Genealogical Queries

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Editor's Note: A Success Story!

In the December 1999 issue of SAG, an announcement about the availability of photographs of Swedish pioneers from the Princeton, IL, area was printed in the Genealogical Queries section (see query 1181, p. 317). The author of the announcement, Joyce M. Scott, wrote the following in a recent letter:

I should also let you know that the note in the Query section of the December 1999 SAG about early portraits available in Princeton, Illinois, proved helpful. A gentleman from California wrote me a "thank you" for the information. He had not been able to find much about his great-grandparents. Their name was on the list of portraits available, which he ordered. He was so pleased to have the 1870 portrait of his great-grandparents. His great-grandmother was visibly pregnant with his grandmother, which gave it even more meaning for him. The portraits are of excellent quality and a bargain for $15.

Immigrants to Iowa

I am trying to trace the following relatives and/or their descendants and would appreciate any help that could be given:

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I am trying to find information on Ernst Algot Jon(a)sson, who was b. in Boeryd, near Granna (Smål.) 3 March 1870. He emigr. on 23 March 1888. His stated destination was New York. I believe that Ernst Algot got married and had children. In a letter written from West Point, NY, in 1937, he used the name Albert E. Jones. Any information about him would be greatly appreciated.

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I am looking for details about Sven Otto Darell, who emigr. from Sweden on 16 March 1888 bound for Denver, CO. His brother, Frans Ludvig Darell, had preceded him to Denver on 29 Apr. 1881. Both Sven Otto and Frans Ludvig were brothers to my grandmother, Albertina Gustafva Darell.

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I am seeking information about Vilhelm Hermansson, who was b. in Ölme Parish (Värnn.) 24 Feb. 1860, the s. of Herman Magnusson (b. 1 Nov. 1836) and Lovisa Larsdotter (b. 23 Nov. 1828). He left Göteborg for New York on 16 Apr. 1880. Vilhelm, who resided in Fargo, ND, also had two younger brothers who emigrated—Karl Hermansson (b. 25 March 1864) and Johan Bryngel Hermansson (b. 20 Oct. 1866). This family is part of the “Bryngelslakten”
branch of the Värmländska Vallonsläkten, who started emigrating from Vallonia to Sweden ca. 1540.

The first generation immigrants worked in building railroads, married into German families, and became relatively prosperous. A descendant of one of the Hermansson brothers—a Vietnam veteran (U.S. Air Force)—visited with relatives (Gottfrid and Elsa Karlsson) in Värmland ca. 1975.

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Nordlander

I am looking for information about Eric Johan Nordlander, who was b. in Sollefteå Parish (Ånge.) 5 Jan. 1868. On 10 Sept. 1909 he immigrated to Austin, Potter Co., PA. His address was the nearby town of Galeton, Box 109, Potter County, PA. On one of his letters, dated 12 Aug. 1918, he used the address Addison & Galeton, R.P.O. 1912. Eric worked as a lumberjack, perhaps at a sawmill. Any information would be appreciated.

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Hanson, Hansson, Hansdotter, Peterson

I would like to contact descendants of the following four individuals, who were children of Hans Christoffersson and Ahli Jönsdotter and first cousins of my grandfather, Olof Peterson. All four were b. in the province of Skåne and immigrated to America.

1. Jöns (John?) Hansson, b. 11 Apr. 1866(?); emigr. from Katslösa Parish (Skån.) 28 March 1889; destination Peoria, IL.
2. Elise (Elisa or Elisabeth?) Hansdotter, b. 13 March 1869; emigr. information unknown; she may have married in Sweden.
3. Olof Hansson, b. 1 Oct. 1871; emigr. from Katslösa Parish 1 Aug. 1889; destination Peoria, IL.
4. Emil Hansson, b. 9 Sept. 1874; emigr. from Villie Parish (Skån.) 5 March 1891; destination Peoria, IL.

The surname was probably changed to Hanson in America. I have been unable to find any of them in the census records of Illinois or Missouri. If any
descendants contact me, I will be happy to share the considerable information I have on their ancestors.

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Carlsson, Peterson, Persson, Mårtensson

I am seeking information about several individuals. My mother's mother's sister, Anna-Stina Carlsson, b. 6 Jan. 1867, emigr. from Harbo (Uppl.) on 5 Feb. 1889 and settled in Mankato, MN, where she m. Andrew Peterson 2 Jan. 1891. Elna Persson, b. 22 Jan. 1872, immigrated to St. Paul, MN, on 10 June 1890. Her brother, Johan Persson, b. 9 Jan. 1880, immigrated to Harris, MN, on 10 Apr. 1900. He was accompanied by Elna's son, Sture Algot Mårtensson, who was ten years old. My father's mother's sister, Johanna Mårtensson, b. 14 May 1865, emigrated in 1886. I don't know her destination, but since her cousin Elna went to St. Paul, I suspect she went there too.

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Andersson

I am seeking the relatives of Johan Erik Andersson, b. Målilla (Smål.) 21 June 1854. He immigrated to America ca. 1875 and possibly lived in a place called Eden Springs (specific state unknown). He had sons named Karl and Johan.

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Johnson

I am seeking information about my wife's grandparents. Her grandfather, Axel Hjalmar Johnson, was b. in Skrea Parish (Hall.) 28 Dec. 1881 and arrived in the U.S. 15 May 1901. Her grandmother, Mathilda (maiden name unknown), was b. in Enslöv Parish (Hall.) 9 Dec. 1878 and arrived in the U.S. 30 Apr.
1901. Axel and Mathilda were m. in Kane, PA, on 28 Nov. 1903 and d. in Cleveland, OH, on 8 Apr. 1962 and 9 March 1962, respectively. Their daughter (and my wife's mother), Lillian Dorothy Johnson, was b. in Kane, PA, on 18 June 1904 and is still living.

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Andersson

I am trying to locate my American relatives by seeking information on Karl August Andersson, who was b. at Norra Romme, Stora Tuna Parish (Dala.) 20 Nov. 1868 and immigrated to Chicago, IL, in 1887 or 1888. His parents were Karl Andersson (b. N. Romme 25 Apr. 1845; d. ditto 22 Aug. 1926) and Sofia Vilhelmina Stromberg (b. N. Romme 21 Feb. 1849; d. ditto 6 Oct. 1916).

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Mattson (Månssson)

Ola Mattson (Månsson) from Trolle-Ljungby Parish (Skån.), s. of Måns Jönsson (1822-1889) and Signe Persdotter (1824-1888), came to Minnesota in 1871, returned to Sweden in 1875, and re-emigrated the same year with three brothers—Julin, Per and Alick. Ola, b. 21 Sept. 1846, m. Signe, had at least four children and was living in St. Paul, MN, in 1898. Julin Mattson (Jöns Månsson), b. 27 Sept. 1848, married and had at least two children (a son and dau.). He also lived in St. Paul, where he was a baker. Per Mattson (Per Månsson), b. 27 Sept. 1848, was Julin’s twin brother. Nothing is known about him. Alick Mattson (Erik Månsson), b. 17 July 1858, m. Adolphine Johnson (b. 1856) on 25 Dec. 1881. They had one child, Lawrence Elliot Sigfrid, who was b. in Red Wing, MN, 10 March 1890 and d. 1897. They lived at 1301 25th Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN, with Adolphine’s youngest brother, John Lawrence (b. 1874).

There were four more siblings in the family, including my grandfather Nils. I have looked for his brothers in Minnesota, but can’t find them. Can anyone help?

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