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# Genealogical Queries

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

## **Nilsdotter**

We have been trying for years to locate descendants of Lovisa Nilsdotter, a relative of ours, who emigr. to the U.S. 28 Oct. 1868 with Minnesota as her stated goal. She was b. in Vetlanda Parish (Jön.) 16 May 1834, the dau. of Nils Jonsson and his wife, Maria Svensdotter. Lovisa was working as a maid at Flugeby Perjonsgård in Vetlanda when she left for America. Any information concerning her or possible descendants would be greatly appreciated.

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## **Persson, Larsdotter**

I am writing a book dealing with the bagpipe in Scandinavia. In this connection I am on the lookout for two bagpipe players from the province of Dalarna who



**Gudmunds Nils Larsson (1892-1949), Dala-Järna, Dalarna—Sweden's last traditional bagpipe player.**

emigr. to America. One of these was Eric Persson, b. 1813, who emigr. from Frösaråsen in Säfsnäs Parish (Kopp.) in 1869 and supposedly went to Iowa. The other person was Hol Brita Larsdotter, b. in Uppsälje, Järna Parish (Kopp.) in 1834, who after her marriage to Skifs Anders Andersson, moved to Cokato, MN in 1862. Here they set up a smithy, which later was taken over by their s. Lewis. Can anyone help me document these two case histories of the use of the bagpipe in the U.S. by either Eric Persson or Hol Brita Larsdotter.

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### Backman

I am looking for information regarding two brothers and one sister, all named Backman. They were b. in Sävare Parish (Skar.). These people were my mother's cousins. One brother emigr. in 1887 and the second brother in 1889. Both probably went to Chicago. The persons for whom I am looking are:

- a. Frans Gustaf Backman, b. 24 Sept. 1867.
- b. Johan Alfred Backman, b. 1 July 1876.
- c. Alma Lovisa Backman, b. 10 April 1882.

According to an estate inventory dated 1902 they were residing at 593 Cook Street, St. Paul, MN. Any information concerning these three persons and their relatives would be much appreciated.

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### Pettersson

My mother had an uncle, Anders Pettersson, born in Risa, near the city of Åmål 5 June 1855, who emigr. to the U.S. either 5 or 7 May 1881. He first arr. in Red Wing, MN. In 1921 he seems to have been living in Chicago when he shared an inheritance from Sweden. In 1933 Anders was dead but two of his children, Eddi (Eddy) and Inve (Yngve) shared an inheritance from Sweden. We have heard nothing from the family since then. Can anyone furnish clues?

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### Månsson, Monson, Persson

I am seeking information regarding the following family which emigr. to America in April 1870 aboard the vessel *Denmark* from Copenhagen to New York. The family probably settled in Iowa, and consisted of:

Per Månsson, b. in Åby, Färlöv Parish (Krist.) 11 Nov. 1823.

His wife, Maria Ljunggren, b. 25 May 1816

Their children: a. Per Persson, b. 15 May 1855

b. Sven Persson, b. 2 May 1859

c. Nils Persson, b. 19 Oct. 1853. He emigr. 1872.

Any information concerning them and their descendants will be appreciated.

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### Landtbom

I am searching for relatives of an aunt I never knew, Elise Lovisa Landtbom, b. in Hellvi Parish (Gotl.) 4 June 1883. Elise and her mother (my grandmother, who died before I was born), sailed for America from Visby 21 April 1890. She went to Minnesota and was never heard from again. Perhaps her surname was changed. Can anyone furnish clues as to what happened to her?

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### Johnson

My great grandfather, Gustave Adolph Johnson, was b. in Sweden in 1847 and emigr. to the U.S., where he m. Adelaide Louise Schwartz in Holbrook, Long Island, NY 5 Oct. 1874. He had three children—Lillian A. Johnson Keller, Gustave A. Johnson, Jr., and Everard Leroy Johnson (my grandfather). A shoemaker, Gustave A. Johnson, Sr., left for the Yukon gold rush around 1900. He later wrote that he was on his way home, but was never heard from again. Any information concerning his origin or what happened to him would be appreciated.

