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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.

Andersson

I am searching for the date of death of my grand-uncle Sven August Andersson, b. in Kroksmåla, Vissefjärda Parish (Kalm.) 12 June 1873. He emigr. 21 March 1896, probably to Duluth, MN, the area where his brothers Carl Johan and Peter Gustaf worked. According to our Swedish relatives he was known as August, was over two meters tall and very strong. He was "the strong man" in a travelling circus and was shot to death by his roommate in Chicago.

Anything on this unique story that can be found would be very much appreciated.

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Aronsson

When and where did the marriage of Olaus/Olof Aronsson and Anna Lovisa Petersdotter occur? Olaus was b. in Fristad Parish (Älvs.) 1815 and his wife in nearby Gingri Parish in 1822. Their first child was b. in 1844, so possibly the marriage occurred in the early 1840s.

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Nilsson/Björk

I want information on Carl Nilsson or Björk (his father's name), b. in Vånga Parish (Krist.) 13 Nov. 1829, who emigr. to the U.S. via Denmark 5 May 1857. A letter from relatives in the U.S. in 1907 related the rumor that Carl Nilsson/Björk had become a wealthy man trading with the Indians and that he subsequently had gone to Sheffield, England, where he d. ca. 1900.

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Larsson

Information requested on the children of my grandfather's (*morfars*) sister, Eva Charlotta (Lotta) Carlsson, dau. of Johannes Carlsson and Margareta Christina Holmström, b. in Norra Kedum Parish (Skar.) 10 Dec. 1850 and m. to Lars Johan Larsson, b. in Örslösa Parish (Skar.) 1 Sept. 1848, on 18 June 1871. She d. 19 Dec. 1884. The children were—Ulrika Charlotta, b. 15 May 1872; Ellen Christina, b. 6 Dec. 1873; Hilma, b. 7 Jan 1877; Gustaf, b. 22 Nov. 1879; Anna, b. 22 Aug. 1881 and Arvid, b. 9 June 1883. The family tradition is that the children moved to Canada. Ellen, however, d. in Öxnered, Vassända Parish (Älvs.) in 1949.

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Almgren/Almgren

I would appreciate information about Sven (Swan) Almgren, b. in Sweden 3 March 1834, d. in Rio, Knox Co., IL 30 April 1911. He was m. to Mathilda ----, b. in Sweden ca. 1829, and who d. in Rio between 1870 and 1880. Need names of parents and place of birth. They had two children—Mathilda (Tillie) Almgren, b. in Sweden 11 May 1863, who d. in Rio 6 June 1932, and m. Amos Hinchliff of Rio; and Swan (called Monie) Almgren, also b. in Sweden, about three years younger than his sister.

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Gustavsson

I am looking for descendants in the U.S. of two brothers, both b. in Söne Parish (Skar.), the sons of Gustav Johansson, b. 3 Dec. 1826—Malkus Gustavsson, b. 24 March 1853, who emigr. 25 May 1882 and Adolf Gustavsson, b. 9 June 1862, who emigr. from Rackeby Parish (Skar.) 30 April 1886. They also had a brother Alexander Gustavsson, who emigr. together with Adolf and who d. in Rockford, IL 9 Nov. 1906. Their father, a widower, emigr. to America 5 May 1891 and probably joined his sons there.

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Westin

Margareta Eriksdotter, b. in Härva, Åbygge, Hille Parish (Gävl.) 30 Sept. 1827, moved to the village of Oppala in the same parish, where she probably met Olof Westin, b. in Oppala 9 June 1828. They had a s. Olof, b. 17 June 1853. Less

than two months later the family emigr. to America 12 Aug. 1853. Margareta Erikdotter was a sister of my grandmother, Kristina Magdalena Erikdotter, who m. Johan Olof Ekström. I have not been able to pick up the trail of the Olof Westin family in America. Can anyone help me?

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Bodinson

Gustavus Adolphus Bodinson was b. in Rock Island, IL in 1877 and appears in the U.S. Census for 1900 in Kearney, NE. His parents were Andrew and Katherine Bodinson, both b. in Sweden in 1855. Can anyone tell me from which parish the Bodinson family came?

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Eliasson/Olsson

I am seeking information on my grandparents—Anders Wilhelm Eliasson, b. in Sweden in May 1867, who emigr. 1884 and Anna Olsson, b. possibly in Hylla, Blentarp Parish (Malm.) 14 Oct. 1864, who emigr. 1890. They were m. in Afton, Washington Co., MN 11 Jan. 1896 in the Swedish Methodist Church. In 1900 he was living as a stone mason in Valley City, ND. By 1904 he was res. in Litchville, ND under the anglicized name of William Ellison/ Elliason. We have had no information on him since 1905. Any help or leads would be appreciated.

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Hedlund

My grandfather, Gustaf Herman Hedlund, was b. in Forsbacka, Valbo Parish (Gävl.) 22 June 1872, the s. of Carl Hedlund, b. in Valbo 4 May 1831, and Agneta Christina Elzvik, b. in Sundborn Parish (Kopp.) 10 April 1831. He had the following siblings—Carl Johan, b. in Sundborn (?) 27 Sept. 1855; Fredrik Wilhelm, b. in Svartnäs Parish (Kopp.) 18 July 1860 and Amanda Christina, b. in Valbo 12 Nov. 1867. For some time Carl Johan was employed in the Forsbacka Mill. In 1875 the family left Valbo for Högbo Parish (Gävl.). I would appreciate any information of Gustaf's siblings and their descendants as well as information concerning the parents.

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Olson, Martinsdotter, Christianson

I'd like information concerning Amalia (Molly) Olson, b. in Rännelien, Skee Parish (Göt.) ca. 1862, the granddau. of Kristian Olsson, b. in Rännelien ca. 1811 and his wife, Ingeborg Martinsdotter, b. in Kitteröd, also in Skee, ca. 1811. Together with another grandchild, Martin, who in the U.S. called himself Martin Johnson, also b. in Skee ca. 1866, this family group emigr. from Göteborg 6 July 1877, bound for Paxton, IL. Molly was my grandmother, who at first worked in a tile yard for an uncle and two cousins—Frank and Charles. What happened to Kristian and Ingeborg?

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Rockefeller

I am looking for information concerning Constantia Eriksson, b. ca. 1860-1875, dau. of Magnus Eriksson, a sea captain (?), b. in Veddige Parish (Hall.) 29 March 1841 and who later res. in Göteborg. Constantia was m. to an unknown Rockefeller in Florida ca. 1880-1895. I have a delightful photo of her taken along Fifth Avenue in New York City.

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Wallén

Elof Mauritz Wallén, b. in Varberg 29 March 1840 and his brother, Carl Leonard Wallén, also b. in Varberg 21 Sept. 1843, were the sons of Anders Wallén and Thalena Persdotter. They emigr. to America in 1861 or later. I would like to know what happened to these brothers and if they left living descendants.

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Grape

Members of our Swedish family Grape are scattered all over the U.S. There may be hundreds of them. We would be pleased to hear from them. Perhaps we could organize a genealogical society. Feel free to contact me with your Grape family information.

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