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150 Years Since First Swedes Arrived in Wisconsin

Axel Friman*

This year it will be exactly 150 years since the Friman family emigrated to the U.S. from Stenhammar in Varnhem Parish (Skar.) and settled in September 1838 in the town of Salem, Racine County, Wisconsin Territory. These were the first Swedes to settle in Wisconsin and pre-dated the arrival of the Gustaf Unonius group to Wisconsin in 1841 and the Bishop Hill group which arrived in Illinois in 1846.

Six years ago the Friman Family Association was organized in Sweden for the purpose of preserving the knowledge of this unusual and early emigration and as well to preserve the family memorabilia, particularly the letters exchanged between Sweden and the United States. Some of the members of the association are therefore flying to Chicago this year to visit the places connected to the Friman venture and to participate in the festivities arranged by the Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin as well as Westgöta Gille of Chicago, a gathering of persons whose origin in Sweden is the province of Västergötland.

The Friman contingent at the time of emigrating 1838 consisted of a newly retired regimental clerk at the Skaraborg Regiment, the 56 year-old Carl Friman (1781-1862) and five of his six sons (the wife and one son remained in Sweden). The sons and their ages were—Carl Johan, 17; Wilhelm, 14; Adolf, 11; Herman, 9; and Otto, 6. They arrived in New York 9 July 1838 aboard the vessel Rosen from Göteborg.¹

Already the following year, in 1839, the father and the son Herman had to return to Sweden, travelling back aboard the Swedish brig Svea, J.E. Nissen, captain. The vessel departed from New York ca. 20 June and arrived back in Göteborg ca. 10 August.

This separation caused a break in the communications for the father in Sweden and the young sons, left behind in Salem. The father was of course anxious to know how his four sons were doing in a strange land and they in turn needed all the support and encouragement from the parents and the rest of the clan in the old country. It has not been possible to determine when the first attempts were made to achieve contact by mail, or who initiated the procedure.

The publication of emigrant letters in Swedish newspapers has been quite helpful in mapping the letter exchange. In the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet,

¹Col. Axel Friman resides at Dr. Forseliusgata 28, 413 26 Göteborg, SWEDEN.
published 6 April 1842, we find a headline which reads “Letters from Swedish Colonists in the United States” as well as a very interesting and informative introduction of Carl Friman, the father, and the two first letters from the sons in Wisconsin. These letters were dated Salem 18 Jan. 1841 and Salem 11 Aug. and 6 Sept. 1841. These have been labeled by the father when he later made them available to *Aftonbladet* as “The first letter” and “The second letter.”

How long did it take for mail contact to be established between Sweden and the U.S. after the father and Herman had departed for Sweden in the early summer of 1839?

The first letter from the sons, dated 18 Jan. 1841 begins with the following commentary: “Today we received Father’s beloved and long desired letter of 26 July (1840).” This was the first letter sent westward to reach the addressees, and had presumably been on the road close to six months. Obviously it was long overdue, from the time of the farewell, during the early summer of 1839, to the middle of January 1841, a period of close to twenty months. It is easy to understand how lonely and abandoned these young lads must have felt at various times during this long period of waiting. The father had, of course, attempted at various times to contact the sons by letter. In a note to the second letter the sons wrote, the father says: “I have written to them twice, before I received their first letter, which had been on the road a total of five months (their letter had been in transit only two months).”

In Carl Friman’s introduction, mentioned earlier, he writes that “They were the first Swedes, which settled in that region, and the first to have corresponded with us.” There seems to be no reason to dispute this statement. So far as we know, the “first letter” cannot be located in the original version. Perhaps it was forwarded to the newspaper for verification when it appeared in *Aftonbladet.*

The original version of “the second letter,” however, is extant. It is a beautiful example of an early letter sent before the introduction of postage stamps. It was mailed from North America via Southport, WI to New York, Le Havre, Hamburg, Stralsund to Skövde in Sweden and finally to Lidköping. It is easy to understand how a letter could be enroute months at a time. The letter is also a good example from the point of view of content, particularly when one realizes that the ages of the correspondents ranged from 20 years to nine years. It is presented here as an example of an early emigrant letter from Wisconsin.

“Salem, 14 August and 6 September 1841.

Dear Father:

Last Sunday we were happy to receive your letter of 25 March, telling us that you and our friends were in good health. What a pleasure it is to be able to communicate, even though we are so widely separated by the ocean. We are all well, thank God. But the unhealthful season is approaching, so we are not yet safe from the ague, which is the most prevalent sickness among the immigrants from Europe who are not accustomed to the climate and the work; but we hope the country will be healthful when it is more densely populated and the swamps have
been drained. Wilhelm, Adolf and I had malaria for three months in the summer of 1839. Last summer I had Bileet (?) fever for about three months, but my brothers were well. Wilhelm, who next to Adolf, was the most sickly in Sweden, is now the healthiest and strongest among us and has to work the hardest. As you know, I perspire profusely when I work and have to drink so much, which can be very dangerous. Adolf is a splendid boy, but he is still small and weak and unable to be of much help. As you know, he has a good mind and under my tutelage has arrived at the stage where he can read newspapers and books. Otto is still short but rather quick and wiry. He stays at home.

We have had many misfortunes since you were here. First of all, our Lane cow* got mired in the swamp and was dead when we found her the next day; then our hay and corn crop burned in a prairie fire and last spring during a severe storm a tree fell on one of our oxen and crushed his back. He is still alive and we intend to butcher him for Christmas.

Through all of this, if God grants us health, we see hopes for a comfortable living in the future. We have worked and have bought another calf, a bull calf and an ox to replace the injured one. We have pigs and five acres of good corn. Next fall we intend to sow five acres of wheat on new land. As yet we have not cultivated much of our own farm, since we have had to work for the Yankees to get money for clothes, which here are exorbitantly expensive. The clothes we brought from Sweden wore out a long time ago. A coat costs twelve dollars, a pair of trousers five, and a pair of boots four dollars. If we only had strong Swedish worsted. We are kept at work all the time in order to clothe ourselves. Clothes are the most expensive things here. If we had clothes, we could live quite comfortably. We are glad to hear that the Swedes are beginning to awaken from their slumber. Here there is still an abundance of land, but they must come soon, because it is selling fast. The Swedes ought to come next summer if possible, for the best land is bought up first. It would be a good chance to send some clothes with them. Our greatest need is woolen clothes and stockings. If they measured our items on Pelle, I am sure that they would be large enough for Wilhelm and me. Adolf is about your size. Do not send hardware, because it is too heavy.

In case there should be no Swedes leaving for America next summer, could you send a trunk of clothes with a Swedish sea captain, addressed to us in care of Mr. Ernst Zachrisson or some other trustworthy person who could arrange with a company in New York to forward a shipment to Detroit, or still better, to Southport. I do not know, however, if the latter can be done. In such case we should probably have to pay the freight from Detroit.

About one hundred Norwegian families reside ca. sixteen miles north of here. They are a very industrious people and some are quite prosperous. We have been invited there but as yet have not had time to go. We intend to visit there soon. A young minister from Stockholm has also come. His name is Linblom or Lindblom. Was there such a person in Stockholm? He left for Norway to learn the Norwegian language, came to New York last fall, and is now a clergyman among the Norwegians and intends to marry a Norwegian girl.

I wish that a considerable number of Swedes would come over together and buy enough land in order to prevent the Yankees from separating us. It is better to live in a group. Next spring I intend to build a house so that we can receive the Swedes upon their arrival. If we have good health, we hope to buy more land and
build on a hill. We would be happy if you could come over and live near us. Can’t you get your pension transferred to the U.S.? I don’t know what the conditions would be.

Rittbrock, as you know, expected money. He has now received 700 dollars and expects more. He is now erecting a large house and next year intends to construct a large barn. Wilhelm and I are at the present time working the harvest for Mr. Perkins in Burlington. Together we must cut eight acres a day. In Sweden we did not do that much. It is quite hard work. The Yankees are a strong and quick people and work extremely hard. Wages are low and so is the price of wheat, but it is also the best time for emigrants to come. Last fall one hundred families from Pomerania arrived in Milwaukee, and a large group is expected next spring. Milwaukee is growing quite rapidly and has now 2,500 inhabitants; Southport has about 1,200; Burlington with its new factories is destined to become an important place; Geneva is a flourishing town—this summer thirty new houses are going up there and in the near future we shall have a railroad from Southport to Geneva.

The Yankees are not like the Swedes, who would rather go up the street for a drink or waste their money on fancy food. The Yankees live well, but they do not put on large dinners. On the other hand they proceed building their railroads and canals. Money, however, has been tight for some time, causing work on the railroads and canals to stop, but we trust that conditions will improve.

This fall we are to build a bridge across the Fox River on Rittbrock’s land at a cost of $600.00. I have contributed ten dollars toward the project, Rittbrock forty and Bondy fifty. The road will thus be four miles shorter than the one past Bullen’s. The road will cross our land and there will be much traffic.

If we are well next winter, we intend to attempt the splitting of rail from our hardwood oaks in order to fence in 120 acres and then next year plow up twenty acres, if possible.

This summer we had to work for others so that we were not in the position to cultivate much of our farm. The soil here is quite fertile, yielding from 30 to 60 bushels of corn to the acre without the benefit of fertilizer. The crops are generally of good quality.