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### Enarsson

I am looking for descendants of Matts and Henrik Enarsson, b. in Torp Parish in Medelpad (Vn.), who emigr. to the Swedish settlements on the Delaware in 1664 and 1665. A gentleman in Sweden, with whom I am corresponding, is related to these persons.

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**Brandt, Törnlöf**

The following brothers and sisters emigr. during different years at the beginning of this century:

- a. Karl Oscar Brandt, b. in Överluleå Parish (Norr.) in 1864. He was m. to Anna Lisa Fredriksson, with whom he had five children—Karl Helmer, b. in Edefors, Överluleå 1889; John Alfred, b. in Edefors 1890; Konrad Filian, b. in Edefors 1893; Olga Anna Hildina, b. in Edefors 1897 and Astrid Elisa Hilduna, b. in Edefors 1901.
- b. Frans Albert Brandt, b. in Överluleå 1866.
- c. Amina Kristina Brandt, b. in Överluleå 1871.
- d. Fridolf Gottfrid Brandt, b. in Överluleå 1874.
- e. Gustaf Albin Brandt, b. in Överluleå 1877.
- f. Astrid Emma Matilda Brandt, b. in Madesjö Parish (Kalm.) 1880, m. Gustaf Albert Törnlöf, b. in Gladhammar Parish (Kalm.) 1879.

Can anyone tell me anything about these Brandts?

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**Andersdotter, Anderson**

I am looking for information concerning my great grandmother, Hedvig Andersdotter (Hattie Anderson), b. in Östergötland County ca. 1866. She was m. to Karl Danielsson, b. in Kalmar ca. 1864. Date of emigr. is unknown. They settled in Chicago, where they had five dau.—Ethel, Myrtle, Hazel, b. 1 Oct. 1895, Della and Ellen. I believe that Hedvig was the sister of Emily Anderson, m. to Axel Eric Erickson, who emigr. in 1880 and settled in the North Bay area of Door Co., WI. This couple had 13 children, one of whom was the artist, author and illustrator, Phoebe Erickson, b. in 1907. Any information about either family would be appreciated.

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**Bengtsson, Benson, Lock**

I am looking for information about a Peter (Bengtsson), b. in Sweden probably 16 March 1859 and who was res. in IA in 1916, when he inherited property in Nebraska from his brother Nils.

I am also looking for descendants of Andrew Lock (13 July 1766-?), s. of Anders Lock (20 Nov. 1713-1773), who in turn was the s. of Gustaf (Jestah) Lock (ca. 1668-Nov. 1742), s. of Larss Karlsson Lock (1604-Sept. 1688). Andrew lived in



the Monongahela district in Green Co., PA and the Pleasants/Tyler Co. area of WV.

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**Brunberg, Peterson, Justis, Jurianson, Paulson, Lynam, Brimberry**

I wish to exchange information (and have extensive files) on the following families from Sweden/New Sweden, New Castle Co., DE:

- a. Christian Brunberg, b. in Halland, Sweden 1684, m. Maria Peterson 2 July 1719, d. 28 March 1752.
- b. Matthias Peterson, b. before 1660, m. Elizabeth Justis, d. New Castle Co., DE 14 Sept. 1719.
- c. Samuel Peterson, b. ca. 1630, m. Brita Componey.
- d. John Justis, b. Kinnekulle, Sweden, m. Britta Maunos, d. between 1681 and 1684.
- e. Andrew (Andries) Jurianson, m. Sophia --- ca. 1693, d. either 1675 or 1676 in New Castle Co., DE. Sophia later m. Broer Sinnex (Sinnexon).
- f. Britta Paulson, b. ca. 1690 (?), m. Eric Anderson, ca. 1713.
- g. Catherine Lynam, b. in New Castle Co., DE 1719, m. Peter Anderson 1739, d. in Orange Co., NC after 1787. Her father was Andrew (Anders) Lynam, and his father in turn was Loinan Lynam.
- h. Peter Brimberry (grandson of Christian Brunberg, see above), b. in Old Orange Co., NC ca. 1776, m. Dicey Walker in Greenville, SC (?) ca. 1791 and d. in GA after 1826.

