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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.

Radman

I am looking for information on my great grandmother's family. She was Maja Lovisa Radman and had eleven brothers and sisters, all the children of Anders Mårtensson Radman and Lisa Andersdotter, who both d. in 1868. Maja emigr. to America in the 1800s. Any information would be appreciated.

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Andreasson, Kristiansdotter

I have been attempting to research my maternal grandfather's brother, who emigr. to America 31 Aug. 1900. He was Axel Pontus Andreasson, b. in Tölleby, Stenkyrka Parish (Göt.) 15 Dec. 1871. He was m. to Augusta Kristiansdotter, b. 17 Nov. 1861, with whom he had three children—Agda Paulina, b. 26 May 1892; Gerda Constantia, b. 20 Aug. 1895 and Klemens Algot, b. 12 Dec. 1899. The wife and children departed for America 4 Aug. 1903. Can anyone help?

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Lath, Lätt

I would like to know something about my grandmother, Theckla Wilhelmina Lath or Lätt, b. in Göthala (either in Skar. or Ög.) 13 Nov. 1857, the dau. of Adolf Lath (Lätt) and Anna Stina Swanson (Svensson). She m. David Barclay Sutherland in Carlsbad, NM 5 Aug. 1895 and d. there 16 June 1907. They had two children—Edward Barclay, my father, and a dau. named Dora. I know little of my grandmother, nothing of her background. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

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Persson

I am looking for information regarding two brothers, who emigr. to America toward the end of the 19th century. They were Anders Magnus Persson, b. 25 Sept. 1856 and Johan Alfred Persson, b. 22 Dec. 1869—both in Trökörna Parish (Skar.). They were my maternal grandmother's brothers. Their last known address was - 2017 South 19th Street, Lincoln, NE.

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Hagerstrand, Palmer

Seeking information on my father, Erland Leonard Hagerstrand, a machinist who emigr. ca. 1900 as well as my mother, Jennie Palm(er), believed to have emigr. ca. 1901. It is believed that they were married ca. 1901 in Atlantic City, NJ, then moved to Michigan City or Gary and later to Chicago in the early 1900s. Erland Hagerstrand also had a number of brothers or half-brothers named Swenson or Swanson, who also res. in Chicago. Jennie had at least one brother, Peter Palmer, who worked in Waco, TX, after service in WW I.

The Hagerstrands moved to Wayne, IL ca. 1916 or 1917 when Erland became master mechanic with the Aurora-Elgin-Chicago Interurban R.R.

Jennie d. in 1921 and the children were placed in orphanages, first in Elgin, IL, and then in Waukesha, WI. We know nothing concerning the origins of either father or mother. I can recall some discussion of the Jönköping area in Sweden.

I am interested in locating any information about the family and its origins in Sweden.

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Johansdotter, Pavalloffs

I am desirous of finding information concerning Anna Lovisa Johansdotter, b. in Tuna Parish (Kalm.) 21 Nov. 1837, the dau. of Johannes Jacobsson and Maja Stina Nilsson. She m. a Russian general by the name of N. Pavalloffs (in Russia?). She d. in Stromsburg, NE 2 Jan. 1884.

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Simpson, Svenson

Caroline Simpson (Svenson?) was b. in Pelarne Parish (Kalm.) 4 Sept. 1845, the dau. of John and Maja (Johnson?). She arr. in the U.S. in 1851 with her father and her sister, Sofia, after the mother's death. She located in Sugar Grove, PA, near Chandlers Valley and Jamestown, NY, where she m. Hagen Hagens, a Norwegian 2 Nov. 1864. In Nov. 1871 the couple appeared in Farmersville, a community near Paxton, IL.

The sister Sofia m. Gustaf Eric Nelson and arr. in Princeton, IL before going to Farmersville in 1864. There are many gaps in the story before 1871. Any help in clearing up the early part of the narrative would be much appreciated.

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Nilsson, Nelson

My great grandparents, Nils Petter Nilsson and his wife Maria Kristina Johansdotter arr. in America 1860. They located in Woodhull, IL, before going to Stromsburg, NE. Any word as to what ship they arrived on?

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Vestlund (Westlund), Svensson

I would like to be able to trace some of my relatives who emigr. to the U.S. ca. 80 years ago. These were:

1. Anna Maria Vestlund (Westlund), née Svensson, b. in Tving Parish (Blek.) 18 Dec. 1889. She m. Valter (Walter) Vestlund (Westlund) and her last known address was 4314 N. Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, MN.

2. Her brother, Sven Svensson, also b. in Tving 30 June 1893. His last known address was 4318 N. Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, MN.

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Norin, Engman

I am seeking descendants of the family of Olof Norin (1818-1880), a miller from Undersvik Parish (Gävl.) who with his sister Margareta Engman emigr. to America. I have been told that some of his or her descendants lived in Bishop Hill, IL.

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Stille

The articles of Fritz Nordström and Peter Stebbins Craig have probably created an interest in the old Stille family in America. But this was not the only Stille family in Sweden in the 17th century. At least three now living Stille families in Sweden can trace their roots back to that time. It is not unlikely that there might exist some sort of relationship among them, but this still has to be proved. Members of these families have in later times emigr. to the U.S. I am interested in what became of them and if there are any descendants. Of course, I have a particular interest in my own relatives:

1. Fredrik Johansson Stille, b. in Rogberga Parish (Jön.) 28 Feb. 1819, who emigr. 1849.

2. Helena Claesdotter Stille, my great great grandmother, b. in Rogberga Parish in 1813, who emigr. to the U.S. 1869 with her children Johanna Carolina, b. 1832; Claes Gustaf, b. 1841 and Carl August, b. 1850. The latter was res. in Chicago in 1885.