An accident occurred last week in that a steamboat, Erie, caught fire and burned on Lake Erie. The fire began when bottles of spirits of turpentine had been placed too close to the fire and exploded. About 200 of the 230 passengers lost their lives, including 100 Swiss emigrants who were going to Illinois to settle. They belonged to the upper classes and had brought with them $300,000.00 in gold. There were about 200 life preservers on board, but there was no time to make use of them. Since such accidents seldom occur, this should not frighten the Swedes from coming. They should come next summer, if there is any possible way. They must bring plenty of clothes, for, as you know, the excess weight (beyond the 100 pounds allowed each passenger) is taxed at the rate of one dollar per hundred pounds. We wish you could send us some fur caps like those Anders bought in Uppsala. Here they cost eight to twelve dollars each. We need them, for, as you know, our winters are quite cold. We had a late and cold spring, but a rather warm summer. We produce everything but apples in Wisconsin, but we shall soon have them also. Our neighbor Bondy has apple trees which will bear next year, so the Swedes will not miss old Sweden at all.
P.S. 6 September

We have only one authority here, whom we have elected ourselves. General Harrison, as you probably heard, is dead, having been president only one month. We thereby lost a grand general as well as president. His widow received the salary for the whole year. He was not wealthy until he became president. He lived on a farm consisting of 1,500 acres in North Bend near Cincinnati in Ohio. If he had lived we would have had a U.S. Bank, but our present president John Tyler, who was vice president, has rejected the idea of a bank, which has made the people quite unhappy. He is what we here call a turncoat, who plays both political parties. It will be three more years before we elect another president and I hope then that the Whigs will defeat the Democrats and so that we shall have either Daniel Webster or Henry Clay. The Democrats wish to elect Van Buren once more. All the governors and federal employees appointed by Jackson and Van Buren will then be dismissed and new Whigs be appointed in their stead.

We are not very afraid of a war with England, since Jonathan can whip old John Bull on land and at sea. They could not come as far as we are, since there are the narrow straits at Mackinac, and there we have two strong forts, so that they could never enter Lake Michigan. If England declares war on America, she will be certain to lose Canada, which is the last foothold she has in America. We still have some old generals who could whip her as decisively as Jackson and Harrison once did.

I see that there is quite a bit of unrest in Turkey, where the Turks are being quite barbarian toward the Christians. We receive fresh news from Europe. The steamships go from Liverpool to New York in twelve days. We receive our newspapers from Southport, which has two—one Whig and one Democrat. I have read many interesting books about the Revolution and the last war. I wish that you, Father, had them, because I know that you would like them. I have even read *The Life of Charles XII*. The Yankees believe that he was just as great a general as Washington. Napoleon is also well known here. Almost all the Yankees have read Walter Scott's works. Lindsay has Scott's *The Life of Bonaparte*. Each township or district in the older states have libraries, some containing 1,000 volumes, where young people may borrow books and read them free of charge. Thus the people here become quite well-mannered and cultured. The people here have better manners here than the middle classes in Europe. The Irish and the Scots are the worst which arrive from Europe. The Irish emigrate more than any other nation.

Fourth of July was celebrated here in a festive manner. The people in Geneva prepared a free dinner for 300 persons. I was also present. Songs were sung, which were very good. How do the Swedes celebrate Carl's Day? Are they able to shout hurrah! voluntarily?

Last winter I read a letter from an American in a temperance journal, dated Stockholm in October, who said that 'he is attempting to steer the Swedes away from the use of aquavit and that Bishop Franzen and Archbishop Wallin were working with him and that a temperance society was being organized in every lään.' I should be very glad if this were so. He said that there had been a crowd of 3,000 in Jämtland who had blessed him and America which had sent such a man.

This summer has been quite healthy. Not one person has been ailing. We
believe that this area should be quite healthy. Here it is more healthful than in Sweden.

My address is—Town of Salem, Racine County, Wisconsin Territory and the United States of North America.

I sent you a letter in February, Father. Did you receive it? Greet all relatives and friends!

Dear Father - write soon and don’t forget your devoted sons. Many greetings.

From Father’s Brave Sons

W. Freeman C.J.Friman


The second letter is also contained in Stephenson’s edition, pp. 59-64.

The Lane cow received its name from the fact that the cow had been bought from a shoemaker named Samuel Lane for $35.00. — Note in Aftonbladet, 6 April 1842.

Pehr Magnus Friman (1816-1874), the sixth of the Friman boys, who stayed in Sweden, my great-great grandfather.

Ernst Zachrisson (1809-1872), a Swedish merchant in New York, where he became a U.S. citizen 25 July 1845. He also served as Norwegian-Swedish consul. In 1847 he became acting consul in Panama but because he refused to take the Swedish consular oath, being a U.S. citizen, he was asked to resign 9 Dec. 1853. — SPANY, p. 7, n. 30.

He is unknown in this role. A Swedish student named Ossian Lindblom, born in Ronneby 4 Oct. 1816, was the son of Johan Christer (not Christian) Lindblom and Matta Christina Martinsdotter, who arrived in New York 17 July 1838 aboard the Swedish brig Elizabeth. He returned to Sweden in 1841 and received a passport to America there 1 May 1841, at which time he is listed as Oscar (sic!) Lindblom. He arrived in Boston 2 Aug. 1841 on board the vessel William from Göteborg. On the manifest he is listed as Oscar Lundblad, a naval officer. He owned a farm near Cumminsville on the outskirts of Cincinnati, which he sold in 1848 to a merchant named Ross. On 10 July 1850 Lindblom went to Panama, where he died the same year, not 1852. — SPANY, pp. 26-27, 60, Nils William Olsson, Swedish Passenger Arrivals in U.S. Ports (except New York) (Stockholm and St. Paul, MN 1979), pp. 10-11; Carl Sjöström, Blekinges nationen 1697-1900 (Lund 1901), p. 231; information courtesy Erik Wiken.

Adolph Rietbrock had arrived in the U.S. from Germany in 1837 and became one of the early successful pioneers in Racine Co. — The Grass Roots History of Racine County (Racine 1978), p. 545; information courtesy Ruth Trower, Racine, WI.

Possibly Pliny M. Perkins, who had arrived in Racine County in January 1837 and at one time owned 1,200 acres of land in Burlington. — Commemorative Biographical Record of Racine and Kenosha Counties (Chicago 1906), pp. 136-137; information courtesy Ruth Trower, Racine, WI.

Possibly either Horatio A. Bundy or Schuyler Bundy, who were both neighbors of the Friman boys. — U.S. Sixth Census, 1840, Wisconsin, RG 312, Microcopy M704, Microfilm roll No. 580.

Possibly William Bullen, who was a neighbor of the Frimans. — U.S. Sixth Census, 1840, Wisconsin, RG 312, Microcopy M704, Microfilm roll No. 580.


Possibly Francois Marie de Voltaire’s work, The History of Charles XII, King of Sweden, published in France 1731 and in London 1732. In 1785 it was translated into Swedish. In its original version it was much used in the Swedish schools, particularly in the French classes.

Possibly Gilbert R. Lindsley, who was a close neighbor of the Frimans. — U.S. Sixth Census, 1840, Wisconsin, RG 312, Microcopy M704, Microfilm roll No. 580.

Sir Walter Scott’s The Life of Napoleon Buonaparte in nine volumes was published in Edinburgh, Scotland in June 1827.

Carl’s Day is probably the same as 28 January, the namesday of the then reigning monarch in Sweden, Carl XIV Johan.
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19 Probably Robert Baird (1798-1863), an American Presbyterian minister and champion of temperance, who in 1840 had made his second visit to Sweden (he had also visited Sweden in 1836). In August of 1840 he had appeared in Hudiksvall where he had spoken to 5,000 persons including 34 Swedish Lutheran clergymen. — Gunnar Westin, *Emigranterna och kyrkan* (Stockholm 1932), pp. 9-10.


21 Johan Olof Wallin (1779-1839), Archbishop of Sweden 1837-1839. The reference to Baird’s having worked with Wallin in 1840 is in error, since Wallin had died the year before. Possibly the reference should be to the cooperation between Baird and Wallin during Baird’s first visit to Sweden 1836. — *Svenska män och kvinnor*, Vol. VIII, pp. 199-200.

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First Swedish Settlers in Wisconsin

Carl Friman (1781-1862) emigrated from Sweden with five sons in 1838 and purchased 80 acres near Genoa City. The Friman family members were recognized as the first Swedes to settle permanently in Wisconsin. Returning to his homeland, Friman corresponded regularly with his sons who remained here. Their letters from Wisconsin appeared in Swedish newspapers, stimulating interest in opportunities and conditions in America.

The Friman family was in the vanguard of the 19th century Swedish immigration to the United States. By 1900 over 1.1 million persons of Swedish birth or descent resided in the United States, and nearly 49,000 individuals born in Sweden lived in Wisconsin.

Carl Friman’s son, Adolph (1826-1871), owned numerous town lots in Genoa City, where he became a successful businessman. Freeman Street in Genoa City is named in his honor, and he is buried in Hillside Cemetery. Carl’s son, Wilhelm (1823-1911), also owned land that was incorporated into this community. The other sons lived for a time in this area before moving west.

