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**Hendrickson, Pickens**

My husband’s second great grandfather was Andrew Hendrickson, b. in Gloucester Co., NJ (probably Swedesboro) ca. 1830. He m. Rachael Pickens about 1849 or 1850 and then res. the rest of his life in Philadelphia.

Who were Andrew Hendrickson’s parents? Were there any siblings? We are trying to determine if there is any connection back to the “Old Swedes House” (ca. 1690), built by his namesake, Andrew Hendrickson. We’d like to do this before the New Sweden 1988 celebration.

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**Swenson, Anderson, Olsson, Bryngelsdotter, Jonsson**

I am looking for information concerning my great grandparents and their ancestors in Sweden. My grandfather was b. in Sillerud Parish (Värmt.) 13 Sept. 1859 and came to America in 1880 with his siblings—Alfred, Carl, Abel, Brita Maria and Caroline. In Sweden their name was Anderson but changed it to Swenson here. Their father was Sven Andersson, b. in Svanskog Parish (Värmt.) 1816, the s. of Anders Olsson, b. in Svanskog 18 May 1790, and Britta Bryngelsdotter, b. in Laxarby Parish (Ålvs.) 1786. Their mother, Lisa Jonasdotter, was b. in Sillerud 1822, possibly the dau. of Jonas Jonsson. Sven Anderson had a brother Olof, b. in Svanskog 3 June 1819.

I am wondering if Olof has descendants in Sweden or if he also emigr.? Did Anders Olsson or Britta Bryngelsdotter have any siblings? I would like to share family information with possible relatives in Sweden or the U.S.

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**Skogerson**

My grandfather, Oley (Sven Olof) Skogerson, was b. in Sturkō Parish (Blek.) 1868 and arr. in the U.S. in 1870 with his parents. He m. in Ottumwa, IA 1888. In the *Minneapolis City Directory* for 1913 he is listed as a salesman for A. Olson & Co. In 1916 a final divorce decree between Oley and Hanna Edstrom Skogerson was granted by the Hennepin County District Court. This is the last
information I have concerning Oley. There is no record of his having d. in Minnesota. What happened to him?
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Jonsson-Boman

In my genealogy I am searching for my grandmother's father, Anders Jonsson-Boman, b. in Delsbo Parish (Gäv.) 30 Sept. 1842, who emigr. to the U.S. 1868. According to a photo taken 18 Sept. 1892 in Webster, SD he had three children—Anton, b. 1878; Betsy, b. 1873 and Jonas, b. 1875. I shall be grateful for any information concerning this family and descendants.
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Anstrand, Ahnstrand, Ohnstrand, Jonsdotter

I am looking for information on the members of this family and their descendants. Per Johan Ahnstrand was b. in Slaka Parish (Ög.) 28 June 1852 and d. in Chicago 26 April 1932. He m. 28 Oct. 1880 Anna Wilhelmina Jonsdotter, b. in Öninge, Ödeshög Parish (Ög.) 6 April 1852 and d. in Chicago 23 May 1933. Their descendants spell the name Anstrand:

a. Wilhelmina Christina (Minnie), b. in Ödeshög 22 April 1876; d. in Chicago 1907.
b. Carl Johan (Charles James), b. in Skärkind Parish (Ög.) 6 Oct. 1881; d. in Salt Lake City, UT 4 Oct. 1916.
c. Gustav Ewald, b. in Törnfell Parish (Ög.) 3 Oct. 1883; d. in Chicago 6 Dec. 1953.
d. Anna Maria, b. in Chicago 15 Sept. 1888; d. in Tucson, AZ 18 May 1961.
e. Harold Axel, b. in Chicago in July 1891.
f. George Walfred, b. in Chicago 9 June 1886; d. there 6 June 1961.

