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Miller/Möller

Carl Herman Miller was the son of Magnus Miller/Möller and his second wife, Christina Rurg, Swedish immigrants. He was born in Cokato, MN, between January and April 1875. He is recorded in the state and federal census records of his family in 1875, 1880, and 1895. He was a Spanish-American War veteran and served in the Philippines at the turn of the century. Herman was single.

Did he enlist in Minnesota or Michigan, where he later resided? What happened to him following his service? Family memories indicate that he died in the late 1930s or prior to 1942 at a veterans' home or hospital. His belongings were sent from Battle Creek, MI, to a brother, Fred Edward Miller, in Portland, OR. When did he come to Michigan? Percy Jones Veterans' Hospital is now closed. Where are the records of soldier deaths and burials? Multiple searches have been made in usual resources with no result. Help would be appreciated.

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Bergman

Adolf Bergman was b. 4 Sept. 1830 and d. 28 Sept. 1896. On 2 Aug. 1860 he m. Leontine Bellander, who was b. 17 June 1840 and d. 29 Aug. 1913. They had the following eleven children and I am trying to find out what happened to the first child, Arvid Sven (possibly Sven Arvid) Bergman,

Children:

1. Arvid Sven: b. 27 Dec. 1861; m. Grace Axten in America
2. Gustaf Carl: b. 8 May 1863; in America
3. Edvard Emil: b. 24 Jan. 1865; d. 25 Nov. 1886
4. Adolf Viktor: b. 9 Nov. 1866; d. 31 or 13 Jan. 1868
5. Anni Kristina: b. 25 Sep. 1868; d. 6 Jan. 1953; housemother at Lundbergs School
6. Adolf Viktor: b. 6 Aug. 1870; d. 15 May 1871; not found in Sunne C:1

7. Janne (John): b. 31 Mar. 1872; d. 23 Feb. 1934; m. Selma Nylén 27 Feb. 1904
8. Adolf Rickard: b. 23 Apr. 1874; d. 27 June 1875
9. Elin Johanna: b. 2 Sep. 1877; d. 18 Dec. 1956; m. to Carl Dillström 9 May 1903
10. Ester Lilly M.: b. 23 Sep. 1881; d. 25 July 1972; nurse/housemother at Lundbergs School
11. Viktor: b. 7 Nov. 1883; d. 15 Sep. 1963; m. Edith Nylén 24 June 1916

According to Göteborg passenger lists, A. Bergman (age eighteen) left the port of Göteborg aboard the *Rollo* on 10 Sept. 1880, which went as far as Hull, England. His last residence was Sunne Parish in Värmlands *län*. His destination was "Water Valley." I have found Water Valleys in Alabama (Choctaw Co.), Arkansas (Randolph Co.), Illinois (Union Co.), Kentucky (Graves Co.), Mississippi (Yalobusha Co.), New Mexico (now a ghost town, in Roosevelt Co.), New York (Erie Co.), Tennessee (Maury Co.), Texas (Tom Green Co.), and Alberta, Canada (northwest of Calgary). Which one is it? There are only about five people leaving Swedish ports who have destinations of Water Valley, and none specifies a state or province. A group of ca. fifteen Norwegians living in Sweden left Oslo in 1873 with a destination of "Water Valley, Min." but I cannot find a Water Valley in Minnesota. Two other people from Sunne left Göteborg port the same day as Arvid. Their destinations were Worcester and New York. Not much help.

In a family record from the 1930s it says that Arvid Sven Bergman was married to a Grace Axten, and living in America. It also says that when his mother Leontine died in 1913, Arvid Sven Bergman wrote back to Sweden to ask about any inheritance. When the sister Anni Bergman died in 1953, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs searched for any children of her siblings in the U.S., without success.

When descendants of child #11 (Viktor) visited Ribenäs in Sunne in the summer of 2001, the current owners said that in the summer of 2000 an American and his wife visited the farm because an ancestor had been born there, but names were never exchanged with the American couple. Who could they have been?

In the 1880 Census I found one Grace Axton (age three) living in Vermillion Co., IN, and one (age one) living in Washington Co., PA. They're probably too young to be Arvid's wife, but can't be ruled out. Thank you for any information or ideas.

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Svensson, Svenson, Swensen

I am interested in locating living family members of my wife's mother's cousins from Vetlanda, Sweden.

Uncle Sven Petersson was b. in Peterslund Cottage, Vetlanda Lillegård, Vetlanda (Smål.) on 25 Sept. 1843, the son of Peter Andersson (b. 1 May 1801) and Lisa Katrina Jonsdotter (b. 16 Sept. 1805). Sven had the following four children who immigrated to America:

- Ida Matilda Amanda Svensdotter, b. in Bäckseda (Smål.) in 1869; emigr. 16 Aug. 1887; used the surname Petersson on the passenger list.
- Gustav Alfred Svensson, b. in Bäckseda (Smål.) in 1872; emigr. 5 March 1889.
- Arvid Svensson, b. in Vetlanda in 1876; emigr. 18 March 1890.
- Anna Emilia Svensson, b. in Vetlanda in 1877; emigr. with her brother Arvid on 18 March 1890.

Sven Petersson also had a brother, Anders Gustave Petersson, who immigrated to Chicago in 1870 and married Ida Carlsson. They had six children and lived in Chicago. I believe that all of the Svensson cousins moved to the same part of America. That may have been Chicago but could also have been a different location. Unfortunately, do not know the married names of the women.

I will appreciate any information about the Svensson families.

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My maternal grandmother Selma had a sister, Maria Carolina Holmgren, who was b. in Viksta (Uppl.) on 10 Nov. 1867. On 12 June 1887, Maria married the painter/decorator Johannes (Jon/Jan) Sandberg, who was b. in Vendel (Uppl.) on 5 Sept. 1860. They had the following four children: Johan Sten, b. Vendel, 12 Dec. 1887; Ester Maria Kristina, b. Gävle (Gäst.), 17 Aug. 1889; Signe Judit Elisabeth, b. Gävle, 26 Feb. 1892; and Nils Einar, b. Gävle, 18 Dec. 1894.

Jon/Jan Sandberg and his family emigr. from Göteborg (contract number 59:365:945) on 21 April 1897, listing Philadelphia, PA, as their destination. I have located the son Nils (SSN 161-10-3271), who died in November 1984. His last residence was Willingboro, Burlington County, NJ 08046.

Does anyone know if he got married and if he had children? What happened to Nils's parents and siblings? I am interested in locating their children and grandchildren.

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