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Nilsson, Nilsdotter, Svensson/Swanson, Alström

Seeking descendants of Sven Nilsson (b. 13 Apr. 1815; d. 24 Mar. 1875) and his first wife, Elsa Nilsdotter (b. 30 Oct. 1797; d. 25 July 1852). They were the parents of Sven Gustaf (b. 17 July 1838; d. ?) and Adolph Philip Svensson/Swanson (b. 19 June 1841; d. Buffalo, MN, 15 Nov. 1925).

Sven Nilsson later m. Anna Charlotta Alström, who was b. 13 May 1827 and d. in Chicago, IL. Sven and Anna Charlotta had these children: Frans Oscar (b. 6 Sept. 1855; d. in MN); Johan/John Alfred (b. 6 Dec. 1853; d. Kandyohi Co., MN, 23 Nov. 1932); Christina Albertina (b. 15 Dec. 1856; d. in Östra Ryd Parish 16 Apr. 1858; Thecla Charlotta (b. 22 Sept. 1858), Hilda Carolina (b. 4 Sept. 1860), and Emma Sofia (b. 26 Nov. 1862).

The families lived in Lilla Fänge, Ringarum, Östra Ryd and Norrköping. Sven's sons were journeymen cabinetmakers and wood workers. Frans Oscar and Johan/John Alfred worked on Pullman cars in Illinois and farmed in Kandyohi County, MN. Adolph Philip was a builder in New Windsor, IL, and in Kandyohi and Meeker Counties in MN. Sven's widow came to America in 1875 with two of her daughters. Adolph Philip came to America in 1869.

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Erik(s)son

I am trying to locate my American relatives by seeking information on three brothers, who were the sons of Erik Eriksson and Elsa Sjöström from Mörrum Parish (Blek.). All three were living in New York in 1910.

1) Johan Erikson was b. 10 Nov. 1860 and emigr. 8 Sept. 1897. He went to Philadelphia. He m. Edla Maria Blomqvist, who was b. in Ekerö, Finland, 20 Nov. 1864.

2. Berndt Erikson was b. 19 Feb. 1872 and emigr. 30 Jan. 1891. He went to New York.

3. Ernst Erikson was b. 20 Sept. 1867.

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Luhr

I am doing a search for relatives of my husband Howard's father, Ivar Waldemar Luhr, who was b. 18 November 1888 in Bredojo(?), Westmanland, [most likely Bredsjö, Hjulsjö Parish, Västmanlän]. He came to the U. S. on 28 Aug. 1908 aboard the *Lusitania*. He m. Anna Laura Lindstrum and homesteaded a farm in Metaline Falls, WA. I have a letter written by a relative named Olga (no last name given) dated 14 Aug. 1945, with Box 247, RFD2, Shelton, Conn. given as the return address. I also have an address of 16565 Main St., Stratford, Conn. She mentioned her husband Charles and children Paul, Olga, Alice and Virginia. There was also a woman with the surname Walborg who lived in New York in December of 1946. I believe that the woman was Ivar's cousin.

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Larsson, Gullbrandssen

I am searching for my grandmother's parents. Her father, Carl-Johan Larsson was b. in Öxabäck 24 June 1860 and emigr. from Sweden to New York 16 Apr. 1886. Carl Johan had been in America before and had returned to Sweden 23 Dec. 1885, possibly with his wife, Anna Severina Gullbrandssen, a Norwegian girl who he had met in America. Anna Severina was b. in Drammen, Norway, in 1867.

My grandmother, Anna Otilia, was b. 16 Feb. 1886. My mother told me that my grandmother was born in America, but the Swedish church books indicate that she was born in Sweden. What is certain is that she was raised in Sweden by her father's parents. I know that my grandmother had younger sisters who were born in America.

I have enclosed copies of two documents that may provide clues. One is a photograph of the tombstone of Carl Johan Larsson and his wife, Anna Severina (see figure 1). Unfortunately, I don't know the location of their grave. The other is a copy of a Christmas card sent by Anna (see figure 2).



Fig. 1. Tombstone: LAWSON / Charles J. Lawson / 1860-1930 / Anna S. Gilbert / His Wife / 1867

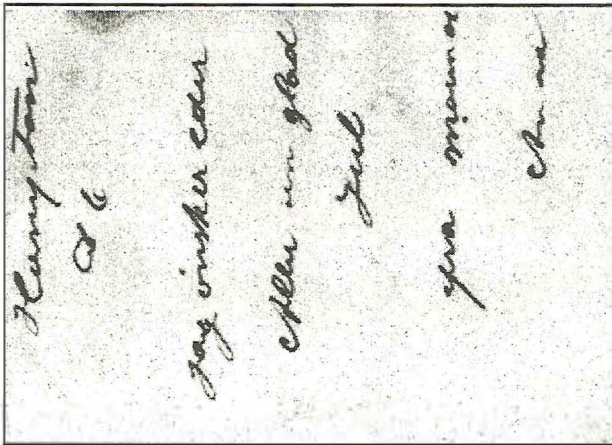


Fig. 2. Christmas card: Hampton, SC / Jag önsker eder / alla en glad / Jul / ifra mormor / Anna (Hampton, South Carolina / I wish you / all a glad / Christmas / from grandmother / Anna)

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