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Plaque honoring First Swedish Settlers in Wisconsin, erected in Genoa City, WI by the Swedish-American Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Genoa City Lions Club.
Finnish Lapland Lineages

Robert J. Gustafson, P.E.*

Personal Reflections

My interest in genealogy arose in high school when I found out that our original family name was Tallanvaara, not Gustafson. I should have been able to ask my father about this, but he wasn’t available. After many letters to Finnish authorities both here and in Finland, I found an archivist named Aslak Outakoski in Oulu, Finland, who was worth his weight in gold. He felt so embarrassed that the records from Finnish Lapland were not in his archives that he voluntarily visited the several parishes where my roots lay. Furthermore, he apologized for the costs involved, which were minor in nature. Not only did he find my grandfather, but was able to reach back to the 1600s with apparent ease. He was literate in Swedish and Finnish and his wife in Swedish, Finnish and English. He wrote a family history for me and she translated it into excellent English.

Several more correspondences took place and each communication from him bore not only complete documentation, but revenue stamps! (The Finns take such matters seriously!) When I asked myself: “OK, it’s fine to have all these names and dates, but how did these people live?” and subsequently passed that query to him. His response was that the history of these remote parishes had been written only once, and that was in 1828 by Anders Johan Sjögren. He volunteered to secure me a copy of the 135-year old history when he was next in Helsinki, but found it unavailable and thus offered me his own personal copy at a modest price. Instead, I borrowed it for a year, microfilmed and translated it, and returned it to him with a small remittance for its use.

While the book was written in the Swedish of 1826-28 for the most part, it cited documents written in the 1500s, as well as those written in Russian, and also included Lappish proverbs in the East Bothnian dialect. Translating 400-year old Swedish was a challenge, but it was only with help from the Finnish Academy that I was able to make sense of the Lappish adages, and the units of currency cited in the text. For example, taxes were paid in beaver skins or produce, but were counted in jefimki or plåtar. The jefimki was a hypothetical coin worth about one Maria Theresa taler, and the plåt was worth about one British farthing.

In addition to the names of the earliest settlers, there was a wealth of material on church construction, diseases, longevity, raids by the Russians on Lapp settlements, crop failures and diets. The richness of Sjögren’s writing is typified by his comment on the results of Russian raids: “Trees as thick as a man’s arm were floating in murdered Lapps’ blood.” Or tragedies which overtook the Lapps as they

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travelled from the winter reindeer herding sites to the summer locales: “One of the children died of starvation along the way, and so they ate it.” Of course, the families in which we are primarily interested were of Finnish or Swedish origin, and had originally come from the more southerly areas of those countries; the Lapps (Samer) were the natives. The majority of Swedish names are associated with the parish of Kuusamo, which straddled the Lappi (Lapland)-Oulu boundary. Among the earliest Finnish colonists were Pål Pelkonen and my many-generations-removed ancestor Eerik Matinpoika Kairavuopaja who were the founders of Pelkosenniemi, Kairala, and nearby settlements in the parish of Sodankylä.

Introduction to Anders Johan Sjögren and His Works

When Anders Johan Sjögren wrote his *Anteckningar om Församlingarne i Kemi Lappmark (Notes concerning the Congregations in Kemi Lappmark)* in 1828, he was aware of the families who had first settled in that remote part of Finland, but he could not have conceived that 160 years later his work would be an invaluable genealogical reference on that area. Sjögren was born 8 May 1794 in Liti, Finland and died 18 January 1855 in St. Petersburg, Russia. Four years after receiving his Master of Philosophy degree in 1819 he became manager of the library of Count Rumantsev, and in the succeeding years he served as an archaeological assistant and university teacher before becoming a professor at the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences and a Finnish-Ugric and Caucasian ethnographer. His field work carried him into Finnish Lapland and little-known areas of the Caucasus, and as a result of this and studies in St. Petersburg he wrote a number of textbooks on ethnography and populations, all but one of which were in German, Latin or Russian. Only the *Kemi Lappmark* work was written in Swedish, and even this contains many references in Russian and Lappish.

Kemi Lappmark Congregations in 1828

There are five major pastorates or parishes in Kemi Diocese, some of which had subsidiary congregations. These are:

**Utsjoki.** This was the most northerly and was bounded by Norway on the east, north and west, and by the Kola District of Russia on the east. It included as a major subdivision the Inari area, as well as desolate Petsamo on the Arctic Ocean. The name Utsjoki derives from the Lappish and means “a little river.” The parishes of Utsjoki and Inari now constitute this area, but the Petsamo area was ceded to Russia after the late Russian-Finnish War.

**Sodankylä.** This pastorate was located immediately south of Utsjoki, and was at that time the largest in Finland. The name means “war village” and refers to the many raids conducted by the Russians on the resident Lapps. In addition to
Sodankylä, the settlements of Alaperä, Sombio, and Kemikylä were of importance. At present the territory is divided between Sodankylä and Pelkosenniemi parishes.

**Kittilä.** This pastorate lies east of Sodankylä and south of Utsjoki, and was formed from a part of Sodankylä in 1798. The name derives from the name “Kitti.” It is to this day a separate parish.

**Kemitrask.** This pastorate included the area near Kemitrask (Kemijärvi), but also that near Kuolajarvi, all lying south of Sodankylä. The name refers to the major river and the surrounding marsh area. Part of Kuolajarvi was ceded to Russia, and today the remainder of this former pastorate lies in the parishes of Kemijärvi, Posio, and Salla.

**Kuusamo.** Strictly speaking, not all of this pastorate was within the boundaries of Lapland, but it lies southeast of Kemitrask and Kuolajarvi, straddling the Lappi (Lapland) province boundary. A portion was ceded to Russia.

Reference to these areas on a large-scale map will give an approximation of the original boundaries, which were carefully defined by Sjögren, using points of reference which may today bear different names, if they exist at all. Since the surnames are our major concern, the above-stated descriptions may be oversimplified, and those who wish to further explore the culture of this sub-arctic area more deeply should read the entire Sjögren work which this author translated a number of years ago.

**Utsjoki**

* Surnames and localities recorded in Utsjoki in 1828

These are all Lapp surnames; an (*) means a place name.

- * Aikio
- * Guttorm
- * Hellander
- * Inger
- * Juksby or Outakoski
- * Jumpanen
- * Laiti
- * Lille
- * Lükkari
- * Lãnsman (from Norway)
- * Njorgam
- * Paut
- * Pieski
- * Poini
- * Pokka (lodger)
- * Thure (from Karasjoki)
- * Tutio
- * Varsi
- * Vuolab

**Inari (Enare)**

These are all Lapp surnames except that an (*) means a place name, and (+) means colonist; date refers to first appearance.

- * Aikio 1731
- * Akujárvi
- * Halt
- * Inger
- * Kuuvva 1731
- * Kyrö
- * Mattus 1731
- * Mujo 1731
- * Musta 1758
- * Oddais or Uddais 1731
- * Padar 1759
- * Palto
- * Sajets 1731
- * Sarre 1758
- * Skåra
- * Valle 1731
Surnames and localities recorded in Sodankylä in 1828

Where it is known, the date of the first appearance of the surname is given; where † precedes the name, this name was known from the earliest books from 1731, but has since disappeared.

**Sodankylä**

- Aikio
  - Aikioniemi 1790
- Annaberg
- Aska 1731
- Gustafberg
- Halonen
  - (in Kyrkobyn 1731, in Satta 1798)
- Hingamaa
  - † Holck (farm name 1760)
- Huhtala 1790
- Jesiö
  - † Juntinen
    - Kaaretkoski
    - Kaikkonen
    - Kallata
  - † Kallo 1736
- Kelujärvi
  - (Kelvijärvi) 1760
  - † Kierik (farm name) 1760
- Alatalo 1766
- Arvola 1784
- Bertula of Bertunen 1791
- Hietasuvanto (village) 1766
- Hitula of Hiltunen 1731
- Hyötylä 1778
- Jaakkola 1760
- Kairavuopaja
  - (village) 1731
  - † Peuna
- Sombio
  - Arajarvi
  - † Keitsa 1731
  - Kiurujärvi 1760
  - Korva 1766
  - † Kurisia
    - Lokka 1766
  - † Musta
- Sufva
  - (homestead)
- Tbrotvin 1772
- † Tingasvaara (location)
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Surnames and Localities Recorded in Kitillä in 1828

(*) indicates settlements; (+) indicates colonists; (•) indicates recorded prior to 1731, (••) recorded 1760-66, (•••) recorded 1812.

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* Ala Korva or Hataja
* Alakangas 1784
+ Haahivaara 1766
+ Hannula
+ Hietaniemi
+ Hongasniemi 1784
(also Lapps)
+ Jesöjärvi 1785
+ Jussila
* Juvakainen
+ Jääskö
+ Kallo 1731
(Kallojärvi?)
+ Karhula 1784
+ Kariniemi 1772
+ Kaukonen 1731 (from this, the existing village Kaukos in 1769)
+ Kellontekemä 1760
+ Kiistala 1784
+ Kiviniemi 1772
** Kokka
* Kontinen
** Koski
* Kujala
+ Kukasjärvi or Kandola 1812
* Kyrö
* König
** Königsmaa
+ Lahti
+ Lakso 1812
+ Lembola 1784
* Lindula
+ Loukisen (1766 Louku and Kuivisalmi)
+ Luusua
+ Marjala
+ Mokko 1731
* Mokko or Säärelä
* Mäkelä (Kaukus) 1766
+ Niemalä 1784
+ Niemi 1798
+ Nikkilä (1731 Nikkisen)
+ Niivara 1784
+ Ollila 1766
+ Paksuniemi 1766
+ Pietilä 1760
(once Ryssä)
Pokko 1778
** Porokota
+ Pudas 1766
* Pulli
* Pulujärvi
+ Randa 1766
+ Rauhala 1784
+ Ryssä (with it, Salmi)
+ Sallinen 1731
+ Salmi 1760
+ Salmijärvi 1772
+ Sepasto 1731
+ Seppälä 1798
+ Sierpi
+ Sieppijärvi
+ Sirkka 1731
+ Suikko
+ Syväjärvi
+ Tepsa 1812
+ Tervaniemi 1766
+ Tiensuu (or Jokela) 1812
+ Tonvinen 1766
** Trast
+ Törmänien
*** Vesmajärvi
Väätalo
Surnames and Localities in Kemiträsk (Kemijärvi) in 1828

By 1828 the surnames and homestead names were pretty well fused together.

