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An “Upper Class” Swedish Immigrant from the 1860s

Robert Murray*

There are many examples of “upper class” immigrants from Sweden who fell on evil days in the new land. They often lacked the capacity to adjust to new and strange situations and often did not possess the correct information concerning working conditions. But there were also those for whom the transplanting succeeded and who, thanks to the special skills they had learned in their youth, were able to rise above the masses and establish themselves at the top. One of those was Carl Edvard Billqvist, a young man from Göteborg, born 21 July 1846; died 12 May 1922, the author of three letters reproduced here.

During the years of his early manhood he was a friend of another young man of his own age, Robert Murray, born 2 June 1846; died 2 Aug. 1932, who happens to be my paternal grandfather. After the latter’s death I found among his papers no less than 41 letters from Billqvist to my grandfather straddling the years 1862-1870 as well as one from 1879. Most of these letters date from 1862 to 1866, when the young Billqvist had been dispatched into the world by his father, Carl Emil Billqvist (1817-1895), a wealthy merchant in Göteborg, in order to study, among other things, languages and merchandising. Included in this program was a stint in the prestigious commercial school in Rostock, Germany. In contrast to Billqvist, my grandfather as well as his brother, George Murray (1844-1911), who later became president of the Vulcan Match Co., grew up under very strained economic conditions. Their mother, a widow, had to assume the entire burden of providing for her family. (I have earlier, in an article published in *The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly*, now *The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly*, attempted to tell the story of her husband, Carl Adolf Murray (1785-1847), United States consul in Göteborg)¹. It was thanks to a modest sum paid out annually by the very original and wealthy merchant in Göteborg, Edvard Dickson, to my grandfather, that he had been able to enter the University of Uppsala in the fall of 1866 in order to begin his medical studies.

At about the same time that Billqvist returned to Sweden, the frequency of the letters between the friends increased and it was during the greater part of that year that the letters between Billqvist and my grandfather became the substitute for a personal companionship. This situation, however, in no way hampered the development of a very close relationship between the two youths. My grandfather tells in a series of reminiscences from his old age that the arrival of each letter had

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given him considerable pleasure, whether he was in Uppsala or Göteborg. In these letters they discussed not only their work as well as pleasures, but they also touched upon more profound and philosophical topics. Billqvist was prone to be speculative and could in his letters discuss Goethe's *Dr. Faustus*, Renan, the French philosopher, Longfellow, the American poet and the Swedish poet, Esaias Tegnér. The two friends discussed "the value of prayer" (the efficacy of which Billqvist doubted) as well as whether the mind or emotion was the most important element in "one's religious life."

It is obvious that Billqvist during his foreign journeys did not have to count his pennies. Once he was assigned the task of leaving Bristol in England in order to escort his sister home to Sweden after she had spent some time at a Swiss pension. At about the same time he wrote to his friend Robert, telling him how he envied him in Göteborg, where on many occasions he was meeting the rising vocal star, Christina Nilsson,² who at this time was staying with the Koch³ family in Göteborg, the family which had supported her in her musical studies. It was at the summer cottage at Särö, outside of Göteborg, where Robert Murray often stayed as guest and tutor. Billqvist, who after having received a letter from his friend, answers him by admonishing Murray not to get "too close to the fire" with clear reference to Christina Nilsson's ability to set the hearts of young men aflame. Billqvist, himself, had made a special journey to Paris in order to hear Christina Nilsson in Mozart's opera, "The Magic Flute."⁴

After Billqvist returned to Göteborg he entered the employ in his father's wholesale firm, but continued to write to his friend, telling of his daily life, his business travels and his pleasures in the company of mutual friends. Nine of these friends, which included some of the names of the most prominent Göteborg families, such as Lagerberg⁵, Gumpert⁶, Keiller⁷ and Gibson⁸, had formed a society for mutual enjoyment and serious discussion. This group also included Robert's younger brother George. On another occasion Billqvist related how he had become interested in public affairs and had even become a member of the Göteborg Workers' League.

Then catastrophe suddenly struck. Billqvist's father, a well-known figure in the mercantile life of Göteborg, who had occupied many positions of public trust, was forced into bankruptcy in the early months of 1869. His son was thereby forced to stand on his own feet, but as he wrote to his friend, "I have never been particularly clever at making money, but now I shall be forced to do so." In this situation the thought occurred to him that he should, as so many other Swedes had done, look in the direction of the country of the future - America.

He had actually thought of this possibility earlier, although those plans had been rather nebulous, without much depth. Now he informed his friends and, obviously, his family that he had made up his mind and that this decision was irrevocable. In his reminiscences my grandfather related how he suddenly got the idea through his brother George, who was employed by Edvard Dickson⁹, to ask the latter, if he would provide their mutual friend a letter of recommendation for his

journey in order to ease the problem of finding employment in the new land. Dickson had a conversation with Billqvist and was impressed. Dickson sat down and wrote a letter of recommendation to the well respected firm of Grinnell, Minturn & Co.¹⁰ in New York, with which he was well acquainted. This New York firm had begun by specializing in the trading of whale oil, but had later expanded into other commodities.

This account of events is buttressed by Billqvist in the second of the letters referred to below. Armed thus with the document from Dickson, Billqvist departed from Göteborg 12 Sept. 1869.

The crossing of the ocean is described in the first of these letters. Billqvist apparently did not avail himself of the usual method chosen by the hordes of emigrants who left for U.S., i.e. by large steam vessels. It was only from Boston, during his continuing travel to New York, his final destination, that he made use of a vessel propelled by steam, a method of transportation he often had used during his travels in Europe and Sweden. His first journey to America was literally a "sail," a crossing done via a sailing vessel.

He reached the American continent after a journey which had taken him ten days to cross the North Sea due to contrary head winds. The Atlantic crossing consumed 45 days, which included three different storm systems. Except for these, the crossing seems to have been a pleasant one and Billqvist's spirits were of the highest order. After a few days of recuperation in Boston, Billqvist continued on to New York, which was to be his home city for the remainder of his life. The journey from Göteborg to Boston and on to New York and his impressions of his first days in the latter city are registered in two of the letters cited below:

"New York 9 Nov. 1869

My Dear Robert!