I have files on these and related families and will be happy to share information and find new cousins.

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**Andreasson, Jönsdotter**

Johannes Andreasson and Severina Jönsdotter are my great grandparents. Some of their descendants have had physical features characteristic of southern Europe. Between 1817 and 1830 there was a tenant holding (*torp*) on the estate of Torstorp in Grimeton Parish (Hall.) called Italien (Italy). Does anyone have any information explaining the origin of this name? The writer and historian Sven Petter Bexell (1775-1864) was the clergyman there during that time. Unfortunately he does not elaborate on the place-names in Grimeton in his work on Halland, *Hallands historia och beskrivning* (Halmstad 1925).

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Note: C. M. Rosenberg in his work, *Geografiskt-statistiskt handlexikon öfver Sverige* does not mention Italien in Grimeton but lists an Italien, a village in Fogdö Parish (Söd.). —Ed.

### Nordeen, Nordene

I am looking for information regarding Nils Nordeen/Nordene, b. in Nössemark Parish (Älvs.) 14 Aug. 1841. He emigr. to Chicago in 1875. He was first a teacher in the Augustana Synod and during 1877-1878 he served the St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal Church in Chicago. On 18 Aug. 1879 he wrote a letter from Myers Station, MN. He m. in the U.S. and had a dau. He served as superintendent of schools in Oliver Co., ND 1892-1895 and again 1900-1909. On 8 April 1891 he filed a homestead claim at Ft. Clark, ND. In 1900 he was living alone on his farm. In 1920 he moved to Chicago, where he d. 24 June 1921.

My questions are—What did Nils do between 1879 and 1891? Was he living in MN before he went to ND in 1891? Does he have descendants in the U.S.? He did have a sister, Martina Andersson, in Chicago, who had two children—Marie Heerhold and Arthur Andersson. In St. Paul, MN he had a brother, Alexander Olofsson, who d. in 1924.

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### Heerhold, Andersson

I am looking for information regarding Marie Heerhold, who d. in Chicago 1921-1922 and her brother, Arthur Andersson, also a resident in Chicago. Their parents, A. Jan and Martina Andersson, were living in 1920 at 1049 North Lockwood Ave and later at 4855 West Austin Ave. Marie was m. to Charles W. Heerhold (from Germany) and they had two children—Carl John and Dorothy, b. between 1909 and 1911. Are Carl John Heerhold and his sister still alive, or have they left descendants in the U.S.? Does Arthur Andersson have descendants?

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### Månsson

Nils Månsson, b. in Felestad Parish (Malm.) 4 Jan. 1830, the s. of Måns Andersson and Boel Persdotter, farmed in Svalöv Parish (Malm.) and Källs-Nöbbelöv Parish (Malm.). He m. in Källs-Nöbbelöv 23 April 1852 Boel Larsdotter. She d. in 1862 and Nils, at the age of forty, emigr. to the U.S. in 1870. Family stories tell of his going to Chicago, but he was never heard from again. Can anyone help?

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**Hedman**

I am looking for information concerning one of my relatives, Martha Hedman, the actress and author. She was b. in Sweden in 1883 and emigr. to the U.S. ca. 1900. She appeared on the stage at the Metropolitan, New York City. She m. Col. Henry Arthur House and was last known to be living in Deland, FL. Where and when did she die and where is she buried? I am also looking for information on her sister Lydia, also an actress, who emigr. to the U.S. in 1893.