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Virkula
Virkullinen
Visaniemi
Vuolajärvi
Vuoroniemi
Swedish American Genealogist

(Yli-) Voutungi or
Käkilehto
Vähälä

1 Doubtless Count Nikolai Petrovich Rumiantsev (1754-1826), Russian statesman and diplomat. He amassed a huge library which became the basis of the Lenin Library of the USSR. His collection of ethnographica is now in the Rumiantsev Museum in Moscow. — Great Soviet Encyclopedia (Moscow 1975), Vol. 22, p. 367.

2 Iso Tietosanakirja (Helsinki 1931-1939), Vol. VII; Tor Carpelan, Finsk Biografisk Handbok (Helsingfors 1903), cols. 1979-1983.
Hans Mattson—The Önnestad Lad Who Became Immigrant, Colonel and Minnesota Politician

Georg Bengtsson*

In the beginning of May 1851 a nineteen year-old youth by the name of Hans Mattson from Önnestad Parish in Skåne stepped into a horse-drawn buggy which was to take him to Helsingborg and from there to continue to the land of opportunity—the United States of America.

The father was Mattis Hansson, a farmer residing at Önnestad farm No. 4, also known as the Kjellsa Farm, who drove the carriage. This must have been a disappointing journey for the father. He had worked hard in order to give the oldest son a good education, possibly he might have studied for the ministry in the Lutheran Church. And now the son was on his way—to a future of uncertainty.

Mattis Hansson came from the parish of Fjärlinge in the same county. His wife, Elna Larsdotter, was born in Ivo Parish, nearby. Both of them had their roots in stable and well-known farm families. They had arrived in Önnestad in 1828, where they first worked a small farm in the village of Skoglösa. The living quarters still remain. Here is where Hans, their eldest son, was born 23 Dec. 1832 and here is where Hans Mattson spent his first five years until the family moved to Önnestad village, first to a farm, numbered 17, and then to No.4, which they rented. The farm’s name was Kjellsagården and was located due east of the Önnestad Church, where today two white residences are located.

Already in the elementary school Hans demonstrated his interest in studies and after the family had improved its financial position, the fifteen year-old was sent to the Latin Secondary School in nearby Kristianstad.

But after two years of studies the strong-willed youth suddenly decided that he wanted to join the military, no doubt abetted by the then ongoing war between the Germans and the Danes in Schleswig-Holstein. The parents gave their consent grudgingly and in 1849 Hans became a volunteer cadet in the Royal Vendes Artillery Regiment.

Here he was given the surname Kjellgren, no doubt taken from the name of the family farm—Kjellsagården—a surname which he never used once he left the regiment.1

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During his time in the military he received a solid education in mathematics, physical education, fencing and horsemanship, studies that were to be of great use to him later in life.

After barely two years in the military he suddenly resigned in April 1851. His reason for this was as he put it—"he realized that as a descendant of a farmer family, he had little chance of being promoted in the Swedish Army."

The following month he was on his way to America. As a send-off from his mother he received the advice—"Always do the right thing, and don't be afraid of anyone." From Helsingborg he traveled by sea to Göteborg and in the middle of May he departed from Sweden aboard the brig *Ambrosius*, destined for the great country in the West together with a large group of emigrants.2

After six weeks of journeying Hans Mattson arrived in Boston and from there continued to Buffalo on the Great Lakes and then on to Illinois. The first two years in the new land were difficult with hard work on farms and in the forests. Part of the time he was ill and at times was forced to beg for his food. The first winter he froze his hands. A doctor was called, who advised that several fingers be amputated, but a woman, having knowledge of the healing arts, intervened and coupled with his intensive desire to survive, Mattson recovered. During his first years in the United States he also spent a great deal of time learning English. In the Latin School in Kristianstad he had only learned German and French.

Hans Mattson soon understood, that despite the difficulties at the outset, that the United States was the country of great possibilities. Soon he was able to bring over his entire family—his parents, his brother, his sister, brother-in-law and their little son.

The parents bought a farm in western Illinois, near the Mississippi River. From this place Hans Mattson together with other immigrants, among them his brother-in-law, Sven Johansson Willard,3 who had been schoolmaster in Skoglōsa village, traveled north on a river steamer to Minnesota to search for suitable land. The enormous area of Minnesota Territory had been opened in 1849 for settling. They went ashore at the tiny market place of Red Wing and journeyed westward about fifteen miles where they found rich, virgin land. Here, approximately 55 miles south of present-day Minneapolis, they founded the first settlement in 1853, which at first was named Mattson's Settlement. Here they built the first little log cabin and began tilling the soil.

At first they lived here as lonely settlers together with the Indians. These were members of the Sioux tribe and coexistence was very friendly. Hans Mattson mentions that the Indian squaws competed with each other to mind the children of his sister.

It was not long before other settlers arrived at Mattson's place and during the fall of 1854 a small colony had been formed. Already the following year Mattson organized a small Lutheran congregation which he gave the name Vasa. Soon Vasa became a school district and its own township.

In 1855 Hans Mattson married Kerstin Persdotter, who hailed from Ballingslöv in Stoby Parish (Krist.).4 With her he had several children.
But Hans Mattson was always full of ideas and it did not take long for him to
tire of farming. Already a year after his marriage he and his wife moved to Red
Wing, now a city along the shores of the Mississippi. Here he began the study of
law and entered the offices of a local lawyer. When he had finished his studies he
opened his own office and joined the Republican Party, ready to throw himself
into political life.

Already in 1858 he was elected justice of the peace as well as county auditor,
and three years later he was appointed chairman of a legislative committee with the
objective of revising the taxation laws of Minnesota.

He had barely begun this task when the Civil War broke out in April of 1861.
Alert as he was, it did not take him long to round up about 100 Scandinavians
who volunteered in the Union Army to do battle against slavery. His group became
Company D in the Third Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment and Mattson
was appointed company commander and captain.

After eight months of fighting, among other places in Kentucky and on the
well-known march over the Cumberland Mountains, he was given more
responsibilities in the regiment and was promoted to major.

Soon afterwards Providence intervened in a peculiar way. Mattson became ill
and was sent home to recuperate for a couple of weeks. During this time his
regiment fared badly. Several officers were captured by Confederate troops and
were sent to prison camps in the South.

Eventually the regiment was reorganized and Hans Mattson was given a
higher rank in this unit. During the first half of 1863 his regiment became a part of
the army corps which under the command of General Ulysses S. Grant laid siege to
Vicksburg in the South. The battles around Vicksburg resulted in a victory for the
North and paved the way for the final conclusion of the war. It was a bloody battle
with more than 32,000 prisoners captured, including 2,000 officers.

After the battle, Hans Mattson was given the full command of Minnesota’s
Third Volunteer Regiment, was promoted to lieutenant colonel and was given the
task of occupying the city. The following year he became a full colonel. He was
then only 31 years old. During the spring of 1865 he was given the command of the
First Brigade of the Seventh Army Corps. It was at this time that Abraham Lincoln
was assassinated, which was a hard blow for the North, but by this time the war was
practically over.

Soon thereafter Hans Mattson was once again a civilian but far from
unemployed. He founded the legal firm of Mattson and Webster in Red Wing and
became the chief editor of the Swedish American newspaper in Chicago, Svenska
Amerikanaren.

The losses in the war had been heavy and these had to be replaced by increased
immigration. Added to this was the fact that large land areas were yet to be settled.
Hans Mattson suggested to the State Legislature of Minnesota that a state
immigration bureau be organized and Hans Mattson became the head of this new
organization.

In December 1868 Mattson traveled to Sweden to recruit emigrants and took
the opportunity at this time to visit his home community. He found that the
railroad had come to his village and that a folk high school had been established there. During one of his visits to Önnestad he donated the sum of 1,000 riksdaler (about $250.00) to the fund for the newly organized institution, a large sum at that time.

He also watched as his old regiment, the Royal Vendes Artillery Regiment paraded on the main square in Kristianstad. He mentions in his *Memoirs* that he was particularly “fascinated by the many gala uniforms of the officers, many of them graying from age and long service, with their chests covered with various decorations and beautiful military orders.” He must have compared them with his own simple uniform from the late war.

He also tells how he visited the Free Masons in Kristianstad, where he was received with the greatest enthusiasm and ceremonies.

In the spring of 1869 he returned to America in the company of several hundred emigrants, of which . . . many were his own relatives. This fact is especially noticeable in the parish records of the churches located around the area of Kristianstad.

Thus the parish records of Önnestad show that during 1869 the emigration from this parish hit its peak, no less than 78 persons left the parish that year to emigrate to America. Mattson’s propaganda for his new country had certainly paid off, especially since the previous year had been one of failed crops and much hunger. But the propaganda for emigration was not popular with some people, “particularly by the higher officials,” as Mattson puts it.