Even though I embarked on a Saturday, as you well know, the vessel did not sail until Sunday, 12 Sept., at 8 o'clock in the morning. Already that afternoon we passed the lighthouse at Skagen and proceeded out into the North Sea, where contrary head winds kept us for almost two weeks, after which we finally were able to continue north of the Shetland Islands and then set course for Boston. We finally arrived at our destination, after travelling for 45 days and encountering three storms, of which none was particularly severe. I never had the opportunity to consider the trip tedious, since the time was occupied by reading, conversation and by studying and participating in the navigation of the vessel. Thus the days passed quickly and as we neared the American coast I almost wished that the journey would not end—that is how accustomed I had become to life on board. Regularly at 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. every day the captain and I took a whiskey, a cognac or a rum drink, always served in a drinking glass.

I stayed in Boston, a rather pleasant city, only a couple of days and then came here via a steamship, the most elegant one could ever imagine. Four stories tall, lounge areas furnished luxuriously with every possible comfort, crystal chandeliers lighted with gas everywhere, concerts the entire afternoon, walking about the deck, conversations with fellow passengers by the hundred and a cabin, more comfortable than many a hotel ashore, something which our Swedish steamships have no reason to be proud of.

Already on the third day of my stay here I moved to a private boarding house, where for \$10.00 per week I have it quite good. Although we, who dwell in the same house, conduct our lives in family style, we do not always sit down for meals at the same time, some a few minutes early, others a few minutes late. One arises from the table when it suits one, or as soon as one has finished his meal. In the beginning I found this custom so at variance with our own, to be very bothersome, but I have to admit that it has its merits if one is in a hurry or is seated with a tedious table companion.

So far, of course, I have not found any employment, but I wish and hope, nevertheless, that I don't have to wait too long without something to do, since this state of affairs is quite unpleasant. It is true, that I have books to read and the city has many new things to offer me, as well as many opportunities for study and contemplation. But I do not have the patience to make use of these since the thought that I soon must find employment puts a damper on any activity which does not bring me an income. I believe, moreover, that I shall adjust rather well here as soon as I have found a steady job.

I can, obviously, not as yet give you my reactions to people and conditions here, although the Americans seem to be more friendly, courteous and generous, than we usually consider them. The Americanized Germans, however, of which there are countless hordes, seem to be rather discourteous and nasty, even though they doubtless are clever merchants. Their German newspapers are full of braggadocio and speak of the "German spirit" and other foolishness.

Here the construction of buildings is done in a surprising and most daring manner—entire structures of steel and iron. I am sure that these houses are useful and sturdy, but they seem to me to have a great flaw—they seem to me to be weak. They appear as if they would collapse at the least vibration of the street traffic. To me it therefore seems that this illusory weakness lends an ugly appearance to the structures.

I find no more room in this letter than my address - C(arl) E(dvard) B(illqvist), Esq., c/o Messrs. Frykberg¹¹ & Co., P.O. Box 2412, New York. Write soon so that I might get a letter before the end of the year.

Your friend
C.Edv.B."

—oOo—

"New York 18 Jan. 1870

My Dear Robert!

About two months ago, soon after my arrival here, I wrote you and I hope that my letter reached you. Through George (Murray) you have probably been informed of my new address - Grinnell, Minturn & Co., 78 South Street. I was quite fortunate that after a half day's stay here, to find employment with the above-mentioned firm, to which your brother had secured a letter from Mr. Edvard Dickson. Thus I can say, in addition to the warm attachment I have for you both (you and George), also thank you for your good influence you have exerted on me through your time and other efforts, as well as to thank a Murray for making it possible for me to earn my living here in a pleasant way.

The firm of Grinnell, Minturn & Co. is one of the oldest, most prestigious and respected businesses here, so that the mere opportunity of being in their employ carries with it an aura of respect. My income is still quite modest and does not allow anything else but a quiet and sober existence. Even so, I have not allowed myself to escape social life entirely, but have been introduced to a little more than a score of families, perhaps more than you know in Uppsala. I have been accepted everywhere with friendliness and generosity—which is typically the case with strangers all over the world, if they don't appear to be too slovenly. In addition, I have not neglected to notice that I am superior to most Americans when it comes to education and social acceptability. The ladies appear to emphasize this fact. I shall attempt not to become too vain and thus explode from self-approbation.

As soon as Americans have accepted a European as good enough to be admitted into their family life they are quite proud to have him as their guest. The other evening I had a difficult time remaining serious, that's how humorous the attention was that was bestowed on me. One of my colleagues in the office asked me to attend a reception given by his family. At 9 o'clock in the evening I went there, gave my name to the Negro manning the door, whereupon I was warmly received by the brother and two sisters (my colleague had not as yet had time to change his clothes). The youngest of the two girls (for your information she was too coquettish to appeal to me) took my arm and promenaded me through the length of the salon and introduced me to her mother and a few other persons, after which she led me back and forth in the room. It was quite apparent that she wished to show me off to her guests and thus the episode struck me so comical, that as I said earlier, I had great difficulty in keeping my composure. The evening, however, was quite pleasant.

You have probably read one or more descriptions of how New Year's Day is celebrated in New York, so that I shall not say anything else but only relate that I began my visits at 11 o'clock in the morning, drank

Swedish punsch at the Consul's¹², was escorted by an acquaintance to a number of places and did not cease my wanderings until 9:30 that evening.

