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# Genealogical Queries

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## Oden, Aronson, Miller/Möller

Pastor M. P. Oden played a significant part in the lives of both of our great-grandparents. This was a recent surprise discovery, since our great-grandparents lived quite a distance apart. Both were associated with the Swedish Lutheran churches in their communities. Joyce’s great-grandfather, John Miller/Johan Möller, knew Pastor Oden when he was serving the Muskegon and Big Rapids churches in western Michigan. There he confirmed John Miller’s son, Peter, in 1880.

In 1895 he conducted the funeral for Charles’s great-grandfather, Olof Aronson, in Sioux City, Iowa. We both should like to know more about his pastor who touched lives in both our families. Any information—personal data, places where he ministered, his obituary and burial place—will help us “flesh out” this man’s history.

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*Editor’s Note:* Conrad Bergendoff, in *The Augustana Ministerium: A Study of the Careers of the 2,504 Pastors of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod/Church 1850-1962* (Augustana Historical Society: Rock Island, IL, 1980), p. 28, writes the following: “**ODEN, MARTIN PATRICIUS**, ordained June 22, 1879, Chicago, Ill. b. Nov. 13, 1852, Onsala, Halland, Sw., Johannes Oden & Anna M. (Liman). Latin School, Göteborg, 1871-76. U.S. 1876. Aug. Coll., 1876-77; Sem., 1877-79. Big Rapids, Muskegon, Mich., 1879-81; Ottumwa, Ia., 1881-89; Tustin, Mich., 1889-91; Alta, Ia., 1891-1900; Kackley, Kan., 1900-10; Stanton, Ia., 1910-14; Belvidere, Ill., 1914-21. Pres. Ia. Conf. D.D. Bethany Coll. m. Emma U. Carlberg, 1879, 4 children. d. Aug. 5, 1921.”

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**Svedberg, Norberg, Burman**

I am looking for information about my grandmother's sisters and brother, who emigrated from Söderala. Karin Svedberg was born in 1870 and emigrated in 1890; Margreta Svedberg was born in 1873 and emigrated in 1904. Nils Svedberg (who had the soldier name Norberg), who was born in 1858, and his wife Kristina, who was born in 1859, emigrated in 1883. Their destination was Wisconsin or Minnesota.

I am also interested in Erik Nilsson Burman, who was born in 1844 and emigrated from Enånger in 1869.

I would be very grateful for any information about these people.

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**1219****Söderlund**

I am searching for my aunt, Anna Tekla Kristina Söderlund, who was born in Fors Parish (Jämt.) 23 September 1883. She immigrated to the U.S. from Trondheim, Norway, on 25 January 1905 aboard the *Saimo*. Her destination was Minneapolis, Minnesota. She presumably married and had two sons. That is all I know about her.

I am the son of her older brother, Bror Daniel Söderlund (b. 1881), and I would be very happy and grateful for any additional information about Anna Tekla and/or any surviving relatives.

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**1220****Lawson (Larsson), Olsson**

I am very anxious to learn more about my Swedish ancestry, about which I know very little. I know that my great-grandfather, Andrew Lawson, emigrated from Sweden to Australia in 1870 or 1871 to work in the North Queensland mines. I would like to know more about his parents, to whom he was born in Vänersborg (Älvs.) in 1848.

According to information on Andrew's marriage and death certificates, his parents were Lawrence Lawson (a farmer) and Christina (née Olsson). Christina

could possibly be the daughter of Olaf Olsson and Norah Lidman, but that is just a supposition.

I have written many letters to Sweden (to addresses listed in *Tracing Your Swedish Ancestry*, which I obtained from the Swedish Embassy here), but none of these inquiries has led to any new information at all. It has been so disappointing! Maybe I could find some answers from readers of your journal.

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### Strandberg, Erickson

I am seeking information about several individuals. David Strandberg was b. in Eldsberga (Hall.) on 21 December 1863. He immigrated to Willcox, Pennsylvania, in 1892 and later lived in Portland, Oregon.

Elmer and Leland Erickson were born in the U.S. ca. 1910 and were living in Portland ca. 1925-30.

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### Falk, Jönsdotter

I am looking for the following individuals who immigrated to the U.S. ca. 1890-92: 1) Swan Falk (father), b. in Oppmanna, Sweden, 24 December 1865; 2) Maria Jönsdotter (mother), b. in Långaröd, Sweden, 6 December 1866; and 3) Per Falk (son), b. Oppmanna, Sweden, 16 June 1888.

The family had four sons (born in 1888, 1892, 1896, and 1901) and one daughter, Gladys Elvira, born in 1906. Gladys Elvira married a pharmacist in 1923.

In 1912 their address was: Swan Falk, 1024 10th Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Their address was the same until 1937.

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