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Genealogical Queries

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Svensson, Johnson

Five of my maternal grandfather's (*morfar*) siblings immigrated to either Leadville, Colorado, or Wellsville, Ohio, between 1886 and 1900. Some of them have been located and I have made contact with several second cousins in the U.S. An address book from one of the siblings in Leadville, CO, contained some addresses that may help in the search for the remaining two siblings

Erik Hjalmar Svensson, b. 11 November 1867, immigrated to Leadville or Wellsville in 1886. His brother-in-law, John F. Berg, had an Elmer Swanson, 313 Liverpool Street, Wellsville, Ohio, listed in his address book.. I found Elmer Swenson listed in the 1900 Federal Census (with a wife and son) but, since his birth date is given as August 1868, it is not likely that Elmer and Erik Hjalmar are one in the same.

Gerda Emerentia Svensson, b. 9 September 1882, immigrated to Leadville in 1900. She was probably not married or living in Leadville as of 1905. In the above-mentioned address book, a Mrs. Gerda Johnson, 5430 Stanard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, is listed under the letter "S" in the address book. Although it seems reasonable to assume that this is Gerda Emerentia, I have been unable to locate her in the Cleveland census.

Any assistance/suggestions that may help me locate either Erik Hjalmar Svensson or Gerda Emerentia Svensson would be greatly appreciated.

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Hansson, Carlson

My grandmother's name was Johanna Carolina Hansson. She was b. Korsnäs, Finland, 25 May 1880 and immigrated with her mother to Timrå (Mede.) when she was a child. Her mother, Emma Sofia Henrikdotter, was b. Övermark, Finland, 27 April 1855 and d. Timrå 2 May 1938. Her father, Adrian Hansson, who was b. in Finland 5 September 1849, had immigrated to the U.S.

in 1883. In June 1904 Johanna Carolina traveled to Trondheim, Norway, to live with relatives. In August 1904 she left Trondheim aboard the SS *Casso* bound for the U.S.

In 1920 Johanna was living with her husband, Charles G. Carlson, and three children (Carl, Ester, and Edith) in Hay Brook Twp., Kanabec Co., MN. Charles had emigrated from Västergötland in 1904. From 1933 to 1948, Caroline (now using her Americanized middle name!), and Charles, a cabinet maker, lived at 2618 McKinley St., N.E., Minneapolis, MN. Another address that may be of significance is F. W. Stodieck, 5344 10th Avenue S(?), Minneapolis, MN.

Johanna Carolina and her daughters Edith visited our family in Sweden in 1934. Edith was then about twenty years old; I was seven. My mother didn't care to have further contact because she was very disappointed in her mother, who had abandoned her when she was a little baby. We then lost touch with our American relatives.

Now my mother is dead and my siblings and I want to know more about Johanna Carolina and her life in America. When did she get married? When and where did she die? Are any of her descendants still living? I would like to get in touch with relatives in the U.S., and I would be very obliged if someone could help me. Kindest regards.

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Johnson, Åkermark

I am trying to locate the sister of a William Johnson (deceased) of Hinckley, Minnesota. William Johnson was the translator of a book (*Eld-cyklonen eller Hinckley-branden*) written by Swedish immigrant and journalist Gudmund Åkermark (see editor's note below) about the great Hinckley forest fire of 1894. The Companion Publishing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, published the original Swedish version in 1894. It was translated into English and republished in 1976 for The Pine County Historical Society by the American Publishing Company, Askov, Minnesota. In 1978 it was reprinted by The Hinckley Fire Museum. I was very taken by the original book as well as the translation and would like to know more about both Gudmund Åkermark and William Johnson. I am particularly interested in locating descendants of either one of these men.

With only the surname Johnson (and not even a middle initial!) to go by, finding the sister may be a difficult task. Her maiden name may have been Johnson, but what surname is she currently using? Where does she live? Does she have any living descendants?

I thank you for any efforts that you may be able to make to help.

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Editor's note: Gudmund Åkermark was b. Onsala, Halland, in 1863 and emigrated from Sweden to America in April 1887. During his journalistic career, he was associated with the following newspapers: *Svenska Posten*, Omaha, NE, 1887; *Omaha Svenska Tribun*, 1888; *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*, Minneapolis, 1889; half owner and editor, *Nya Världen*, Minneapolis and later Story City, IA, 1890-July 1891; editor, *Blokadbrytaren*, Ironwood, MI, July 1891-fall 1892; editor, *Skördemannen*, Minneapolis, fall 1892-1896; associate editor and editor-in-chief, *Svenska Folkets Tidning*, Minneapolis, 1897-1902 and beginning in 1903, respectively. He married Constance Nelson in 1891 and had four children. - A. E. Strand, comp. and ed., *A History of The Swedish-Americans of Minnesota* (Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1910), 1:315-316.

Winberg

Alfrid Johansson Winberg was born in 1859 in Holsljunga Parish in Älvsborg län. He lived in Borås for a short time, but in 1882 he moved to Malmbäck where he married Josefina Charlotta Johansson. By 1890 the couple is found in Norrtälje Parish in Stockholm län with three small children—Augusta Wihelmina, born 1885, Karen Viola, born in 1886, and Johan Arvid, born in 1889. Johan Arvid may later have been known as “Arnie.”

Are there living descendants of Alfrid and Josefina Winberg in Sweden today? Any information about this family would be greatly appreciated.

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Wahlbom, Lund(h)

Harald Wilhelm Wahlbom was born in Växjö (Smål.) 10 May 1857, the son of Fredrik Magnus Wahlbom and Gustava Carolina Lund(h). He immigrated to Russia in 1883 and died in Donetsk in the Ukraine 7 February 1905. I am seeking information about his life, his descendants and the ancestry of his mother, Gustava Carolina Lund(h).

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