Some time ago, a young man, with whom I share a room, received an invitation to a ball, which he did not wish to attend, and instead wrote a letter to the host regretting the invitation. The evening of the affair we both went out for a walk when my friend noticed that the letter had not been mailed. "Give me the letter and show me the house, so I can deliver the message," I told him. Said and done. He followed me to the door and I told him not to wait for me since I might stay. I rang the bell and came into a foyer, where I saw several men dressed for the ball. When I mentioned that I had a letter for Mr. N---, the latter stepped forward, whom I did not know, of course, took the envelope, whereupon I mentioned that my friend (the usual expression here) had forgotten to mail the message and that I had volunteered to deliver it. A few words (the usual courtesies) were exchanged between us, when he suddenly asked me to remain and to participate in the dance, to which invitation I immediately reacted positively. When he again asked me to remain, I accepted and he then followed me to the dressing room, gave my name and introduced me as his friend Mr. B. It was quite comical to attend a ball where I did not know a single soul!

I don't know if these garbled lines convey to you a feeling for how I spend my time on non-business affairs or how I while away my evenings.

Between 9 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening I spend the time at the office and return to my room quite exhausted. If I can retain my health, I shall, after two or three decades, become a wealthy man, but probably also totally and completely with my health gone, unable to enjoy happiness or my money. I recently visited a Mr. Åhman, a brother of Mrs. Hitchens¹³ in Göteborg, who for a long time had been a partner in the firm, where I am employed. He is certainly a wealthy man, but ailing, cannot go out, resides here in a hotel, is a bachelor, and from what I can see a burden to himself. He has no one to whom to will his money, no one to care for, and cannot even participate in the political or civic associations. It is really sad! What if I meet the same fate? Now I have something to work for—my family. But who knows what use they can have of my money which I shall have amassed in the next quarter of a century? My only chance to be saved from a feeling of indifference to life is to attempt to have an income in a few years, large enough to enable me to get married to a girl, one who herself has money—obviously not only for her money. But this possibility seems quite remote, since I see no way at the present time of falling in love. There is more beauty here than in any other place in the world and yet the women here do not interest me seriously. Except for a passing amatory episode they leave me totally indifferent. Now you must think that I am a real Jeremiah.

It would be fun to hear from you. How are you doing in your studies? How are the old friends doing—such as I. André¹⁴, the Brusewitz boys¹⁵, etc. You must write soon, since it is now four months since I saw you last or heard from you.

Have you visited Stockholm yet and seen August¹⁶ or Edvard? Greet them from me when you have the opportunity. I hope that both of them are advancing in their careers.

By this time you have heard enough, therefore until I write next

Your affectionate friend

C. Edvard”

At a distance the friend back in Sweden followed the career of Billqvist in the U.S., even if the correspondence, as so often happens in such instances, soon stopped. The years of youth were gone and each of them had his hands full on both sides of the ocean. The distance and the everyday cares separated them. In his reminiscences Murray relates—from which source we do not know—that the firm in which Billqvist was employed, had a very good name and it was no easy task to be accepted into the company. An older member of the Grinnell family, according to the same source, became a member of the U.S. Congress. When a bill was introduced to send out an expedition, financed by public funds, to search for the vessel of the disappeared Arctic explorer, John Franklin¹⁷, the views were split. Grinnell¹⁸ asked for the floor and explained that it was shameful for the nation to even discuss such a matter and added that if the funds were not voted he stood ready to pay for the rescue mission himself.

This he did, with the result that the Grinnell name can be found on many places on the Arctic map. The same source gives a detailed sketch of the thorough manner in which the then owner, Mr. Grinnell, checked the background and abilities of the unknown young man, who without a prior appointment appeared in his office with a letter of recommendation from Mr. Dickson in Sweden. The young man proved his mettle during the trial period of employment and was then accepted as a member of the firm. From there he advanced through the ranks, ultimately to become its chief.

When Dr. Mauritz Salin (1851-1927)¹⁹, a friend and colleague of Dr. Robert Murray, undertook a study tour of America 1879, he carried with him a letter from Murray, which was to be hand carried to Billqvist. Though the two gentlemen failed to meet, Billqvist received the letter, which then resulted in an answer, the last in the Billqvist collection.

“78 South Street, New York

11 Dec. 1879

My Dear Robert!

It is now nearly a year since Dr. Sahlin (sic!) brought me your very welcome letter, for which together with the enclosed photographs I wish to

thank you most heartily. Both of the pictures have been combined into a frame which stands on a little table in my library. Many and pleasant are the memories which they suggest. It was very gracious of you to send them.

I could not ask Dr. Sahlin to my home immediately after his arrival inasmuch as my father-in-law lay on his death-bed and died a few days later. Because of the death of the old man, I had to journey to Boston, and my wife was not in the mood, obviously, to invite anyone to our home. I tried, however, in vain to reach Dr. Sahlin. The first time he was not in and the second time he had moved, and it was thus impossible for me to find him. I had hoped for a long time that he would let me know where he was staying and I am genuinely sorry that I have been unable to show your friend hospitality, or to be at his service.

I now live in South Orange, NJ, about 15 miles from New York or about 50 minutes by train from the city. I have probably become very much Americanized and am afraid I would feel very much a stranger if I were to return to Sweden—my native language seldom crosses my lips. When and if I will return to my childhood home is uncertain, since this is the land of work, and one cannot cease one's grip if one is to succeed. You mention John Kjellberg²⁰ as the only one from our youth whom you see in Stockholm—what then has happened to August Koch²¹? My wife greets you and hopes to meet you some time in the future and I send you my warmest greeting to you and Marie.

Your friend C.E. Billqvist”

The letter shows that the old friendly feelings had withstood the test of time and distance. The two friends from their youth were now married. Murray sent Billqvist his and his wife's portraits, which Billqvist placed in a place of honor in his American home.

It should be noted that a brother of Marie Murray, Robert's wife, whose maiden name was Andrén, had been at one time a member of the Nine Men Club in Göteborg.

One more time the two old friends were to meet again, now for the last time. It is not known when, but during a visit to Sweden, Billqvist also visited Lysekil, a city on Sweden's west coast, where Murray was the physician during the summer at the public baths. The latter makes the following comment in his reminiscences:

“I found him to be the same, both as to his appearance, as well as his personality and I was very pleased that he visited me and I would have done more for him, if he had not been accompanied by his American wife, for whom I felt that he was much too good. He probably saw it from a different point of view, which I sincerely hope.”

