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# Genealogical Queries

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## Swens(s)on, Olofsson, Lindgren

I am seeking descendants of four siblings of my great-grandfather, Jonas Victor Swens(s)on, who was b. in Horn (Östg.) in 1835, emigr. in 1870, and d. in Kansas in 1933. His parents were Sven Jönsson (1805-1887) and Greta Pehrson (1811-1904) of Svinhult (Östg.).

The siblings were Sven Petter Swensson (b. 1833; emigr. 1857), Hans Alfred Swensson (b. 1839; emigr. 1870), Johan August Swensson (b. 1846; emigr. 1868), and Greta Lovisa Swensdotter (b. 1840), who emigr. in 1868 with her husband, Hans Olofsson (b. 1835). Descendants of another sister, who married Karl Magnus Lindgren, are known to be in Iowa.

Because Jonas Victor went to Kansas, I have assumed the siblings also went there; but I have found no census traces under any name variant. One child of Hans Olofsson, Huldah Olof(s)on, was living with Jonas Victor Swenson in 1922 in Cleburne, Kansas. The Olofsson family supposedly went to Nebraska.

Any help will be appreciated.

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## Sonesson, Papp, Svensson

Åke Sonesson, b. at Ullstorp, Önnestad, Krist., 18 Oct. 1816, was married on 6 Feb. 1842 to Elna Pehrson, b. Färlöv Parish, 1 June 1824. Two of their great-grandsons are trying to locate descendents of three of their eight children.

Anders, b. at No. 5 Färlöv, Färlöv Parish, on 29 Dec. 1847, emigrated in July of 1867. His last known location in the U.S. was Stephen, Minnesota.

Elna, b. 28 Feb. 1854, married Karl August Papp, who was b. in Kviinge Parish, 15 Nov. 1854. She had the following five children (all b. in Färlöv): Ellen Kristina, b. 4 Dec. 1883; Karl Wilhem, b. 5 June 1885; Gustav Sigfried, b. 17 Feb. 1888; Hilma Agnes, b. 6 May 1890; and Ruth Friedenberg, b. 10 Aug. 1893. The family's last known location was in Färlöv in 1893.

Bengta, b. at #5 Färlöv, Färlöv Parish, on 9 July 1856, was married in Färlöv on 27 Dec. 1885 to Sven Svenson, b. in Trolle-Ljungby Parish, 14 Jan.

1862. The family lived at Västra Ljungby #9, Trolle-Ljungby Parish, in the 1890s and, allegedly, immigrated to either North or South Dakota.

Many thanks for your consideration.

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### **Anderson, Olsen [Olsson]**

I am interested in the ancestry of Charles Anderson, b. 1876/77, and his wife, Hilda E. Olsen [Olsson], b. 1877, the dau. of John Olsen [Olsson] and Caroline Munsson.

Hilda arrived in New York on 10 Oct. 1902 on board the SS *Norge* from Copenhagen, accompanied by her son (my uncle) Hilding Constantine Anderson, b. 26 Jan. 1901. She was met by her husband "Carl," who was living in Brooklyn. Records list all of the above as Swedish born.

On 30 Nov. 1906 a son, John Emil Anderson, was born in the Bronx. Hilda died in Manhattan on 18 April 1910. The sons were put in foster homes (they kept in touch) and the father was never heard from again.

Any information on their ancestry would be appreciated.

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### **Kallenberg, Malmquist (Nelson), Nilsson**

My great-grandmother, Assarina Nilsson, b. at Kvidinge (Skån.) 10 Aug. 1850 had three sons: Frans Edvard Kallenberg, b. at Björnekulla (Skån.) 18 March 1871; my grandfather, Oscar Wilhelm Malmquist, b. at Björnekulla 27 July 1872; and Carl Petter Nilsson, b. Copenhagen, Denmark, 20 Apr. 1880. Assarina returned to Sweden from Denmark in 1880 and died in the fall of 1880, leaving the three boys as orphans. They spent most of their youth in the "poor house" at Björnekulla.

