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Queries from subscribers to *Swedish American Genealogist* will be listed here free of charge on a "space-available basis." The editor reserves the right to edit the question to conform to the general format.

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, Esbjörnåla, Sundslätt, Älmhult, Långaryd, Råveboda and Kämpåla 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

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.

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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.

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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 Nilsson.

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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 Alseda 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.

Ida Ottilia, b. in Vetlanda 5 Sept. 1871, emigr. 26 Aug. 1887 to New York.

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 arr. in the U.S. in 1855. After moving around for quite a while he settled in Silver City. In Feb. 1871 Fredrik ret. 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 (Värm.) 14 Aug. 1836, was the s. of Magnus Brunzell, b. in Älgå Parish (Värm.) 16 Aug. 1804, the s. of Erik Brunzell, b. in Högsfors, Gräsmark Parish (Värm.) 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 Centralbyråns 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, emigr. to the U.S. 1855 from Stavnäs Parish (Värm.). —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 emigr. probably in 1891 to New York. They were accompanied by three children, two 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, Fotografri 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 (Älvs.) 4 Sept. 1876, m. to a Norwegian mason by the name of Carl (Charles) Larsen. They emigr. 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 emigr. 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.

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 emigr. 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 now is 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 arr. 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 Caspersion, 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 Caspersion. 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 Charlotta, 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) Ersdotter, 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:

- d. Johan, b. 19 Dec. 1819.
- 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 Bernhard Alarik Eriksson, b. in Åland, Finland 2 Aug. 1919; d. in Flint, MI 12 Sept. 1972. Divorced. Child:

(a). Edith Elin Eriksson, b. in NY, NY 16 Aug. 1953.

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 Ala. Child:

(a). Ellen Rose, b. in Yorkville, NY 28 July 1954.

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

Although I have no information on your grandfather, I want to tell you that the name Selveen 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 Sélven, 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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