The statement is an emotional and perhaps an exaggerated analysis of how much his friend from an earlier time meant to him.

I do not know very much concerning C.E. Billqvist's later years. Dare one

hope that he tore himself away from his many duties and that he was a member of that enthusiastic audience which breathlessly listened to the concert by the idol of his youth—Christina Nilsson when she appeared in New York?

According to an obituary to be found in the Erland Långström Genealogical Collection at the District Archives in Göteborg Billqvist died in New York 12 May 1922. He was survived by his widow but had no children. A news item in *Göteborgs Posten* verifies the information that he had been in the employ of Grinnell, Minturn & Co. Later the name of the firm was changed to Barclay, Hagar & Co., in which company Billqvist soon became a partner and later and until his death its chief executive officer. The news item characterizes him as a "sensitive and highly cultured individual, much appreciated by his colleagues and friends." He also seems to have been a frequent reviewer of literature in his field.

According to information in the Långström Collection his stepmother and some of his siblings were alive at the time of Billqvist's death. The father, who at the time of the son's departure for America, was widower, had remarried and had in both of his marriages a number of children. He also seems to have dropped many of his civic responsibilities in connection with his financial debacle, which was primarily the reason for his son's departure for America. A younger half-brother, Torsten Einar Billqvist, seems to have become an architect in Pittsburgh, PA.

A closer examination of sources on both sides of the Atlantic would probably yield additional material to illustrate the adventures and experiences of the young Swedish American emigrant, but for the present time these notes will suffice. Perhaps somewhere there is a living relative (descendants of his many siblings) who can furnish further information in order to fill out the picture of Carl Edvard Billqvist, the young emigrant of 1869.

Notes

¹Robert Murray, "Carl Adolf Murray, American Consul in Göteborg" in *The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly*, Vol. XVIII, No. 1, Jan. 1967, pp. 3-12.

²Christina Nilsson, the famed Swedish singer was b. in Vederlöf Parish (Kron.) 20 Aug. 1843 and d. in Växjö 22 Nov. 1921. - *Svenska män och kvinnor* I-VIII (Stockholm 1942-1955), V, p. 447.

³Edward Wilhelm Koch (1805-1871). His father, Hans Christian Koch, had established a lucrative wine business in Göteborg. Eduard Koch was m. to Louise Petersen (1817-1891). Their granddaughter, Elsa Koch, became the wife of George Murray, Robert's brother. Franzén's statement that it was Eduard Koch's son, Charles Rudolph Koch, who became Christina Nilsson's sponsor in Göteborg and Paris is in error. Robert was only five years older than Christina and Franzén even gives Charles Rudolph's age as 56, which was exactly the age of his father when he assumed responsibility for Christina Nilsson's voice training. - Gustaf Elgenstierna, *Svenska släktkalendern*, Vol. XIII 1943 (Stockholm 1942), p. 552; Nils Olof Franzén, *Christina Nilsson* (Stockholm 1976), p. 55.

⁴Christina Nilsson sang the role of Queen of the Night in Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at the Théâtre Lyrique in Paris in 1865. - *Svenska män och kvinnor*, V, p. 447.

⁵Magnus Lagerberg (1844-1920) arr. in Göteborg 1862 and served as curator of the numismatic collection of the Göteborg Museum until 1887. - *Svenskt biografiskt lexikon*, fascicle No. 106 (Stockholm 1977), pp. 45-46; Magnus Lagerberg, *Göteborgare* I-II (Göteborg 1913), pp. 82-83.

⁶One of the leading bookdealers in Göteborg in the middle of the 1850s was N.J. Gumpert, an immigrant from Denmark. A Morris Jacob Gumpert, b. in Göteborg in 1844 may have been his son. - Karl Otto Bonnier, *Bonniers, en bokhandlarefamilj* I-IV (Stockholm 1930-1931), II, p. 23; Albin Hildebrand (Ed.), *Svenskt Porträttgalleri, Generalregister* (Stockholm 1913), p. 258.

⁷Probably one of three sons of a Scotsman, Alexander Keiller, who had immigrated to Sweden 1825 and had founded Göteborg Mekaniska Verkstad in 1841. - *Elgenstierna*, Vol. XIII, p. 517.

