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Okerlin, Åkerlund

I am seeking information on my great-grandfather, Peter Okerlin (Per Åkerlund) born in Sweden on 1 June 1826. According to his obituary in the Boone, Iowa, newspaper, he "came to this country in the spring of 1869." He was a carpenter. Peter married Brita Olsson, born in Sweden on 19 September 1831, the daughter of Erick and Anna Olsson. They had the following children: 1) Peter (1856-1939), who is buried at Iron River, Wisconsin, near Ashland; 2) two (unnamed) children who died in infancy; 3) Anna (1862-1906), who married (---?) Gabrielson and had a daughter, Louise, who married Paul Sandell; and 4) Mary J. (1869-1893).

Was Mary J. born in Sweden? Aboard ship? In Iowa? She married Solomon Johnson, who was born in Stockholm on 10 December 1859 and died 3 November 1916. Their daughter, Josephine, was born in Mapleton, Iowa, on 24 April 1892.

The two youngest children of Peter and Brita Okerlin were born in Boone, Iowa. They were Eddie (1872-1892) and Julia Matilda, my grandmother, who was born 26 March 1875 and died 19 June 1946.

Peter Okerlin senior lived at 227 Monona Street, in Boone. Brita Okerlin died 6 December 1906. Peter later lived with his daughter, Julia, who married Edward Willis Kirk in 1899. Peter died 21 June 1912. Peter and Brita are buried at Linwood Cemetery, Boone, Iowa.

Where in Sweden were Peter Okerlin and Brita Olson born? Who were Peter's parents? From what parish did they emigrate and when? Did they come directly to Boone, Iowa, because they already had relatives who had settled there?

Can anyone help? I am willing to share information.

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