After his return to the United States in 1869 Mattson was elected Secretary of State of Minnesota by a great majority. This post was to be compared to that of a cabinet minister, according to his *Memoirs* and meant that he was the presiding officer in the State Legislature. At the same time he was engaged in the tremendous expansion of the American railway system. During the Spring of 1871 he was given the major responsibility for the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad’s program in recruiting emigrants and he was dispatched to Europe not only to secure capital for the railroads, particularly in the Netherlands, but also to Sweden to secure additional emigrants. This meant that he had to resign from his post as Secretary of State. Dr. Lars Ljungmark, one of Sweden’s leading emigration scholars, who has written a book about Hans Mattson, construes this step of Hans Mattson to have been ill-conceived since it was interpreted by the Scandinavians in Minnesota to have been a sign of failed trust. His ambition later to again enter a political career and perhaps to become Minnesota’s first Swedish-born governor therefore failed.

Hans Mattson’s visit to Sweden was to last no less than four years. He had brought his entire family with him for the purpose of having his children learn Swedish.

During his visit in Sweden Hans Mattson also visited Russia. It is interesting to note how Mattson in his prophetic vision viewed this country. He writes in his *Memoirs* the following: “What is the reason why Russia and the United States in a political sense are so friendly toward each other? How can freedom and the greatest tyranny have anything in common? There is no hope for the people in such a country except through revolution.” This expression is typical for Hans Mattson,
his allegiance to human rights and his willingness to throw his support to the oppressed. During the spring of 1873 he went back to Minnesota alone in order to straighten out some family affairs. In January of 1876 he returned to his home state for good with his family and again entered the arena of newspaper work. He became the owner and chief editor of Minnesota Stats Tidning in Minneapolis as well as part owner and business manager of Svenska Tribunen in Chicago. Mattson was a good writer and through his newspapers he became a very good contact person for the Swedish Americans in the Middle West. He also played a key role in dispensing advice and information to the new settlers in order that they should adjust well in the new land.

After some years he sold his share in the newspapers and bought a farm of 2,200 acres in the Red River Valley in northwestern Minnesota. He owned and worked this farm until his death.

In 1881 new travel opportunities opened up for Mattson. He was appointed consul general in Calcutta, India by President James A. Garfield. In his Memoirs Hans Mattson gives a superb and full account of his years there. He described India's geography, its political life, its many religions, its culture and caste system. He is quite critical of the British regime in India. He writes among other things that “India has a civil service that is writing its own death sentence.” He continues by saying that “the British civil servants rule the country with an iron fist . . . and that the British look down upon the lower classes in India with the greatest contempt.”

Hans Mattson stayed in India two years before the restless traveller returned to the United States in order to begin a new career involving real estate in New Mexico. When this venture did not please him he returned to Minnesota, where he again entered politics and in 1886 he was elected Secretary of State. After two years he was again re-elected to the same post.

It was during this time that he became one of the organizers of the 250th anniversary of the first Swedish settlements on the Delaware in 1638, held in Minneapolis 14 Sept. 1888. 7

Colonel Hans Mattson's active life has meant much for the development of Minnesota. He was inordinately proud of his adopted country. At the same time he never ceased loving his native land. The final words in his Memoirs demonstrate this: “There is no spot in this world as dear to me as my childhood place, to which I long to make a pilgrimage, to the place where my simple home stood in the venerable old country of Sweden . . . the areas which appear to me to be most beautiful in my memory are the fields my father plowed, the orchard which my mother planted, the simple home they built—I love it all, these places where I wandered by their side—the trees, the bushes, the stones, the rivulets, where I played, as well as the simple folk of farm background, whom I first learned to appreciate and love.”

Col. Mattson's longing to once more visit his native place became a reality in 1892. One day in May of that year he came to Önnestad. He visited the old manse, where he asked to see the old parish register. He looked up his own birth date in the baptismal book and there he added a footnote—“Önnestad 23 May 1892. A greeting
from the New World and many thanks for the memories of the Old World—Hans Mattson."

Scarcely a year later—5 March 1893—Hans Mattson died in Minneapolis, not having reached his 61st year. He was buried in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, honored and beloved by his family, his Swedish American compatriots and the people of his adopted state.

This is the story of the simple farm lad from Önnestad who became an outstanding and important Swedish American.

His memory lives on not only in Minnesota but also in Sweden. One of the persons who has meant much for this day and for the preservation of Hans Mattson’s accomplishments in America is Prof. Wesley Matson of Minneapolis who was instrumental in the creation of the Mattson Settlement Day in Vasa, Minnesota on 9 July this year, at which time a monument was unveiled in Vasa to mark the place where Hans Mattson’s simple emigrant cabin once stood.

1Actually he received his passport in Kristianstad 5 May 1851 under the name of Hans Mattson Kjellgren. — Svetska flottans pensionskassans verifierings årsbok 1851 (Swedish Passport Lists for 1851). Royal Swedish War Archives, Stockholm.

2The Ambrosius landed in Boston 27 June 1851 with a cargo of Swedish iron and 118 passengers, of which 25 were young bachelors. Hans Mattson one of them. The manifest gives his name as Hans Kilgren. So far as we know he never used this surname again. — Nils William Olsson, “The Arrival in Boston June 27 1851 of the Swedish brig Ambrosius” in The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly (now The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly), Vol. XII, No.2, April 1961, pp. 47-57.

3Sven Johansson Willard was born in Fjällinge Parish (Krist.) and was married to Hans Mattson’s sister Anna. He and his family had arrived in Boston in 1853. — Erik Norelius, Vasa illustras (Rock Island, IL 1905), p. 193.

4Kerstin Persdotter had arrived in America the same year (1855) in company with her parents, Per Nilsson and his wife. — Ibid.

5Hans Mattson, Minnen (Lund 1890); second edition (Lund 1891); in English translation Reminiscences (St. Paul, MN 1891).

6Lars Ljungmark, For Sale Minnesota (Chicago 1971).

7Hans Mattson, 250th Anniversary of the First Swedish Settlement in America September 14, 1888 (Minneapolis 1889).
In September 1851 Carl Jonas Love Almquist arrived in New York City. He was the well-known Swedish author, damned and praised for his radical writings. He was now escaping from some of the reactionary forces in Sweden, who had accused him, among other things, of financial malfeasance and of attempts at a murder by poison. In the United States he found asylum, first in Cincinnati, later in Texas, and in 1854 in Philadelphia. There he resided sporadically until he, at the end of the Civil War, returned to Europe in 1865, dying in Bremen, Germany shortly thereafter.

Today it is still quite difficult to determine what Almquist really did during his sojourn in America. We don't even know which name or names he used while here. In the beginning of his stay he earned his living as a clerk in a bookstore in Cincinnati, where a friend from his youth in Sweden, Jacob Otto Natt och Dag, was then living under the assumed name of Fredeic Franks. After six months in Cincinnati Almquist went south to St. Louis, MO, and Belleville, IL, and then later to Texas, where he assisted a fellow Swede, Abraham Jacobsson, in the latter's efforts to develop some silver mines. Jacobsson had become an American citizen in New York in September 1851. He seems to have given Almquist permission to use his name as a postal address when Almquist corresponded with his wife and children in Stockholm. The letters carried the name of Jacobsson as well as his address, but were handed over to Almquist. He spoke of this method in his letters home, the reason being that since he was wanted by the police in Sweden as well as in other countries, he did not wish to reveal his place of residence.

When Almquist arrived in Philadelphia in February 1854 Jacobson had died in St. Louis. Almquist now took up residence in a boardinghouse operated by Emma Nugent on Market Street, and stayed there for some time. During these years his mail was forwarded to the address of Lewis Gustavi, c/o Boericke & Tafel with a street address in Philadelphia. The firm was a drugstore, combined with a bookstore and a publishing house. The owners of this emporium were followers of the Swedenborg religion, as was Almquist. My understanding of this arrangement is that it served the same identical purpose as when he had had his mail sent c/o Jacobsson. In other words, Lewis Gustavi was another Swede, residing in Philadelphia, and not identical with Almquist.

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When scholars in 1928 came upon the fact that Lewis Gustavi had married Emma Nugent 11 June 1854 it was generally believed that Almquist was the bridegroom and thereby had committed bigamy, since he had left his wife and children in Stockholm when he had been forced to flee to America three years earlier. The proof for the acceptance of this theory rested on the name of Gustavi and a memorandum found in Almquist's effects, written in English by Almquist, and which had been assumed to have dealt with his American marriage. The memorandum, however, probably does not refer to a marriage but to an agreement between Almquist and the Gustavi couple, by which Almquist was to assume certain responsibilities for the running of the boarding-house. Almquist states that the agreement had not been adhered to, and for that reason he was departing from Philadelphia. This contract must have been signed shortly after 1854.

The assertion that Almquist had entered into a marriage contract with Emma Nugent has therefore not been proven and in addition it seems highly unlikely. Almquist was a deeply religious man, well known by the Swedenborgians in Philadelphia. Why should he risk all by committing this crime? Neither was he in financial difficulties during the year of 1854.