- ⁸Probably one of four sons of another Scotsman, William Gibson, who arr. in Göteborg 1797 and established himself as a wholesale merchant in that city. - *Elgenstierna*, Vol. I (Stockholm 1911), p. 295.
- ⁹Edvard Dickson (1812-1883) was the son of yet another Scotsman, Robert Dickson, who had emigr. to Sweden in 1802. Edvard Dickson arr. in the U.S. in the early 1830s and stayed here for about ten years. After his marriage in Scotland in 1843 he returned to New York, where he remained for three years, returning to Göteborg in 1846. It is probable that during his stay in New York, handling the shipping business of his father, that he became acquainted with the owners of Grinnell, Minturn & Co. His letter of recommendation for Carl Edvard Billqvist to Grinnell, Minturn & Co., must therefore have played a key role in Billqvist's landing a job with this prestigious firm. - Lagerberg, *Göteborgare*, I, p. 137; Karl A. Kson. Leijonhufvud, *Ny svensk släktbok* (Stockholm 1906), p. 103.
- ¹⁰The firm was founded in 1832 by Henry Grinnell (1799-1874) and his brother-in-law Robert B. Minturn (1805-1866). - *Dictionary of American Biography*, Vol. VII, p. 32.
- ¹¹The Frykberg connection is unidentified.
- ¹²The Swedish consul at this time in New York was Carl Edward Habicht, who served from 10 June 1859 to 11 Nov. 1870. Joh. Ax. Almquist, *Kommerskollegium och Rikens Ständers manufakturkontor samt Konsulsstaten* (Stockholm 1912-1915), p. 347.
- ¹³Mrs. Clara Hichens (sic!) was m. to Robert Hichens (1812-1892), the son of still another Scotsman, Benjamin Carbis Hichens, who had emigr. to Göteborg. Mrs. Hichens was born Åhman, the daughter of a jeweler in Göteborg by the name of Åhman. The identify of her brother in New York has not been established. - Lagerberg, *Göteborgare*, I, pp. 128-130
- ¹⁴Josef Henrik Andrén (1847-1933) was the brother of Maria (Marie) Elisabeth Antoinette Andrén, who m. Robert Murray 1877. He served in the Swedish *Riksdag*. - (V. Örnberg), *Svensk släktkalender & Svenska ättartal 1-XIV* (Stockholm 1884-1908), IV, p. 17.
- ¹⁵When Billqvist asks about "the Brusewitz boys" he could have had in mind any of the three groups of sibling brothers, all cousins, born in Göteborg. They belonged to one of the oldest and most respectable families in Göteborg. - *Elgenstierna*, Vol. I, pp. 151-153.
- ¹⁶Both August and Edvard are unidentified.
- ¹⁷Sir John Franklin (1786-1847), who on 19 May 1845 set out to discover the Northwest Passage. He was last seen 25 July. It was to be 14 years before the mystery was solved. - *Encyclopedia Britannica*.
- ¹⁸There were three brothers Grinnell - Henry, who founded the firm and helped finance the expedition to rescue Franklin; Joseph, a U.S. congressman from Massachusetts and Moses, also a congressman, who helped his brother Henry finance the expedition. The objective was not achieved, but land discovered beyond Davis Strait and Baffin Bay was named Grinnell Land. - *DAB*, Vol. VIII, p. 2.
- ¹⁹Mauritz Johan Salin (1851-1927) was a famous Swedish gynecologist and specialist in obstetrics who was an outstanding professor at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. - A. Widstrand (Ed.), *Sveriges läkarehistoria 1-V* (Stockholm 1930-1935), IV, p. 285.
- ²⁰Probably Jonas Kjellberg (1850-1921), a member of a prominent Göteborg family. - *Elgenstierna*, Vol. XIII, p. 526.
- ²¹August Wilhelm Koch (1848-1911), merchant in Göteborg, was the uncle of Elsa Murray, sister-in-law of Robert Murray. - *Elgenstierna*, Vol. XIII, p. 552.

A Swedish Bible Inscription

The American Swedish Institute's Bible collection contains many items of genealogical interest. One of these is a Swedish Psalmbook, printed in Linköping 1764 by the widow of Gabriel Björkegren, a printer in that city. It has the following inscription on the inside of the front cover:

"Margareta Rydström, née Bergström, is the owner of this book, given her by her mother-in-law, Christina Larsdotter, 4 Feb. 1787."

Margareta Bergström was probably the daughter of Magnus Andersson Bergström at Mörtfors, Hjorted Parish (Kalm.) and his wife, Charlotta Ernstdotter Cratz. The three brothers changed their surname to Bergenström, the name Axel Setterdahl uses in his work *Östgöta nation i Lund* (Linköping 1913), p. 335. Margareta Bergenström married Lorentz Rydström (1750-1826), bookkeeper at Mörtfors and later at Solstad copper mine in Misterhult Parish (Kalm.).

Nebraska Focuses on Gothenburg Settlement

Nils William Olsson

Central Nebraska is the location for a study of a Swedish settlement in, and around the community of Gothenburg. The Dawson County Historical Society has recently been awarded funds by the Nebraska Humanities Council to study the Swedish settlement which extends into Custer and Lincoln Counties. This study will be the first to examine the spatial distribution and historic background of the Gothenburg settlement. Subjects to be examined include the Swedish origins of the settlers, folk architecture, customs and the role of religion in their lives in America. Material in area courthouses, old local newspapers and the archives of the Dawson County Museum are proving essential to this study. Area residents will also be brought into the process to add additional material.

Serving as project director is Russ Czaplewski, Director of the Dawson County Museum. Consultants for the study are Steve Holen, former Museum Director, and Prof. Robert Ostergren of the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and a leading authority on Swedish settlers in the United States.

It is the aim of the study to provide the basis for an exhibit, a publication and a slide program focusing on the area's Swedish community.

Olof Bergström, the founder of Gothenburg, NE in 1882, was a Baptist clergyman, a leader in the International Order of the Good Templars, a speculator in land as well as the organizer of settlements. He was born in Delsbo Parish (Gävl.) 3 Sept. 1841 and died in Maryland, TN 3 Feb. 1910. Bergström's success provided the core of a settlement that would extend from the Platte River in northwestern Dawson Co. into eastern Lincoln Co. and southwestern Custer Co. While most of the Swedish settlers were farmers, there were quite a few who established businesses in Gothenburg.

This Nebraska area continues to have a significant number of residents of Swedish extraction which is reflected in several ways. Gothenburg's high school athletic teams are known as the "Swedes." There is an active Scandinavian dancers' group which performs at various events, particularly the Swedish *smörgåsbord* dinners. The dancers performed last November at the annual banquet of the Dawson County Historical Society held in Gothenburg, where the theme of the evening was the area's Swedish heritage.

Norden Society Members in Minneapolis 1903-1906

Lawrence G. Hammerstrom*

The Archives of the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis houses a great deal of material dealing with the early Swedish history of the Twin Cities. One of the main holdings are the financial records, membership rosters and minutes of the Norden Society.

The society was organized 22 Aug. 1870 by a group of Scandinavians and was first known as the Minneapolis Scandinavian Dramatic Society but by 1871 its name was changed to the Norden Society. At the beginning it was a literary society and its aim was to spread information about Scandinavian literature among the immigrants with emphasis on the dramatic arts. At first, it was a mixed group, but after two years the women withdrew. By 1877, when the Swedish element was in such overwhelming majority, it was decided that only men of Swedish descent would be eligible for membership.

The association established a sick and death benefit fund in 1873 and on its 75th anniversary it was announced that over \$100,000 had been paid out in sick benefits and about \$50,000 in death benefits. With a gift of 75 volumes in 1875 a library of Scandinavian literature was established and by 1899 it had grown to 2,000 volumes. In 1951 the library was donated to the American Swedish Institute. At one time there were five different lodges but by 1948, with a dwindling membership, these lodges were consolidated into one lodge. By 1986, with only a handful of members remaining, the Norden Society disbanded.

