from Östergötland	257 29th Street	- - -
118.	24 June	Martin Hanson and Elna Benz, both from Kristianstad	Rectory	- - -
119.	26 June	Carl Fred Olson and Maria Stina Carlson, both from Värmland	"	O.G. Johanson; Mrs. Joh(an)na Johanson; Jacob Isakson
120.	28 June	Per Israelson and Anna Johnson, both from Dalarna	"	Olof Erson; Olof Anderson
121.	4 July	Nils Johnson and Ingrid Swenson, both from Kristianstad <i>län</i>	"	N.P. Nilson and wife; Miss Westerdahl
122.	4 July	Niels Larsen and Mary Elizab. Kelly, both of Chicago	"	- - -
123.	10 July	Carl Gust. Gustafson from Göteborg and Inga Maria Peterson from Småland	"	- - -
124.	17 July	David Netterström and Mrs. Sara Christina Möller, both of Chicago	"	Mrs. Bredberg
125.	23 July	Jacob Erikson and Cecilia Sörensen, both of Chicago	"	Mrs. John Peterson
126.	27 July	Ernst Hinz and Augusta Olson, both of Chicago	"	- - -

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127.	29 July	Gustaf Swenson and Christine Spik, both from Värmland	"	- - -
128.	2 Aug.	Pehr Magn. Johnson and Carolina Israelson, both from Nora	Rectory	- - -
129.	5 Aug.	William Friedlender and Anna Evans, both of Chicago	"	Mr. Ericson; Mr. Sandbeck
130.	7 Aug.	Charles Larsen and Gunilla Behrens (?), both of Chicago	122 N. Peoria Street	The parents of the couple
131.	9 Aug.	Noah Dier Annis and Mrs. Mary Sophia Quinby, both of Chicago	Rectory	- - -
132.	9 Aug.	William Anderson and Andrea Anderson, both of Norway	"	- - -
133.	11 Aug.	Axel Fredr. Anderson and Carolina Samuelson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	- - -
134.	14 Aug.	Andrew Anderson and Mrs. Mary Anderson, both of Chicago	63½ Chicago Avenue	Mr. Liljeberg and wife; Mr. Svenson and wife
135.	14 Aug.	John Chas. Woods of Chicago and Anna Anderson from Halmstad	138 Green Street	Mr. Vois and wife
136.	21 Aug.	Claes Jos. Olson and Fredrika Peterson, both from Älvsborg <i>län</i>	Rectory	Mr. Nilson and wife
137.	24 Aug.	Oscar Lindström from Skara and Anna Wahlström from Skövde	"	Mr. Holtfort and wife
138.	29 Aug.	Ole Person and Bengta Isakson, both from Malmöhus <i>län</i>	"	Magn. Isakson; John Peterson and Miss Betty Manson

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139.	1 Sept.	Fredrik Norman and Helene Johnson, both from Stockholm	153 Townsend Street	Starkenberg and wife; Mrs. Johnson; Mrs. Peterson
140.	2 Sept.	Edward Edwards of Chicago and Clara Augusta Peterson from Stockholm	83 Chicago Avenue	Mr. Anderson and wife
141.	5 Sept.	Peter Gustaf Björling from Vadstena and Augusta Erikson from Uppsala	Rectory	Joh. Adolf Björling; Fredr. Gustafson
142.	11 Sept.	Oscar Zephanias Carlson and Hulda Rose Euge. Starkenberg, both from Motala	"	Axel Carlson and wife; Hilda Carlson
143.	11 Sept.	Anders Mattson and Elna Anderson, both from Kristianstad <i>län</i>	"	Andr. Larson
144.	13 Sept.	Nils Palm from Kristianstad <i>län</i> and Anna Carin Anderson from Skaraborg <i>län</i>	"	Mr. Palm; Mrs. Stafving
145.	22 Sept.	Charles Wilson and Ingrid Peterson, both of Chicago	"	Mrs. Em. Anderson; Mrs. Bredberg
146.	25 Sept.	Alfred Jackson and Emma Swenson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	Frank Johnson; Anna Carlson
147.	27 Sept.	John Ahlberg from Stockholm and Sara Helena Reiner from Östergötland <i>län</i>	"	J.A. Renhorn and wife
148.	2 Oct.	Nils Paulson and Betty Peterson, both from Skåne	"	Ole Pehrson and wife; Per Larson
149.	2 Oct.	Martin Larson and Mary Abrahamson, both from Småland	"	Am.M. Lind and wife; G.A. Johnson