3. Maria Charlotta Stille, b. in Rogberga Parish in 1815, her husband, Anders Magnus Svensson, and her children—Gustaf, b. 1849; Carolina, b. 1854; Johan, who took the name Stille, b. 1856, who became a farmer in Norwich, ND and Carl, b. 1859.

4. Johan August Stille, b. in Jönköping 1825, res. in Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA.

5. Kaleb Ragnar Filippus Stille, b. in Tranås (Jön.) 1891, emigr. to New York 1920.

Any information concerning these persons or others with the name of Stille would be very much appreciated.

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Älm, Elm

I am looking for information regarding two families named Älm or Elm, who emigr. to the U.S. These were:

1. Anders Karl Johansson Älm or Elm, b. in Säby Parish (Jön.) 17 Aug. 1820, emigr. 28 May 1869 with his wife, Anna Stina Nilsson, b. in Torpa (unknown which county) 2 April 1815 and his children, Anders Johan, b. 19 Nov. 1850; Anna Maria, b. 12 Feb. 1852; Carl Fredrik, b. 13 March 1854 and Hedda Lovisa, b. 25 Sept. 1856.

2. Johan Fredrik Älm or Elm, b. in Säby Parish 12 Oct. 1824, emigr. to the U.S. 6 Aug. 1858 from Stora Åby Parish (Ög.) with his wife, Anna Sophia Johansdotter, b. in Säby 3 Aug. 1831 and two children—Carl Johan August, b. 25 Dec. 1856 and Anna Olivia, b. 5 May 1858.

In a newspaper dated 29 March 1880 a mention is made of John Elm as res. in Princeton, IL.

Are there perhaps relatives of these people still living today?

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Kilstrom, Manerbery

I am looking for information regarding three sisters, named Kilstrom (originally Kihlstrom), who emigr. ca. 1885-1900, probably through the port of Göteborg. They were b. in Knostad (?), outside of Säffle in Värmland. The first of these sisters was Arinna, possibly Arrinai who m. a chap named Mannerberey, but who changed his name to Manerbery. They had at least one dau. Arina Emiliai Manerbery. Arrinai first settled in Bloomington, IL and after her marriage settled in Chicago. The other two sisters were Anna and Maria, of which one lived in Peoria, but no trace has been found of them.

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Petersson, Ericksson

I would appreciate any help I could get concerning my grandfather, Johan August Petersson, b. in Ladö, Nöbböle Parish (Kron.) 16 March 1869. He emigr. from Malmö 3 May 1888, destined for Center City, MN. I have been unable to trace his whereabouts until Oct. 1908 when he was in Minneapolis, MN. My grandmother, Nanny Elisabeth Ericksson came over with her family. Her father was Gustaf Ericksson, b. in Ringhult, Väckelsång Parish (Kron.) 12 Feb. 1833 and her mother was Johanna Johansdotter, b. in Ladö, Nöbböle Parish 2 Jan. 1833. Other siblings were Amanda Catharina, b. 22 June 1864; Carolina, b. 4 April 1866; David, b. 27 April 1873 and Nanny, b. 13 April 1879. This family departed from Malmö 13 Oct. 1881, destined for Wyoming, MN, but I have been unable to trace their arrival in the U.S.

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Strindberg

My grandfather's brother, Knut Natanael Strindberg, b. in Malmö 1 May 1905, departed from Göteborg for Chicago 16 Sept. 1923. We have lost touch with him. In one of his letters home he mentioned that he had two children. Can anyone help?

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Hansson

My grandfather Carl Johan Hansson was b. in Örebro 4 Dec. 1862 and emigr. to the U.S. where he m. a Swedish woman, Ida Amanda Gustafsdotter 3 Jan. 1894. Ida was b. in Rödeby Parish (Blek.) 25 June 1872. She emigr. to the U.S. 27 Feb. 1891, but returned to Sweden and d. 12 Feb. 1904. We know that my grandfather was alive in 1930-1940 and was then res. at 714 West 35th Street, Ashtabula, OH. I would be glad to get information about him.

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Nordholm

I am looking for information concerning several of my relatives named Nordholm, who emigr. to the U.S. in the 1880s. My uncle Sven Nordholm, b. in Norje, Ysane Parish (Blek.) in 1857, d. in Salt Lake City, UT in 1923, probably a bachelor. He had two cousins, Sven Nordholm, b. 17 Nov. 1831 and Per Nordholm, b. 11 May 1835, who both were sea captains and also emigrated. I would be most interested in hearing from anyone having knowledge of these men. For that matter I am interested to hear from any Nordholms in the U.S.

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Conference at the University of Delaware March 3-5, 1988

“The New Sweden Colony in America:
17th Century Scandinavian Pioneers and Their Legacy”

New Sweden, the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware River Valley, was established in 1638. Although the colony was conquered by the Dutch in 1655, the Swedish and Finnish settlers remained in America and contributed to the log cabin and other important technological innovations to American life. The conference will include sessions on Swedish-Indian relations, Swedish colonial policy, the life and culture of the Swedish and Finnish settlers and the long-term effects of the colonial venture!

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