Among the archival holdings of the Norden Society is a membership roster of persons admitted to the organization between 1903 and 1906. Except for a few names, the list seems to be limited to persons residing on the North side of Minneapolis and is perhaps the membership roll of a lodge located in this section of the city. In fact the list may be the original roster of a newly established North side lodge, inasmuch as a number of the early names are characterized as "having transferred from the mother lodge" with the appropriate transfer document dated 1 April 1903. This theory is strengthened by the fact that birth place and sometimes birthdate are missing. Perhaps this information remained with the mother lodge.

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For 163 of the 254 names listed we do have the birth place and birthdate, extremely valuable for the researcher endeavoring to locate the original parish in Sweden from which his or her forebear came.

The names of the sponsors have not been included since many of them routinely approved the candidate's application.

The following code is used to denote the county (*län*) in Sweden where the applicant's home parish was located:

A = The city of Stockholm	O = Göteborg and Bohuslän
B = County of Stockholm	OA = The city of Göteborg
C = Uppsala	P = Älvsborg
D = Södermanland	R = Skaraborg
E = Östergötland	S = Värmland
F = Jönköping	T = Örebro
G = Kronoberg	U = Västmanland
H = Kalmar	W = Kopparberg
I = Gotland	X = Gävleborg
K = Blekinge	Y = Västerbotten
L = Kristianstad	Z = Jämtland
M = Malmöhus	AC = Västerbotten
N = Halland	BD = Norrbotten

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Logo of the Norden Society in Minneapolis.

Name	Birth Place	Birthdate	Address	Date Inducted
Anderson, August	---	29 June 1875	317 31st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Anderson, Charles G.	---	11 Apr. 1870	2945 Dupont Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Anderson, Olof	---	10 July 1864	3011 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Anderson, Fred	---	28 June 1879	4700 Upton Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Benson, Carl B.	---	26 Apr. 1880	510 16th St.	3 Apr. 1903
Carlson, Wictor	---	25 Dec. 1866	3911 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Carlson, Jonas ¹	---	10 Oct. 1867	2308 3rd St.	3 Apr. 1903
Engstrom, Mangnus	---	---	2500 Aldrich Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Dalander, Gust W.	---	18 Nov. 1870	4006 Dupont Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Dahl, Carl	---	11 May 1859	232 20th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Frizeen, August	---	5 May 1861	4209 Colfax Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Franklin, John	---	17 Mar. 1861	243 28th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Franzen, Carl E.	---	7 Sept. 1870	612 31st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Gulstrand, Frank	---	9 Sept. 1872	3323 3rd St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Gulstrand, Gust	---	31 Oct. 1863	3343 3rd St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Gulstrand, Alfred	---	7 June 1866	3342 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Gagnelius, Olof	---	3 July 1873	3409 Bryant Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Hendrickson, Carl	---	3 Aug. 1876	804 44th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Hagblad, Henry	---	4 Aug. 1863	3611 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Jader, Axel E.	---	2 Feb. 1877	2826 2nd St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Johnson, N.O.	---	20 June 1862	3911 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Johnson, J.A.	---	14 June 1881	2911 Bryant Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Johnson, C.G.	---	23 Oct. 1866	707 31st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Johnson, Emil	---	18 July 1860	2629 Dupont Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Lindqvist, Chas. G.	---	27 July 1872	112 22nd Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903

Lindgren, Axel P.	----	24 Feb. 1863	111 20th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Leonardson, Oscar	----	13 May 1870	208 20th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Lindberg, Gustaf A.	----	10 Feb. 1872	2316 Lyndale Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Lindall, John G.	----	10 Apr. 1869	804 31st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Lundqvist, A.G.	----	17 July 1861	704 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Lundqvist, Axel	----	23 Mar. 1873	3001 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Mattson, Per	----	2 Aug. 1858	2411 4th St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Nelson, Jonas F.	----	15 Feb. 1875	121 20th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Nelson, John	----	30 Sept. 1865	2100 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Olson, Chas.	----	18 Jan. 1872	3243 6th St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Person, Adolf	----	19 Mar. 1873	3339 2nd St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Peterson, John A.	----	21 Dec. 1866	2826 Aldrich Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Person, Oscar ²	----	14 Dec. 1860	2314 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Person, Johan	----	10 May 1878	3339 2nd St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Peterson, Chas. ³	----	23 Mar. 1858	2210 Lyndale Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Peterson, Oscar	----	13 July 1874	612 31st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Peterson, Charles W.	----	21 Mar. 1864	2020 4th St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Rydberg, A.	----	3 Aug. 1858	247 21st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Rosengren, Robert F.G.	----	22 May 1884	211 23rd Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Svanson, Albert	----	25 Mar. 1874	927 20th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Warner, Erik	----	20 Nov. 1870	3900 Dupont Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Weline, Olof Julius ⁴	Visseltofta (L)	2 Jan. 1866	230 20th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Bonander, Peter	----	----	----	3 Apr. 1903
Bergström, Edward	----	----	4051 Colfax Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Dahl, Peter	----	----	317 31st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Hardin, E.O.	----	----	235 34th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Hendrickson, S.O.	----	----	----	3 Apr. 1903

