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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. As announced recently, a major change is herewith instituted. Because of complaints that unauthorized persons have made use of the names and addresses of searchers listed in this column, such names and addresses will no longer be carried. The code to each question is the listed number. Readers who can help solve some of these genealogical problems may submit answers to the editor, referring to the number, who will forward them to the appropriate party. At the same time, the answer will also be printed in issues of *SAG*. This may prove to be of benefit to other readers. It is hoped that this change will help us all.

Anderson, Nelson

I am trying to find the birthplace, near Stockholm, where my grandparents—Claes Ferdinand Anderson and Anna Mathilda Nelson were born.

Claes was b. 24 June 1856 and Anna Mathilda 22 Nov. 1857. They emigr. in 1880 and settled in Chicago. They had nine children, of which four are listed in the 1900 census. These were Claes Oscar, Carl, Otilia and Mabel. After s. Claes Oscar d. at the age of 19, they had another s. named Oscar.

Tina Nelson, Anna's sister was b. in June 1871 and arr. in the U.S. in 1894. She settled in Chicago, m. Benjamin Larson and had three s., Bernard, Louis and Clarence. Tina is buried in the Graceland Cemetery.

Anna and Tina's father was named Nels Nelson and is supposed to have had a coffee plantation in Brazil.

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Nilsson

I am searching for a relative of mine, David Nilsson, who emigr. from Göteborg 12 May 1871, apparently bound for Chicago. He was b. in Hensbyn, Tydje Parish (Älvs.) 8 Nov. 1834. Anything that will give me a clue to his fate will be appreciated.

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Nelson

I am looking for the descendants of Gustaf (Gust) Nelson, b. in Stugsund, Söderhamn (Gävl.) 17 Feb. 1885 and who emigr. to the U.S. ca. 1900. His latest known address in 1931 was Gust Nelson, 720 North Monroe Street, Spokane, WA. He then had three children—Geneve, Bobby and Billy.

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Pettersson, Leeden

I am looking for descendants of Oscar Wilhelm Pettersson b. in Å Parish (Ög.) 21 Feb. 1846. When he emigr. to the U.S. he changed his name to Leeden. He d. 25 Jan. 1925. He was m. to Maria Charlotta Larsdotter, b. 2 Feb. 1838; d. 8 July 1918. They had a s. named August Mauritz Leeden, b. 18 Aug. 1875. The children of August Mauritz Leeden were—Ruby Virginia, Evelyn Maria Ruby, Theodore, Robert Martin, Rudolf and Harriet.

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Johanson, Gale, Carson

I am searching for my grandfather, known as John (Robert) Johanson, later changing his surname to Gale and later again to Carson. He was b. ca. 1847. He and his sister, Helena, were sent to America when he was about twelve years old and came to Springfield, IL. As a young person he left Springfield to work on the railroad. It was at this time that he met my grandmother. His sister m. N. Peterson in Galesburg, IL, where they started a Copenhagen factory. We are trying to find out what area in Sweden he came from and his connection with the Galesburg area.

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Sundqvist

I am looking for information concerning Richard Sundqvist. He was b. in Fryksände Parish (Värm.) 27 Oct. 1894 and emigr. to the U.S. 13 March 1914, going to Minnesota. We know that he d. in 1922. Can anyone give us a clue as to what happened to him?

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Anderson, Bergstedt

My grandfather Charles Anderson was b. in Västra Ny Parish (Ög.) 2 May 1846, came to Motala in 1871, where he took the name Bergstedt. He m. and had two sons before emigr. to America 10 Dec. 1875. I have found no record of his having left a Swedish port, nor where he arrived in the U.S. and the date he came. Can anyone help?

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Johannesson, Johannes, Johnson

My great grandfather, Johannes Johannesson, known as Johnson in America, was b. in Sweden 4 Jan. 1828. He came to America in the 1850s and settled in Princeton, IL. He returned to Sweden on 5 Aug. 1865 and m. Inga Kristina Andersdotter from Åsenhöga Parish (Jön.). The Swedish marriage records say that Johannes Johannesson came from America but not from which parish in Sweden he originally came from. I need help to find from which parish in Sweden John Johnson came. He d. in Aurora, NE 14 March 1889.

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Bergenson

My great great grandfather, Ernst Bergenson came to America from Sweden at the turn of the century. His brother Fritz Bergenson came over a few months later but never got in touch with his brother Ernst. I am anxious to know what happened to Fritz, as well as any information on the Bergensons in Sweden.