The family of Enoch Ohnstrand found in the Jamestown, NY Census for 1900 may be related in some way; how, I do not know.
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Andersson, Johansdotter

I am seeking information on Anton Niklas Andersson, b. in Svarteborg; Parish (Göt.) 31 Oct. 1836, who d. in Lysekil 10 Nov. 1920. His wife, Maj Stina Johansdotter, was b. in Krokskat Parish (Göt.) 10 Oct. 1838 and d. in Lysekil 25
Sept. 1904. The couple had two s., b. in Hede Parish (Göt.)—Carl (Charles)
1867. Both emigr. to Georgia in 1888 and 1897 respectively. There may have
been a third s., named Anders (Andrew). Will exchange information.
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Henry Astner, b. 19 May 1848, emigr. to Chicago 1869. In 1874 he re-emigr.
with his sister, Hanna, b. 14 Aug. 1858. In 1877 Henry res. in Moline, IL and in
1900 in Dubuque, IA with his wife, Caroline, b. in Sweden in March 1864 and
their two dau., Edna and Elfrida, b. in Iowa in Aug. 1882 and in July 1886
respectively. Hanna Astner is not mentioned in the probate records after the
deaths in Sweden of the parents in 1895 and 1899 respectively. I am interested in
all persons named Astner.
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Peter O. Noyd of Granite Co., MT arr. in Galva, IL in 1882, where three of
his father’s four younger brothers were res.—Lewis Noyd; Andrew J. Nyde
(whose children spelled the name Nide) and John Eric Noyd (whose children
spelled the name Nied). The fourth brother, Peter, who had emigr. to IL in 1868,
changed his name to Lindgren. Peter was b. 14 June 1846 and moved from Galva
to Kearney, NE in 1878, where his wife Emma G. Alin, b. in Sweden 1844, d.
1919.

Emma was bur. in the Kearney Cemetery, but there is no record of Peter’s
interment, nor gravestone. There were two dau., Emma E. Soderquist, b. in IL in
Oct. 1872 and Esther A. Gillespie, b. in NE in April 1878. What happened to
Peter Lindgren?
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Peter Sundquist, b. 4 April 1841, emigr. to Chicago 1881; his brother Swen,
b. 2 Feb. 1838, emigr. to Douglas Co., MN 1883 and a sister, Christina, b. 18 July
1846, emigr. in 1879. Peter had a dau. Amalia Åström, b. 12 Feb. 1874, who
emigr. to Yorkton, Sask., Canada. In 1893 Peter was res. in the State of
Washington. What happened to Peter Sundquist?
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Anderson

I am looking for information on my grandfather's brothers and sisters, the children of Anders Andersson and Sophia Svensdotter of Motala, Sweden.

Johan A. Andersson, my grandfather, was b. in Hagebyhöga Parish (Ög.) 1 June 1851 and changed his name to Johan A. Ekblad in 1881 before emigr. to the U.S. He had the following siblings—Hilda A., b. in Motala 24 Jan. 1855; Mathilda S., b. in Hagebyhöga 18 Feb. 1858, m. to Carl Westland and emigr. to Deerfield, NH; Emma C.A., b. in Motala 19 Oct. 1860; August W., b. in Motala 12 Dec. 1863 and changed his name to August W. Axén and finally Karl A., b. in Motala 25 April 1866, and who changed his name to Karl A. Draberg.

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Bergquist

I am interested in knowing what happened to members of the Bergquist family, originally from Åshult in Almundsryd Parish (Kron.) who emigr. to America. I am in the process of doing a family history of this Bergquist clan and will appreciate any leads I might get in America.

1. Eugenie Elise Josephine Bergquist, b. Angered Parish (Got.) 14 April 1848, emigr. 1867. She d. before 1903 and was m. to a merchant in Chicago named Svante Ridderburg, who d. before 1916. According to an estate inventory of 1916 there were four children—Walter R., a bookkeeper; Hilma R., m. to Boholdt C. Bossen-Sörensen, a merchant; Alice R., m. to her cousin, Percival Albihn and Lilly, m. to S.Y. Sandford, a merchant, all res. in Chicago.