During the following years Almquist resided long periods of time in other places, both in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere. When he departed from America in 1865, at the end of the Civil War, Emma Nugent did not advertise that he was missing. She died later than Almquist, who using the name of Carl Westermann, had died in Bremen 1866, which was as far as he got on his journey back to Sweden. Emma Nugent is referred to as a widow in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, but a widow after whom? She could not have known of Almquist's death in Bremen. No one in Bremen knew at that time who he really was and could therefore not have notified her of his death. Neither did anyone in Bremen or Sweden know of the relationship between Emma Nugent and the dead Almquist. All of this seem to be evidence for the fact that Lewis Gustavi, just like Abraham Jacobsson, was just another Swede—but who? The name of Gustavi is not too uncommon in Sweden. Someone by that name may very well have settled in Philadelphia. In the U.S. Federal Census for 1860 for Philadelphia Lewis Gustavi is listed as a Swede, born ca. 1800. Almquist was born in 1793. Gustavi is cited as being a teacher and a professor of music and languages. This is a very general term which could be applied to many people who dabble in music and the linguistic arts.

Thus far it has not been possible to arrive at more complete data on Emma Nugent and her family. She was married three times before she married Lewis Gustavi, which marriage took place in 1854, as mentioned earlier. Some of the children are known by their Christian names—a son George, a grandson and a brother-in-law named Jester.

During eleven years Almquist, with all of his aliases, lived and worked in Philadelphia and other places in the United States, such as St. Louis, the Allegheny Mountains, Baltimore, Boston and Richmond, VA as a shadowy figure, a phantom individual, who so far has defied efforts to concretize his existence.
I should be very pleased to hear of additional facts which can clarify the life of this remarkable man in the United States, during one of the most interesting periods of American growth and development. He was a steadfast friend of the Union, he was an admirer of Abraham Lincoln, and a devoted propagandist for the elimination of slavery. Still the enigmatic question remains—what has he done, what has he accomplished, what has he written during these very dramatic years? And—who was Lewis Gustavi?

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648. 2 May Charles Burgstream from Stockholm and Wilhelmina Johanson from Göteborg

649. 2 May Pehr Urs from Söderhamn and Sophie Magnuson from Växjö

650. 3 May Carl Adolf Hindgren from Göteborg and Christine Carlson from Jönköping län

651. 5 May Carl Wilh. Anderson and Christine Elisabeth Erikson, both from Skaraborg län

652. 5 May Carl August Sandberg of Skaraborg län and Maria Spong from Stockholm

J.O. Gardell; Mrs. J. Peterson

Henry Benson and wife

Mrs. Bredberg

Mrs. Sylvan; Mr. Jönson

Jonas Nilson; Charles Johnson and wife

Joh. Gust. Kellström; Ellen Pehrson

Daniel Olson; Anna Lisa Brown

Mr. Carlson and wife; C.F. Johnson and wife; Sophie and Anna Johnson

Peter Willberg and wife; E.M. Tufton (?)

C.G. Bredberg; C.E. Bredberg

J.A. Johnson and wife; Johanna Johnson
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664. 30 June Carl Esaias Bergwall from Älvsborg län and Albertina Johnson from Jönköping län
665. 3 July Johan Gustaf Barkman and Sophia Johnson, both from Jönköping län
666. 8 July Oscar Leonard Ekwall and Elizabeth Bobzin, both of Chicago
667. 22 July Charles Johnson from Östergötland and Carolina Mattson from Miller Station, IN
668. 28 July Johan William Ohlson from Växjö and Mathilda Williamson from Helsingborg
669. 3 Aug. Charles Källbom from Örebro and Mary Peterson from Kronoberg län
670. 16 Aug. John Johnson from Göteborg and Clara Wahnström from Stockholm
671. 23 Aug. Anders Sparrman from Dalarna and Johanna Ulrika Johnson from Örebro
672. 7 Sept. Anders Erikson and Lovisa Mellström, both from Stockholm
673. 12 Sept. Olof Olson and Lina Bergström, both from Gävleborg län

968 North Clark Street
674. 968 North Clark Street
675. S.J. Mellin and wife
676. Mr. Ljungquist and wife
677. Mrs. J. Bredberg
678. 261 Wells Street
679. O.A. Anderson and wife
680. The mother of the bride
681. (Johanna Larson in a later hand)
682. 12 Bremer Street
683. W. Williamson and wife; S. Olin and wife;
684. Mr. Chaiser and wife; Mr. Peterson and wife
685. 968 North Clark Street
686. J.A. Peterson
687. Benj. Johnson and wife;
688. E. Hanson and wife
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690. 50 Crossley Street
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692. J.L. Granberg and wife
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24 Feb. Fredrik Johanson and Emma Swenson, both from Jönköping län

25 Feb. Peter Larson and Anna Olson, both from Malmöhus län

1 March Nils Peterson from Kristianstad län and Christina Anderson from Stockholm

4 March John Anderson from Linköping and Augusta Wilhelmina Anderson from Örebro

4 March Axel Rudolph Runsten from Stockholm and Christine Anderson from Jönköping

9 March Sven Peter Gibson from Jönköping län and Carolina Brattlund from Stockholm

17 March Swen Magnus Winblad from Jönköping län and Anna Olson from Kristianstad län

25 March Frank Oscar Anderson and Hanna Anderson, both of Chicago

27 March Andr. Johnson and Maria Dorothea Palmquist, both from Västergötland

4 April Carl August Martinson and Jenny Christina Jones, both from Jönköping län

726. 24 Feb. Christine Erikson; Ida Erikson

142 Sedgwick Street

727. 25 Feb. C.E. Bredberg

728. 1 March P.C. Johnson; O.K. Hauge; Julia Olson; Lizzie Mostem(?)

729. 4 March Mrs. Bredberg; Mrs. J. Peterson

730. 4 March Mrs. Anna Christ. Frey

731. 9 March Johan Pet. Linderman and wife

732. 17 March Christoph. Ekström; Mis Christine Peterson

733. 25 March Mrs. Bredberg; Mrs. J. Peterson

734. 27 March Mrs. Bredberg

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XXV. Nils August Solander

(Submitted by his grandson, James E. Erickson, 7008 Bristol Blvd.,
Edina, MN 55435)


6. LINDGREN, Johannes Andersson, b. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 27 Mar. 1798; m. 5 Oct. 1820; d. Nygård, Burträsk 17 Apr. 1860.

11. ANDERSSON, Andreas (Anders), b. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 16 Apr. 1754; m. 15 Oct. 1776; d. Lappvattnet 26 July 1843.
12. JÖNSDOTTER, Cathrina Elisabeth, b. Mjödvattnet, Burträsk 1 Nov. 1756; d. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 20 Jan. 1830.
13. ZACCHRISSON, Peter (Pehr), b. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 18 Jan. 1750; m. 1787; d. Lappvattnet 24 Oct. 1819.

17. ANDERSSON, Erik, b. Hummelholm, Nordmaling Parish (Vbn.) 10 Apr. 1746; m. 16 Nov. 1766; d. Röbäck, Umeå 17 June 1794.
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22. JONSSON, Daniel, b. Stöcksjö, Umeå Country Parish 22 Sep. 1747; m. 1777; d. Röbäck 11 Aug. 1808.
24. ERIKSSON, Anders, b. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 1726; m. 19 Nov. 1749; d. Lappvattnet 15 Apr. 1795.
25. STEPHANSDOTTER, Catharina, b. 1721; d. Lappvattnet 16 Mar. 1810.
26. NILSSON, Jons, b. 1724; m. 1747; d. Mjödvattnet, Burträsk 18 Aug. 1798.
29. HENRICHDOTTER, Elsa, b. Bygdeträsk, Burträsk 1726; d. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 12 Apr. 1808.
30. JONSSON, Pehr, b. Hjoggbole, Skellefteå 2 Aug. 1724; m. 1751; d. Hjoggbole 1790.
32. NILSSON, Jonas (Jon), b. Selet, Lövänger 13 June 1702; m. 15 Nov. 1724; d. Selet 16 Jan. 1767.
33. SIMONSDOTTER, Karin, b. Mäckipä, Närpes Parish (Österbotten, Finland) 1703; d. Selet, Lövänger 19 Aug. 1735.
38. DANIELSSON, Daniel, b. 1720; m. 11 Jan. 1746; d. Röbäck, Umeå 27 May 1803.
39. MÅRTENSDOTTER, Cicilia, b. Röbäck, Umeå 29 Aug. 1723; d. Röbäck 12 Apr. 1809.
40. DANIELSSON, Jon, m. 26 Nov. 1732; d. Röbäck ca. 1754.
46. JOHANSSON, Olof, b. Lögdeå, Nordmaling Parish 18 Nov. 1716; m. 1 Apr. 1744; d. Haddingen, Umeå 11 Mar. 1791.
47. HANSDOTTER, Anna, b. Haddingen, Umeå 1719-20; d. Haddingen 1 Mar. 1762.
48. ANDERSSSON, Erik, b. 30 Sep. 1702; m. 1725; d. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 7 Sep. 1759.
49. OLOFSDOTTER, Brita, b. 29 Jan. 1698; m. 1720; d. Åbyn, Burträsk 24 Apr. 1777.
50. PEHRSDOTTER, Carin, b. 17 Apr. 1691; d. Åbyn, Burträsk 18 Jan. 1733.
56. CHRISTIANSSON, Pehr, b. June 1688; d. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 1768.
57. ---, Anna, d. Robäck 6 May 1753.
58. JOHANSSON, Marten, b. 1693; d. Robäck 7 June 1761.
62. ERSSON, Olof, b. 1706; m. 1726; d. Degerbyn, Skellefteå 1764.
63. JOHANSDOTTER, Sara, b. 1696; d. Degerbyn 1781.
64. GRIP, Nils Parsson, b. ca. 1656; d. Selet, Lövänger 8 Nov 1719.
65. ANDERSDOTTER, Kellu, b. ca. 1662; d. Selet 18 Sep. 1725.
72. ANDERSSON, Eric.
73. JONSDOTTER, Anna.
74. SÖDERMAN, Swän Swansson, b. Brattfors, Nordmaling ca. 1753-55.
75. PERSDOTTER, Dordi, b. ca. 1683; d. Skravelsjö, Umeå 23 Feb. 1763.
76. OLOFSSON, Daniel, b. 1686; m. 1709; d. Röbäck, Umeå 24 Oct. 1759.
77. ---, Anna, d. Röbäck 6 May 1753.
82. FRIMODIG, Johan Ericsson, d. Lögdeå, Nordmaling 1742-43.
93. OLOFSDOTTER, Kerstin, b. ca. 1683; d. Lågdeå 13 Jan. 1734.
95. ERIKSDOTTER, Elisabet, b. ca. 1680; d. Haddingen 31 Jan. 1750.
96. JONSSON, Anders, b. 1672; m. 1699; d. Lappvattnet, Burträsk 27 May 1740.
97. ---, Brita, b. 1680-81; d. Lappvattnet 6 Sep. 1767.
100. NILSSON, Mårten.
101. JOHANSDOTTER, Karin, b. Mar. 1664; d. 1737.
116. HENRICHSSON, Zachris, b. ca. 1656; m. 1687; d. Bygdetrask, Burträsk 24 July 1748.
117. ---, Sigrid, b. ca. 1656; d. Bygdetrask 1728.
120. JONSSON, Oluf, b. 1655; d. Hjoggbole, Skellefteå 1732.
121. ---, Brita, b. 1665; d. Hjoggbole 1756.
124. OLOFSSON, Eric.
125. ---, Brita, b. 1669; d. Degerbyn, Skellefteå 1758.

