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Rundgren

I am trying to establish contact with anyone researching or interested in the family line Rundgren from Värmland. Olof W. Rundgren was b. in Eda Parish 22 Jan. 1839, the son of Olof Wilhelm Rundgren (b. Köla Parish 16 Jan. 1811; d. by 1880) and Brita Fosberg (b. Eda between 1831-38; d. Eda 1846). Olof's grandparents are believed to be Olof Run(d)gren and Annika Bengtsdotter.

Olof immigrated to the U.S. in 1869 and d. Clinton Co., IA, 1874. Prior to his death, he had married Martha Nilsson (Nelson) (b. Hallebol, Köla Parish 16 Aug. 1846; d. Clinton, IA, 29 Jan. 1922).

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Swanfeldt, Eriksson/Erickson

I am seeking information regarding Axel Wilhelm Swanfeldt, who was b. in Söderköping (Östg.) in 1847 and d. in Los Angeles, CA, in 1925. He learned the sailmaker's trade in Oslo, Norway, in 1865. He is believed to have jumped ship in Galveston, TX, in 1869. He became a businessman—Görran & Swanfeldt: Sailmakers and Tents—in Galveston. Axel married Carolina Johanna Anderson in 1873 and the couple had the following children: Alice Mary (1874-1898), Axelina (1876-??), Andrew (1881-1959), John Knute (1885-197?), Wm. Axel (1887-1956), and Edla Johanna (1890-1969).

I am also seeking information about Nils Johan Eriksson, who was b. somewhere in southern Sweden on 17 Dec. 1857 (1854?). He worked as a laborer in the woods, possibly as a builder of log homes, until he emigrated in 1887. Nils Johan met Amanda Charlotta Lindholm in Chicago, where they were married by a justice of the peace on 14 October 1887.

Amanda Charlotta Sundberg Lindholm was b. in Sävast, Överluleå (Nobo.) on 12 Aug. 1856, the daughter of Nils Nilsson Lindholm and Anna Stina Sundberg. She moved to Stockholm/Adolf Fredrik Parish in 1878 and to

Stockholm/Maria Parish in 1882. Amanda apparently emigrated in 1882 or 1883, traveling with a dissident church group that was met in New York by church officials, who helped them get settled and arranged jobs. Amanda got a job as a nanny with a doctor's family. She moved with them to Florida (or possibly Florid, Illinois, which is southwest of Chicago). She left this job and went to Chicago to work as a seamstress in a clothing factory.

Nils Johan and Amanda had the following children: Janny (b. in the town of Lake [now part of Chicago], IL, 9 Aug. 1888; d. Duluth, MN, 5 Dec. 1891); Gideon (b. Illinois, 27 Jan. 1890; d. Duluth, MN, 3 Dec. 1891); Elin Marie (b. Duluth, MN, 5 Mar. 1891; d. Vallejo, CA, 10 Mar. 1968); George Walter (b. Grantsburg, Burnett Co., WI, 26 Dec. 1894; d. Martinez, Napa Co., CA, 26 Aug. 1967); and Walter Daniel (b. Pine City, Pine Co., MN, 14 May 1897; d. Inglewood, Los Angeles Co., CA, 26 Dec. 1984).

Nils Johan Erickson d. on 18 May 1903 (possibly in Duluth, MN or Brule, WI). Amanda Charlotta d. in Berkeley, Alameda Co., CA, on 4 Sept. 1945.

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Malm, Johnson, and John Berg Update

According to his death certificate, Nels J. Malm was born in Sweden on 24 April 1858 and died in St. Paul, MN, on 26 Aug. 1924. I would like to know where he came from in Sweden and where he got the name Malm. Did he come straight into the U.S. or did he go through Canada?

I am also seeking information on Nils Johnson, b. in Vinslöv Parish on 25 April 1858. Both he and his brother, Ola, emigrated, though not at the same time. Where in the U.S. did they live?

Finally, I would like to provide an update on the article "Who Was Soldier John Berg from Färila?" published in the June 2001 issue of *SAG*. A new subscriber to *SAG*, Ingegård Jonsson, who lives near Färila, phoned me one day to tell her story. When she received her first issue of *SAG*, she gave it to a cousin to read. Soon her cousin told her very enthusiastically that their ancestor, Jonas, had his family in the article about the soldier from Färila. Jonas was a half-brother to the soldier John Berg. So now they are working hard to find more information about the family and the "lost" soldier.

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