My grandfather immigrated to the U.S. between 1889 and 1895, changed his name to Oscar W. Nelson, and d. in Seattle, WA, in 1942. But I would like to hear from anyone who has information on either of my grandfather's half-brothers—Frans Edvard Kallenberg or Carl Petter Nilsson.

I have some information on Frans Edvard Kallenberg up to about 1903. He left Björnekulla in 1888 and went to Stockholm to join the military (Svea Livgarde). After about ten years, he is a sergeant first class but leaves the barracks for a civilian address in Stockholm/Hedvig Eleonora Parish. A researcher found him there in 1903, but not 1904.

As for Carl Petter Nilsson, I found him leaving Björnekulla for Uppåkra (Skån.) in 1898, moving from Uppåkra to Bjuv (Skån.) to work as a coal miner until 1902, and then returning to Björnekulla to work as a railway laborer until 1905, at which time it is written in the Björnekulla records that he moved to Helsingborg (Skån.). Unfortunately, I have been unable to find him in Helsingborg.

It would be a thrill to get some news about these relatives after nearly a century. The only information my grandfather left about his family was that he said he had a “brother who died at sea.” In fact, it appears that he had two brothers and we don’t know which one, if any, died at sea.

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### **Bohman, Jonsson**

“Footprints of Family” by Larry Oakes (*Swedish American Genealogist* XXII (March 2002): 1-20) has revived my hopes and fondest wish to find roots for my maternal grandmother, who was born Susie Bohman somewhere in the Swedish province of Småland on 8 January 1868. She died in St. Paul, Minnesota, on 28 December 1917, a few days before her fiftieth birthday.

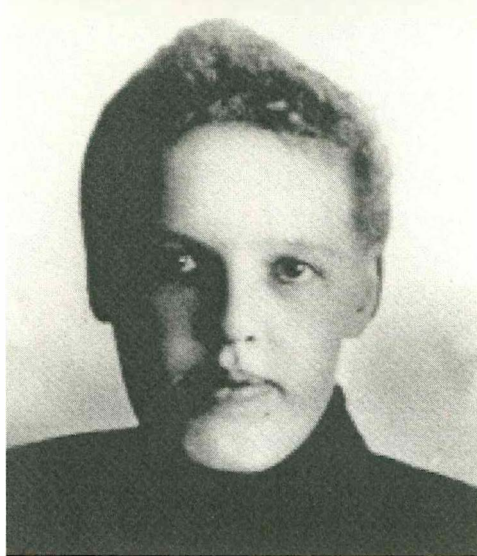
Although I have bits and pieces of data (e.g., record of marriage, 1900 U.S. Census, death certificate), all documents record only “Sweden” as her place of origin. My mother told me about Småland.

The accompanying group photograph is of my great-grandparents with their two children, Susie Bohman and her older brother, Carl Bohman. Carl Bohman is said to have emigrated ahead of his sister, whose census record dates her emigration at 1889. I can place Susie Bohman in Rutledge, Minnesota, in 1895, when she married Martin Gunnard Martinson, who had lost his first wife and four young daughters in the 1894 Hinckley forest fire.

I am hoping the photographs might somehow ring a bell among your readers, especially those in Sweden. I am almost certain that Susie would have sent the portrait of herself back home to Sweden. Perhaps relatives may still have these old pictures or other pictures with my relatives in them. Unfortunately, I do not know the given names of either great-grandparent—only the family names of Bohman and, possibly, Jonsson.

The only other bit of information I have (from my mother, Hilda Inglo Martinson Balster, born in Rutledge, Minnesota, 16 January 1998) is that she thought her grandmother’s name was Jonsson. In the 1930s, mother received a small inheritance from her grandmother but, unfortunately, mother discarded any letter or envelope that may have carried the inheritance. Hard to believe, isn’t it?

I have been unable to find any information about Carl Bohman. My mother said he died fairly young, although he must have been living when Susie emigrated in 1889, as it seems he would have been her connection in Minnesota.



**Fig. 1.** The Bohman family (top) somewhere in Småland in the 1880s (L-R): Carl, father, Suzie, and mother. Susie Bohman (bottom), Rembrandt Studio, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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