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1. Microfilmed parish records (birth, marriage, death and household examination rolls) from the following parishes in Västerbotten County (länn)—Degerfors, Umeå Country Parish, Burträsk, Skellefteå, Lövånger and Nordmaling.
2. Microfilmed emigration records -
   a. Extract of Parish Registers, Västerbotten länn for 1903, Degerfors Parish.
   b. Göteborg Police Record, E IX 73, 8 May 1903, Contract No. 37805.
3. Membership records -
   a. Bethlehem Covenant Church, Stephenson, Menominee County, MI.
   b. Grace Covenant Church, Stambaugh, Iron County, MI.
4. Marriage record - Book D, p. 62, No. 100, County Clerk’s Office, Menominee County Courthouse, Menominee, MI.
5. Death Records - No. 15 (1927) and No. 37 (1926), County Clerk’s Office, Iron County Courthouse, Crystal Falls, MI.
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SAG’s readers have had the last word and wish to return to the previous practice of listing the names and addresses of those submitting queries. So be it.—ED.

Stronach

I am looking for information regarding H. Stronach, artist, who may have lived in Minnesota. A place named Myers Station has also been mentioned. I have a photo of him taken in 1879.

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Swedish parishes

I am working on genealogies from the following areas in Sweden and would appreciate hearing from anyone working in the same locations.

1. Lönhult No.1, Brösarp Parish (Krist.).
2. Bökås Storegård, Hulta, Sjöändan, Linneryd Parish (Kron.).
3. Ladö, Genestorp, Karalycke, Kåramåla, Kärr, Broaryd in Nöbbele Parish (Kron.).
4. Ringshult, Väckelsång Parish (Kron.).
5. Getnö, Västerbotorp, Borgön, Förarm, Esbjörnamåla, Sundslätt, Älmhult, Långaryd, Räveboda and Kämpamåla in Urshult Parish (Kron.).

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Granström

Carl Granström, b. in Sweden 18 July 1858, emigr. to the U.S. 15 June 1880. He at first lived in Bisbee, AZ, at least until 1882, when he left for San Jose, CA, where he d. 13 July 1921. He m. a girl of Swedish descent, Alice Ellen Manetta, b. in Missouri 14 June 1868. She d. 4 April 1903. The couple had two children—Irene Martha Christina, b. 23 Aug. 1896 and Lillian Ellen, date of birth unknown, and I know nothing about her. Irene m. twice. In the first marriage she had a s. Jack b. in July 1918. In her second marriage with William Lloyd Gardner she had three dau.—Lucille Emma, b. 17 Oct. 1920; Daphne
Swedish American Genealogist

Marie, b. 22 June 1922 and Alice Nadine, b. 26 July 1924. I have not been able to trace Irene nor her children. I would be pleased if someone will help me.

Molin

Clara Molin, b. in Håbol Parish (Älvs.) 15 March 1859, emigr. to the U.S. 23 March 1882. She m. Aron Molin and settled in Nessel, Chisago Co., MN. They had two dau.—Anna, b. in March 1886 and Emma J., b. in Feb. 1891. Clara d. in 1903. What became of her family?

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Jonasson

Johan Jacob Jonasson was the brother of Clara Molin (see Query No. 528), b. in Håbol Parish (Älvs.) 18 April 1853. He emigr. 18 March 1880 and res. in Minnesota as recently as 1902. He may have called himself John James Johnson. What happened to him?

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Peterson

John Peterson was b. 22 June 1863 and emigr. to the U.S. 9 Nov. 1883. He settled in St. Paul, MN, where he m. a woman named Margaret. They had a s. named Arthur and three dau., of whom one was named Pousette. The sisters moved to San Diego, CA, where Pousette’s s. made an unbelievable golf shot, mentioned in Ripley’s Believe It or Not. What happened to these people?

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Karlsson/Blom

I am trying to locate descendants of Karl Ludvig Karlsson/Blom, b. in Hulu, Barkeryd Parish (Jön.) 25 Nov. 1876 who emigr. to the U.S. probably in 1896. His exit permit was dated 27 April 1896.

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**Sundberg**

I am looking for information concerning Robert Julius Sundberg, b. in 1868, who left Spånga, a suburb of Stockholm in 1902, destined for Aurora, IL. He was a foreman in a metal factory. In 1907 his wife Amanda Nyström followed him to America. She was b. 1873 and came with her six children—Jean Armand, b. 1892; Anna Juliana, b. 1896; Sixten Julius, b. 1897; Inez Amanda, b. 1898; Aina Rosalie, b. 1900 and Kathy Augusta, b. 1903.

Anders Sundberg

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**Juhlin**

I am looking for any information (including descendants) of Eric Juhlin (Julin), who emigr. to the U.S. from Sweden in the early 1880s. He was probably b. in or near the city of Norrköping, the s. of Johan (Jonas) Persson Juhlin (Julin) and Anna Nilsdotter.

Alton P. Juhlin

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**Holmquist**

I am searching for descendants of Carl Johan Holmquist, b. in Nottebäck Parish (Kron.) 10 Dec. 1831. He lived near Vetlanda all of his life. He had the following children who emigr. to America via the port of Göteborg on the dates shown:

- Sven Johan, b. in Alsedo Parish (Jön.) 20 Nov. 1862; dep. 5 May 1881 for Altona, IL (probably).
- Alida Wilhelmina, b. in Vetlanda 30 Nov. 1866, emigr. 1 May 1885 to New York.
- Carl Oscar, b. in Vetlanda 28 Nov. 1868, emigr. 26 Aug. 1887 to New York; ret. to Sweden 1891.
- Elda Maria, b. in Vetlanda 1 June 1874; emigr. 9 Oct. 1891 to New York.

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**Brunzell**

I am looking for an address of a Brunzell either in Sweden or in the U.S. My grandfather, Oscar Fredolf Brunzell arr. in America in June 1871 at the age of seven. He was b. in Arvika, Sweden 5 Jan. 1864, the s. of Jan Magnus Brunzell and Anna Andersdotter. Jan Magnus and his eldest son Carl, came to America in 1868 and settled in Silver City, Owyhee Co., Idaho Terr. Jan Magnus had an older
brother named Fredrik who had arrived in the U.S. in 1855. After moving around for quite a while he settled in Silver City. In Feb. 1871 Fredrik returned to Sweden for a visit and when he went back to America he brought with him his sister-in-law, Anna Brunzell and her three sons—Oscar Fredolf; Fredrik Julius, b. in Arvika 9 Jan. 1866 and Jan Alexis, also b. in Arvika 8 Sept. 1867. Jan Magnus, b. in Fryksände Parish (Värmland) 14 Aug. 1836, was the son of Magnus Brunzell, b. in Älghult Parish (Värmland) 16 Aug. 1804, the son of Erik Brunzell, b. in Högafors, Gräsmark Parish (Värmland) 20 Sept. 1763. I would like contact with other Brunzells to gather further information and to learn the origin of the name.

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Note: According to Personregister till Statistiska Centralbyrån i Stockholm förteckningar över emigranter 1851-1860 (Index to Emigrants in the Central Bureau of Statistics in Stockholm (Göteborg 1973-1974) Fredrik Brunzell, an unmarried servant, 22 years old, emigrated to the U.S. in 1855 from Stavnäs Parish (Värmland). —ED.

Westrom, Winquist
I would like to know something of my grandparents, August Westrom b. in Sweden 3 Oct. 1860 and his wife Anna Winquist, b. in Sweden in Nov. 1858, who emigrated probably in 1891 to New York. They were accompanied by three children, two of whose names are known—August, b. in Nov. 1887 and Sarah, b. in 1890. Other children were b. in Brooklyn, NY—Svea, b. in April 1892, Jacob, b. in Jan. 1894, Anna W. (my mother) b. 13 Jan. 1896 and Tekla, b. in Oct. 1899.