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Johnson, Chas. E.	---	---	---	3 Apr. 1903
Jager, Wm.	---	---	3345 3rd St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Lännäs, Alfred	---	---	2025 20th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Gustafson, Chas.	---	---	1818 Hillside Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Lindall, Chas.	---	---	241 29th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Molin, Eric	---	---	---	3 Apr. 1903
Peterson, Gust	---	---	420 25th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Rudqvist, Andrew	---	---	3342 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Sjoberg, Otto	---	---	3215 2nd St., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Thornberg, H.	---	---	717 31st Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Nelson, Nels	---	---	2731 Wash. Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Rodine, Ed. ⁵	---	---	1025 E. 22nd St.	3 Apr. 1903
Carling, Joel	---	25 Aug. 1879	308 26th Ave., N.	3 Apr. 1903
Norman, John M.	---	25 Aug. 1873	---	17 Apr. 1903
Dahlberg, Johan	Ljusdal (X)	26 Aug. 1880	St. Louis Park, MN	1 Feb. 1906
Anderson, Stikopers Olof	---	---	4237 Dupont Ave., N.	15 May 1903
Anderson, Carl August	---	---	3302 3rd St., N.	15 May 1903
Anderson, Carl W.	---	---	508 10th Ave., N.	15 May 1903
Olson, Ludvig O.	---	---	237 34th Ave., N.	15 May 1903
Anderson, Gustaf	---	---	2954 Dupont Ave., N.	15 May 1903
Nelson, Erik	---	---	4000 Girard Ave., N.	15 May 1903
Sandberg, Andrew W.	---	---	230 20th Ave., N.	15 May 1903
Peterson, Frank G.	Kävsjö (F)	30 Mar. 1858	244 20th Ave., N.	5 Feb. 1904
Andersson, Olof	Mangskog (S)	13 May 1876	1821 3rd St., N.	5 Feb. 1904
Swanholm, Hans	Bjärträ (Y)	7 May 1881	1827 3rd St., N.	5 Feb. 1904

Olson, And.	Brunskog (S)	23 Oct. 1880	1821 3rd St., N.	5 Feb. 1904
Mellberg, J.O.	Brunskog (S)	4 Aug. 1879	1821 3rd St., N.	5 Feb. 1904
Erikson, John	Mangskog (S)	12 Mar. 1870	2440 10th Ave., S.	19 Feb. 1904
Johnson, Hjalmar A.	Piteå (BD)	5 Oct. 1872	407 26th Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Neander, And.	Byarum (F)	16 June 1859	1118 Dupont Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Nelson, Gus. A.	Stora Tuna (W)	12 June 1879	1526 Fifth St., S.	19 Feb. 1904
Liljeberg, Albert	Stora Tuna (W)	13 Dec. 1880	715 22nd Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Magnuson, Peter	Gräsmark (S)	13 Apr. 1870	208 20th Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Haglund, Charley	Ramundeboda (T)	22 Jan. 1859	2723 4th St., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Carlson, Peter	Vallerstad (E)	14 Dec. 1861	3424 Girard Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Erickson, J.O.	Råda (S)	21 Dec. 1863	4121 Aldrich Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Bjorlin, Andrew	Gillberga (S)	17 Mar. 1870	3951 Dupont Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Swanson, Carl	Backaryd (K)	25 Sept. 1880	4010 Dupont Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Rundqvist, Henning	Visingsö (F)	29 Jan. 1869	2631 Colfax Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Svanson, Emil	Åmål (P)	28 Apr. 1882	2402 3rd St., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Anderson, August	Moheda (G)	13 Aug. 1861	816 44th Ave., N.	19 Feb. 1904
Carlson, John	Horred (P)	11 Jan. 1868	2431 6th St., N.	4 Mar. 1904
Olson, Peter	Ljusdal (X)	21 Mar. 1868	St. Louis Park, MN	4 Mar. 1904
Hanson, Carl J.	Sveneby (O)	15 July 1870	4653 Bryant Ave., N.	4 Mar. 1904
Anderson, Nils Theodor	Slätthög (G)	16 May 1873	4035 Colfax Ave., N.	18 Mar. 1904
Engstrom, Albin	Brunskog (S)	17 Jan. 1885	4627 Colfax Ave., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Bystedt, John	Undersåker (Z)	27 May 1868	4105 Colfax Ave., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Anderson, Algot	Åsbo (E)	1 Nov. 1882	3951 Dupont Ave., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Hasselqvist, Karl	Södra Fågelås (R)	13 Sept. 1878	3951 Dupont Ave., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Nyberg, Anders ⁶	Brunskog (S)	9 Feb. 1867	4627 Colfax Ave., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Lindqvist, Chas. A.	Attmar (Y)	21 Dec. 1860	2310 3rd St., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Blank, Adolf Emil	Varv (R)	10 Mar. 1883	410 31st Ave. N.	15 Apr. 1904

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Nilson, August	Lövestad (M)	13 Feb. 1867	2630 29th Ave., S.	15 Apr. 1904
Lundberg, Johan August	Trökörna (R)	12 Aug. 1878	3846 6th St., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Tält, Karl Peter	Karlstorp (F)	25 Oct. 1875	4010 Dupont Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Bergqvist, Gust.	Fryksände (S)	29 Oct. 1859	4115 Colfax Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Engstrom, Peter M.	Haverö (Y)	2 July 1878	3310 3rd St., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Hokanson, Fred	Gräsmark (S)	28 Jan. 1880	2523 4th St., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Blank, Axel	Varv (R)	30 July 1881	410 31st Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Johnson, Andrew	Åsle (R)	9 Nov. 1859	710 31st Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Nelson, Victor	Sturkö (K)	19 Sept. 1874	2814 3rd St., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Stem, Albert	Slätthög (G)	5 Mar. 1879	1200 Wash. Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Strand, Joh. P.	Delsbo (X)	3 Feb. 1884	2025 Wash. Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Anderson, Erick	Transtrand (W)	21 Dec. 1877	20th Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Erickson, Albert	Stora Tuna (W)	11 Mar. 1883	1911 1st St., S.	15 Apr. 1904
Kraft, Gust.	Lekås (R)	6 Jan. 1875	3246 6th St., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Gustafson, Axel	Bringetofta (F)	27 Mar. 1875	4021 Bryant Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Johnson, Peter	Huggenäs (S)	29 Jan. 1875	4428 Bryant Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Erickson, Oscar	Grava (S)	26 Aug. 1876	250 28th Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Warner, C.J.	Horn (E)	25 Aug. 1862	2422 4th St., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Anderson, F.G.	Huggenäs (S)	18 Oct. 1879	4418 Bryant Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Anderson, Carl W.	Huggenäs (S)	22 Mar. 1877	4316 Wash. Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Pettersson, J.K.	Algutsboda (G)	10 Nov. 1865	3101 Aldrich Ave., N.	15 Apr. 1904
Tack, Elof T.	Wright Co., MN	1872	2440 10th Ave., S.	15 Apr. 1904
Mattson, Gust	Stora Tuna (W)	24 Dec. 1879	2411 4th St., N.	6 May 1904
Norleen, Carl	Bjärträ (Y)	23 May 1878	1821 3rd St., N.	6 May 1904
Olson, John	Ljusdal (X)	10 Feb. 1861	1419½ 5th St., N.	6 May 1904