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Note: According to *Who's Who in America*, Vol.16 (Chicago 1928), Martha Hedman was b. in Östersund, Sweden 12 Aug. 1888, the dau. of Johan Hedman and Ingrid Kempe. She studied acting in Helsinki with Siri von Essen, the first wife of the Swedish dramatist August Strindberg. She made her debut in Finland in 1905 and came to the U.S. in 1912, where she made her debut in *The Attack* at the Garrick Theater in NY 19 Sept. 1912. For the next eight years she was a star attraction on the stage. She m. in 1921 and retired from her career. She made her home in Springdale, CT. Allan Kastrup in his *Swedish Heritage in America* (St. Paul, MN 1975) states that she d. in 1974. Full accounts of her remarkable career can be found in Adolph B. Benson and Naboth Hedin—*Swedes in America 1638-1938* (New Haven, CT 1938) and in *Americans from Sweden* by the same authors (New York 1950). Perhaps further information can be had from The Actors' Equity Association in New York. —Ed.

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**Jonsdotter, Peterson**

I am looking for information about a sister of my grandmother, Mathilda Jonsdotter, b. in Stenbrohult Parish (Kron.) 30 Sept. 1870. She emigr. to the U.S. ca. 1882 and m. a chap by the name of Peterson. With him she had two children—Robert and Mathilda. The family lived in the vicinity of York or Grand Island, NE. Any information concerning her and her descendants will be appreciated.

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**Olsson**


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Per Olsson, b. in Osby Parish (Krist.) 28 May 1858, emigr. to the U.S. in 1888 together with his wife, Mathilda Larsdotter, and sons Oswald Leonard, b. 1886 and Per Ivan, b. 1887. The family settled in Chicago, where Mathilda d. 30 Sept. 1892. The children, including a dau. Inez Alfild, b. in Chicago 1891, were sent back to relatives in Sweden. They were told that both parents had d. at the same time. Other sources, however, claim that Per Olsson had abandoned his family before Mathilda d. and was never heard from again. Whatever happened to Per Olsson?

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**Froberg**

I would appreciate having an address of a Froberg in Sweden. My husband's mother came to America in 1885 or 1886. Her parents were Charles August Froberg and Caroline Flinch Froberg. They res. about 40 miles from Stockholm. If I had the name of a Froberg contact in Sweden, I might pick up some clues as to the origin of my husband's family.

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**Blomdahl, Johansson, Kristiansson, Bengtsson, Olsson**

I am looking for descendants of these persons, who emigr. to the U.S. Some of these are descendants of Gov. Johan Printz:

- a. Hugo Blomdahl, b. in Torsby Parish (Göt.) 4 Sept. 1886, the s. of Gustaf Alfred Blomdahl and Helena Charlotta Larsdotter.
- b. Elmar Blomdahl, b. in Torsby 2 May 1884, the s. of Johan August Blomdahl and Emma Eriksson.
- c. Albin Gottfrid Johansson, b. in Torsby 6 Jan. 1874, the s. of Johannes Persson and Maria Olena Andersson.
- d. Karl Otto Kristiansson, b. in Torsby 6 April 1861, the s. of Christian Andersson and Olena Andreasdotter. A photograph of his family states that he was m. to a Swedish woman, had three dau., Ebba, Bella and Stella, one of them a student at a university, wearing a graduation cap.
- e. Sigurd Bengtsson, b. in Lindholmen in Göteborg 7 Jan. 1892. He d in Argentina 5 Jan. 1961. He was m. to Amanda and had a dau. Marjorie Fisher.
- f. Hilmer Elis Olsson, b. in Lycke or Marstrand Parish (Göt.) in 1879.

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**Answers to Queries**

**No. 297 (Vol.V,No.I) - Liljeqvist**

In an old book, *Svenskarna i New Britain*. Historiska anteckningar (New Britain, CT 1911) by J.E. Klingberg, I noted that the author mentioned my relative Emeli Liljeqvist and that she had moved to Collinsville, CT where she died. When I saw an article in *SAG* (Vol. VI, No.I) written by John E. Darrow about Västergötland immigrants in New Britain, I wrote him to find out what he knew of Emily. He was kind enough to discover that Emily C. Liljeqvist m. Charles Eastling in Canton, CT 6 May 1879, the marriage having been performed by Jonn Mellander, a Lutheran pastor. A s., Frank Eugene Eastling, was b. 26 Dec. 1880 but he d. 9 Aug. 1881. A dau., Emilie Josephine, was b. 11 April 1882. A month