My grandmother, Anna Winquist was a photographer. I have a tintype in my possession which carries the following information on the back—Anna Winquist, Photographie atelier, Eskilstuna, Stadskällaren. Maybe this is a clue to her early life.

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Johansson, Andersson
I should like to get information on the following emigrants from Dalsland:
1. Augusta Johansson, b. in Åmål Country Parish (Ålvs.) 4 Sept. 1876, m. to a Norwegian mason by the name of Carl (Charles) Larsen. They emigrated ca. 1903 from Christiania (Oslo). They lived at 1872 Church Avenue in Cleveland, OH in 1939. They had three sons—Henry, Ralph and Arthur.
2. Anna Maria Johansson, sister of the above, b. in Åmål 6 Oct. 1871. She emigrated to Chicago 16 April 1886 together with her father Johannes Andersson (Westerberg), b. in Åmål 30 July 1844. He returned to Sweden and d. in Åmål 10 Nov. 1907. Anna Maria remained in America and m. an actor. She was living 1923.
3. Carolina Andersson, a sister of Johannes Andersson, was b. in Åmål 29 Oct. 1847 and emigr. to Jamestown, NY 5 Sept. 1879. She had been a grade school teacher in Sweden. She ret. to Åmål and d. in Mo Parish (Älvs.) 1923. She probably belonged to the Swedish Mission Covenant Church and remained unmarried.

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Larsson  
Would appreciate any information on Anders Larsson, b. at Bjurö, Lungsund Parish (Värm.) in 1735. I would also like to know something of Bjurö.

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Note: C.M. Rosenberg, Geografiskt-Statistiskt Handlexikon öfver Sverige (Stockholm 1882-1883), I, p. 112 states that Bjurön is an inhabited island in the northern part of Lake Ullervättern in Lungsund Parish. In the 1880s it was owned by Storfors Company.—ED.

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Björn  
In cooperation with the Emigrant Register in Karlstad, Sweden, I am in the process of collecting material for a biography of John Björn and wish to know if the readers of SAG will help find information concerning this well-known executive from Östmark Parish (Värm.). He served as general manager of the Nash Motor Company in Kenosha, WI from 1916 to 1926 and thus helped to develop the successful Nash automobile. He was also an inventor, having invented the clincher tire, still in use.

I have the information to be found in the publications The Swedish Heritage in America (Minneapolis 1975) and The Swedish Element in in America (Chicago 1931). Still I know very little of the man and his family.

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Anderson  
Carl Johan Anderson, b. 7 March 1839, his wife Eva Sofia Zackrisdotter, b. 17 Feb. 1840 and their children—Hilma Sofia, b. 1 Dec. 1864 and Carl Oskar, b. 1 Dec. 1868 left the port of Göteborg, Sweden 28 April 1876 aboard the vessel Rollo destined for Hull, England. From Hull they travelled to Liverpool by train where they boarded an ocean liner. They may have landed in New York or Boston. Their
final destination was Ottumwa, IA. Any help we can get to find descendants of these people would be appreciated.
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Andersson, Gustafsson, Olsson
We are looking for information concerning twin sisters, Hedvig Carolina Gustafsson and Anna Sofia Gustafsson, b. in Normlösa Parish (Ög.) 27 Jan. 1882, who emigrated from the port of Göteborg 17 Dec. 1902, destination New York. Hedvig m. Henry Andersson and Anna m. Emil Olsson, both in the U.S. My father-in-law, Henning Wallin, was a brother of the two sisters and was in correspondence with them as late as the 1950s. Since he is now dead there are no documents which can tell us which address they had. The only thing we have is an affidavit signed at the Swedish Consulate General in New York 28 April 1911 by the two sisters.

We are leaving for a journey to the U.S. soon and would be pleased if we could meet descendants of these two sisters.
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Larson
I am looking for information concerning my grandfather, Nels G. Larson, b. 12 Oct. 1862, d. 6 March 1952. He was the s. of Lars Nelsen and Johanna Johnson. Nels came to Hyde Park Township, Cook County, IL in 1887.

He res. at 7647 Adams Ave. in Hyde Park (now 7639 Dante Avenue in Chicago). He m. Ida Sofia Peterson (b. 24 Jan. 1863; d. 7 March 1944) in 1891. They had a dau., Ellen, b. in Feb. 1892 and three sons, Emil, b. 13 June 1893, d. 24 Jan. 1919; Melchor, b. in June 1895 and Elmer, b. 3 June 1905, d. 20 March 1922. Nels and Ida were bur. in the Oakwood Cemetery in Chicago. Which part in Sweden did Nels come from? Ida came from Värmland.

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Ronberg
I have been trying to locate my mother's ancestors in Sweden. Her family name was Ronberg and she came from the estate of Hanaskog in Kvillinge Parish (Krist.). Her father, Lars J. Ronberg was b. 1841 and his wife was Bengta Andersdotter, b. 1850. They had the following children—Sarah, b. in Malmö 31 Oct. 1874; Nils, b. 7 Dec. 1876; John, b. 31 Aug. 1879. The family must have arrived from Malmö around 1882 or 1883, since my mother was b. in Providence, RI 11 Sept. 1883.
Grandfather's sister, Sissa Ronberg seems to have m. one of the executives of the Rumford Baking Powder Co. in the 1800s. Lars Ronberg had a brother, Nils, b. 1842 who spelled his name Runberg and settled in Forest City, IA. He convinced his brother Lars to move from Providence to Forest City.

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Casperson
I am looking for information and relatives of my great grandmother, Olivia Rasmusson Burgeson Casperson, b. in Partille Parish (Göt.) 30 Aug. 1858, the dau. of Abraham Rasmusson and Christina Christiansdotter. She arr. in the U.S. with her husband, Oscar Burgeson (Börjesson) and two sons, John and Ernest in Feb. 1891 and settled in the Chicago area. Later she divorced her husband, returned to Sweden and m. Ed Casperson. Her address in 1938 was Haga Östergata 18, Göteborg. Her siblings were Johanna Orleana, b. 1851; Carl Johan, b. 1854; Emma Mathilda, b. 1856 and Amanda Charlotte, b. 1862.

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Börjesson, Burgeson
I am looking for descendants of Anna Carolina Börjesson, b. 1864 who arr. in Chicago 1881. She was a sister of Oscar Burgeson and Charles (Carl) Burgeson. Her dau. may have been Mrs. Ina Jensen who res. in Cook Co., IL in 1946. She had a bro. John Börjesson, b. 1856 and a sister Henrietta Amalia, b. 1859, both in the Cathedral Parish in Göteborg. The parents of these Börjessons were Anton Börjesson, b. 1826 and his wife Carolina Carlsdotter, b. 1826.

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Answers to Queries

No. 501 (Vol. VIII, No.2) - Frisk

In the records of Voxna Parish (Gävl.) (Household Examination Roll 1821-1829, p. 217) we find the following entry:

At Mojsjön

Johan Frisk, b. 28 Oct. 1788; soldier No. 102. His wife, Stina (Kristina) Erbsdotter, b. in Svartnäs Parish (Kopp.) 1786, m. Johan Frisk 1819 (her second marriage). In the first marriage she had the following children:

a. Eric, b. 6 March 1811.
b. Pehr, b. 30 June 1813.
c. Karin, b. 22 March 1816.

In the second marriage with Johan Frisk she had the following children:
e. Brita, b. 20 June 1822.
f. Anna, b. 4 July 1826.
g. Olof, b. 12 June 1829; d. the same year.

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No. 516 (Vol. VIII, No. 3) - Bergenson

Fritz (Fred) Bergenson, b. in S:t Johannes Parish, Stockholm 12 Aug. 1880 and d. in NJ, USA 28 Aug. 1956, s. of Erik Gustaf Bergenson and Maria Charlotta Andersson. He m. in NY, NY 26 Nov. 1919 Elin Theresia Johansson, b. in Slöta Parish (Skar.) 6 Aug. 1883, dau. Johan Fredrik Johansson, a miller, and Kristina Andersdotter. They had the following children:
a. Irma Kristina Bergenson, b. in NY, NY; m. 30 June 1951 in Brooklyn, NY
b. Sven Eric Bergenson, b. in Brooklyn, NY 27 Nov. 1923; m. in NY, NY 9 Feb. 1952 Yolanda (Yola) Rose Fornuto, b. Manhattan, NY 1 Jan. 1923, dau. Vincent James Fornuto and Rosa A. Child:
   (a). Ellen Rose, b. in Yorkville, NY 28 July 1954.

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No. 517 (Vol. VIII, No.3) - Selven, Selven.

Although I have no information on your grandfather, I want to tell you that the name Selven certainly sounds Swedish to me. When I was growing up in Chicago in the 1920s and 1930s there was a neighboring Swedish family by that name. The Swedes in the neighborhood pronounced it Selvén, while the non-Swedes pronounced it Séllén, which leads me to believe that they spelled it Selvin.

The only thing I know about this family is the following—the man was in his fifties or sixties. I don’t remember his first name, but he owned rental property consisting of several houses and apartments at approximately 34 West 109th Street. He had a s. Adolf, b. ca. 1900, who m. and had children, and who later, in the 1930s, lived at approximately 12037 Yale Avenue in Chicago.

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