2. Alma Gottfrida Isabella Bergquist, b. in Borås 2 April 1867, emigr. 1889, a niece of No. 1.

3. Samuel Axel Fredrik Bergquist, b. Hjortsberga Parish (Kron.) 1 Feb. 1863, emigr. 1886, known as a student. Supposedly became an engineer, was m. in 1909 and had a dau.

4. Maria Lovisa Bergquist, b. Pjatteryd Parish (Kron.) 26 Nov. 1858, emigr. 1883.


6. Anna Bergquist, b. Almundsryd 13 June 1864, emigr. to Chicago 1891, a sister of No. 5.


10. Eva Erica Bergquist, b. 5 March 1871, emigr. to Grand Crossing, IL 1891.
11. Alfred Bergquist, b. Almundsryd 31 May 1877, emigr. 1895, a brother of No. 10.

12. Carl Gottfrid Bergquist, b. Göteborg 3 Nov. 1878, emigr. to Chicago the first time around the turn of the century and became a cabinetmaker. He inherited some real estate in Göteborg and returned to Sweden in 1918. He re-emigr. 1926 with his family. He m. in the U.S. 10 June 1911 Martha Clara Katzman, b. in Chicago 12 March 1885. They had the following children—Eleanor Martha, b. Chicago 31 Jan. 1913, Carlton Gottfrid b. Chicago 26 July 1916, Verner Gotthard, b. Göteborg 29 May 1918, Evert Wilhelm, b. Göteborg 20 Oct. 1920 and Ellen Vera, also b. Göteborg 10 Nov. 1921.

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Johansson, Vanstrom

I am looking for the exit ports in Sweden and the entry ports in the U.S. for my ancestors—

1. Sven and Elna Johansson with dau. Malena arr. in 1854 from Färlöv Parish (Krist.).

2. Jacob and Salomon Wester Vanstrom (brothers) arr. in 1870 from Värset farm in Angelstad Parish (Kron.).

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Stare

I would like to get more data, especially the birth of Johannes Stare, soldier, b. in Fridlevstad Parish (Blek.) in 1786. He m. Ingrid Månsdotter 3 May 1811 and d. in Ljuder Parish (Kron.) 31 Jan. 1831.

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Anderson

I am trying to locate my grandmother, Eleanor Anderson/Haupt/Forsberg, who left my family in 1927. The last word from her was in the late 1950s. She b. in Brooklyn, NY 11 May 1904, the dau. of Swedish immigrants—Thure W. G. Anderson, b. in Stockholm 14 July 1878 and Ida W. Holm, b. in Glanshammar Parish (Öre.) 14 May 1881.

I would appreciate hearing about her whereabouts or perhaps the date and place of death.

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Sodermark

I am seeking information about my grandmother's family. Her name was Anna Maria Sodermark, b. in Sweden 20 Sept. 1873. Prior to 1895 she and her sister Emma arr. in America, passing through Ellis Island and settling in Brooklyn, NY. I would also like to correspond with others researching this family as well as with anyone with that name in Sweden or the U.S. So far as I know the name is nearly non-existent in the U.S.

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Björklund, Hammarström

Bror Oscar Björklund, b. Tuna Parish (Vn.) 6 Oct. 1871 was m. to Christina Henrika Sjölander, also b. in Tuna 2 July 1869, emigr. to the U.S. and settled in Stanford (state unknown). After the death of Björklund, Christina remarried a chap by the name of Mathisen. I am seeking information concerning possible descendants.

Olof Hammarström was b. in Borgsjö Parish (Vn.) 4 Oct. 1847 and was m. to a midwife from Norway. They res. in Minnesota, being members of the Fish Lake Lutheran Church and had a s. named Karl Johan Uno, b. 5 July 1882. The family later moved to Monticello, MN, where I have not been able to trace them. We know that Hammarström d. but have no knowledge of what happened to his widow and son.

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