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150.	8 Oct.	Anders Pet. Anderson from Närke and Christina Charlotte Olson from Västmanland	"	A.J. Johnson; Lars Pehrson and Anna Lilja
151.	9 Oct.	John Peterson and Mathilda Maria Lundahl, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	Rectory	Mr. Rundgren and wife; A.J. Johnson
152.	10 Oct.	Andrew Hellberg from Helsingborg and Mary Carlson from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	John Olson and Lars Aarhus
153.	11 Oct.	Samuel Wilson from Telemark, Norway	"	Mr. Hopkins and wife
154.	16 Oct.	and Amalia Mathilda Fagerström from Östergötland John Peter Wingård and Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	Mrs. Anna Johnson; August Jacobson
155.	1 Oct.	Anders Magnus Holmberg and Wendela Magnuson, both from Kronoberg <i>län</i>	"	- - -
156.	16 Oct.	Anders August Swensen and Anna Franson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	Olof Johanson and Christine Johanson
157.	25 Oct.	Clas Johnson from Linköping <i>län</i> and Anna Peterson from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	W. Johnson and wife
158.	27 Oct.	Fredrik Nyström and Charl. Gustava Nilson, both from Kalmar <i>län</i>	231 Franklin Street	Mr. Nyström and wife; Amelia Nyström; Mr. Lundahl and wife; Mr. Hensell
159.	28 Oct.	Jacob Dahlson from Gotland; Anna Lovisa Johnson from Vetlanda Parish (Jön.)	186 Dearborn Street	J.U. Johnson and wife; B. Anderson and wife
160.	30 Oct.	Gustaf Johnson and Augusta Charlotta Hjerpe, both from Skaraborg <i>län</i>	Rectory	Carl Anderson and wife
161.	30 Oct.	John Frid and Clara Johnson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	Charl. Blomquist and wife

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162.	6 Nov.	John Peterson and Christine Olson, both from Stockholm	Rectory	G. Carlson and wife
163.	6 Nov.	Andr. Gustaf Forslund from Dalarna and Johanna Johnson of Chicago	"	Andrew Johnson; Carin Swendson
164.	7 Nov.	John Nilson and Mathilda Swenson, both from Halmstad	337 Third Avenue	Edv. Peterson and wife
165.	12 Nov.	Alexander Root and Caroline Lovis. Anderson, both from Östergötland	Rectory	Mrs. Carin Peterson
166.	13 Nov.	Gustaf Adolph Laurell from Jönköping and Christina Lovisa Carlson from Kalmar <i>län</i>	"	C.E. Brunberg and wife; Mrs. Hanson
167.	16 Nov.	Nicolaus Johnson and Mrs. Charlotte Budjeur, both from Stockholm	"	John Anderson
168.	17 Nov.	Anders Fredrik Quist and Lovisa Erikson, both from Kalmar <i>län</i>	"	Mrs. P.U. Smith
169.	19 Nov.	Pehr Bergström and Ingrid Solberg, both from Vingåker Parish (Söd.)	"	And. Magn. Anderson
170.	19 Nov.	Hans Erik Rossing and Cathar. Soph. Envall, both of Chicago	24 Bremer Street	- - -
171.	24 Nov.	Charles Christian Arnold (German) and Ellen Carson from Ireland	Rectory	Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland
172.	25 Nov.	Johan Alfred Köhler from Nyköping and Emelie Augusta Olson from Västergötland	"	Mr. Sundstedt and wife

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173.	29 Nov.	Johan Peter Johnson and Lovisa Charlotta Carlson, both of Jönköping <i>län</i>	Rectory	- - -
174.	1 Dec.	Henry Benson from Malmöhus <i>län</i> and Mathilda Willman from Jönköping	"	- - -
175.	3 Dec.	Per Aug. Johnson and Maria Lovisa Erlandson, both from Kalmar <i>län</i>	"	Mrs. Carin Peterson; Hilda Nilson
176.	7 Dec.	John Lind from Östergötland <i>län</i> and Johanna Rydell from Östergötland <i>län</i>	"	J.A. Törnwall and wife
177.	7 Dec.	Jerome Boniface Darling and Mrs. Ruth Elin Dilabus, both of Chicago	"	Cornel. McGinnis; Mrs. Thayer
178.	11 Dec.	Charles Wessman of Chicago and Maren Olina Davidsen from Norway	"	Charles West and wife; John Brown and William Johnson
179.	16. Dec.	August Swenson and Johanna Erikson, both from Östergötland <i>län</i>	"	- - -
180.	21 Dec.	August Peterson and Emelia Johnson, both of Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	- - -
181.	24 Dec.	Charles Anderson and Charlotte Anderson, both from Jönköping <i>län</i>	"	- - -
182.	26 Dec.	Joseph Blomberg from Norrbotten and Inger Guldbbrand from Norway	"	John Norling and wife
183.	26 Dec.	Johan Norling from Jönköping <i>län</i> and Lovisa Johnson from Värmland	"	J. Blomberg and wife

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