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Selveen, Selven

I am trying to locate the parish of my grandfather in Sweden. His name was Ernst Edmund Selveen (Selven). The Selveen name does not sound Swedish and I would like to know what it might have been originally.

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Larson, Anderson

I am researching my ancestors and only have the following information: Andrew Olof Larson was b. in Kristianstad in 1853 and his wife, Hedvig Mathilda Anderson was b. in Malmö 1859. The only other information I have uncovered is that Andrew was naturalized in Chicago 12 Oct. 1896 at which time the couple lived at 238 Market Street. There is a family legend that Hedvig somehow has a link to the Bernadotte dynasty but I have not been able to either prove or disprove this legend.

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Berg, Bergh

I am searching for any information on Andrew Berg (Bergh), b. possibly in Stockholm 1838. He was m. to Lovisa Albertina Landtbom in Poughkeepsie, NY 19 Feb. 1891. Andrew disappeared from Hopewell, NJ 1900 and was never heard from again. It is not known when he left Sweden or when he came to the U.S. Lovisa d. six years after Andrew's disappearance and the two children were raised in foster homes.

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Kierby

I am looking for information on Andrew Kierby, b. in Sweden ca. 1843. In 1882 he m. in Des Moines, IA a Swedish immigrant mid-wife. In Jan. 1884 two men from Wisconsin came looking for him, since he had a wife and children in Wisconsin. He deserted his second wife, was still alive in 1907, but his whereabouts were unknown. He was supposed to have been a travelling evangelist in Sweden and was considered a gifted speaker. In Des Moines he attended the Swedish Mission Covenant Church. He was an asthmatic and had red hair. His second wife was my grandmother's sister and a great grandson of his would like information about him. The name is possibly an alias. Any help will be appreciated.

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Finne, Ullstrom

I have been working several years on my Swedish ancestors and have about finished up my maternal line of Finne/Ullstrom. Any information from either side of the Atlantic would be welcome.

Jan Jansson Finne, b. Nyed Parish (Värm.) 4 Nov. 1787; m. in Boda Parish (Värm.) 30 Dec. 1810 to Maria Olsdotter, d. in Brunskog Parish (Värm.) 25 June 1855. He had five children—Jan (1811-1831); Olof (1814-1895), from whom I am descended and whose children all emigr. to Worcester, MA and Michigan with last names Finne, Ekstrom, Hagerstrom, Schonning and Ullstrom; Anders (1817-1826) and Nils, b. 1824. The latter was the only one to remain in Sweden and who m. Katrina Hare, whose sister Britta had m. Olof (above). Nils' descendants are unknown. The Finne family emigr. from Borgvik Parish (Värm.) between 1870 and 1901 and established the first Swedish Methodist Church in Worcester, as well as being among the first Swedes in that city.

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Lundell, Schang

I am looking for ancestors of my grandfather, Einar Johan Wilhelm Lundell, b. in Liden, Locketorp Parish (Skar.) 17 April 1892, the s. of Johan August Johansson Lundell (1843-1913) and Britta Maja Svendsdotter (1845-1896). I am also looking for the ancestors of my grandmother, Esther Cecilia Schang, b. in Denna, Ny Parish (Värm.) 22 Nov. 1890, the dau. of Anders Gustaf Johansson Schang (1854-?) and Kristina Ullén (1854-?). Possibly related to the Ulléns of Nedre Ullerud from ca. 1704.

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Ölander

I am looking for an Olander (Ölander) who settled in Oregon. Somehow he is related to my great grandfather, Adolph Olander. Another Olander (Ölander) had a farm near Las Vegas, NV and is also supposed to be a relative of the above Adolph Olander.

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Karlsen-Svendsen, Heum

I am looking for information regarding Karl Ferdinand Karlsen-Svendsen of Chicago and Johanna Heum of Seattle. Their parents were Petter and Sara-Maja Karlsen-Svendsen who lived in Fredrikshald (Halden), Norway. Karl Karlsen-Svendsen was m. to Cora Svendsen. He d. in Chicago 1920, but the widow res. at 3109 Seminary Avenue, Chicago, IL with a dau. Helen. Karl's sister Johanna m. Oscar Heum of Seattle. They had a s. and a dau. Are there any descendants in the U.S.?

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