Mortenson, Andr.	Öved (M)	14 May 1866	2415 Fourth St. N.	6 May 1904
Holmberg, John	Ekeby (E)	22 Jan. 1874	4113 Colfax Ave., N.	6 May 1904
Holmberg, Axel	Åsbo (E)	5 Mar. 1883	4113 Colfax Ave., N.	6 May 1904
Johnson, J.	Nordmaling (AC)	11 July 1869	4105 Colfax Ave., N.	6 May 1904
Lindell, Fred	Oskar (H)	28 Nov. 1864	2633 2nd St., N.	20 May 1904
Ahlqvist, Egon	Njurunda (Y)	28 Mar. 1883	4652 Aldrich Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Lindqvist, Joseph	Ekeby (E)	7 Sept. 1878	5008 River Bank N.	20 May 1904
Sjostrom, John	Gräsmark (S)	18 Dec. 1868	3412 Girard Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Larson, Emil	Dalby (S)	22 Feb. 1870	3002 2nd St., N.	20 May 1904
Dolvitz, Carl J.	Södra Ny (S)	8 June 1878	4139 Colfax Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Thuresson, August	Sunne (S)	7 Jan. 1880	2417 3rd St., N.	20 May 1904
Edlund, Bernhard	Ekshärad (S)	28 Sept. 1875	3201 4th St., N.	20 May 1904
Lindquist, John	Värmland län	12 Dec. 1861	810 31st Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Björk, Peter ⁷	Borgsjö (Y)	12 July 1871	4121 Aldrich Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Nyberg, J.W.	Torsåker (X)	29 May 1886	4435 Aldrich Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Sjögren, John	Tydje (P)	22 Feb. 1882	4035 6th St., N.	20 May 1904
Abramson, Erik	Norderö (Z)	8 July 1877	4119 Irving Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Andersson, Ole	Eda (S)	30 Nov. 1884	4051 Emerson St. N.	20 May 1904
Lindqvist, John G.	Gräsmark (S)	31 Dec. 1882	4112 Dupont Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Wirén, Axel	Torsåker (X)	10 Oct. 1874	2110 Sheridan Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Berg, Axel	Fryksände (S)	12 Dec. 1882	3349 3rd St., N.	20 May 1904
Nelson, Albert F.	Skänninge (E)	1 July 1880	3349 3rd St., N.	20 May 1904
Hedstrom, J.W.	Råda (S)	13 July 1875	4659 Lyndale Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Gardin, John	Råda (S)	24 Oct. 1872	4237 Dupont Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Berglund, Gust	Ransäter (S)	4 Feb. 1885	4659 Lyndale Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Danielson, Joel	Grängesberg (W)	8 May 1871	1905 3rd St., N.	20 May 1904
Waldor, Otto	Tidersrum (E)	15 June 1880	4007 Colfax Ave., N.	20 May 1904

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Benson, Frank	Svarteborg (O)	17 Aug. 1872	3826 Humboldt Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Strand Albert	Öland	11 Dec. 1866	2511 Aldrich Ave., N.	20 May 1904
Abramsson, Otto	Norderö (Z)	7 Apr. 1883	4119 Irving Ave., N.	3 June 1904
Ostlund, N.M.	Fryksände (S)	2 June 1866	3310 3rd St., N.	17 June 1904
Anderson, A.E.	---	---	4700 Upton Ave., S.	17 June 1904
Rudberg, Julius	Gräsmark (S)	19 Oct. 1862	1807 4th St., N.	15 July 1904
Jonsson, Anton	Föllinge (Z)	20 May 1882	627 7th Ave., S.	5 Aug. 1904
Löf, Gustaf Adolph	Uråsa (G)	30 Jan. 1879	2710 Colfax Ave., N.	5 Aug. 1904
Dahl, John	Larv (R)	9 Jan. 1866	2818 3rd St., N.	2 Sept. 1904
Nygren, C.P.	Gunnarskog (S)	17 Jan. 1885	1209 25th St., N.	2 Sept. 1904
Young, Peter	Ljusdal (X)	30 Apr. 1869	St. Louis Park, MN	2 Mar. 1905
Stridh, Ed	Fors (D)	23 May 1876	2208 Wash. Ave., N.	16 Dec. 1904
Johnson, Ture	Kristvalla (H)	22 Oct. 1882	4601 Lyndale Ave., N.	16 Dec. 1904
Vandeen, Chas.	Ekshärad (S)	20 Nov. 1870	2633 2nd St., N.	6 Jan. 1905
Hällström, Anders	Köla (S)	10 Feb. 1860	329 30th Ave., N.	6 Jan 1905
Larson, Karl Gustaf	Skön (Y)	9 May 1885	4138 Dupont Ave., N.	2 Feb. 1905
Larson, Adolf	Larv (R)	17 Aug. 1884	1821 3rd St., N.	16 Feb. 1905
Lindqvist, Gust	Ramkvilla (F)	3 Dec. 1865	2524 28th Ave., S.	16 Feb. 1905
Svanson, Axel	Odensvi (H)	18 May 1874	946 18½ Ave., N.E.	18 May 1905
Anderson, Ragnar	---	9 Aug. 1880	2936 Aldrich Ave., N.	5 June 1903
Danielson, Daniel	---	13 July 1870	238 20th Ave., N.	5 June 1903
Anderson, Alex	---	12 June 1868	2937 Harriet Ave., S.	5 June 1903
Erickson, Nils Mangnus	---	14 Oct. 1877	2218 6th St., N.	5 June 1903
Holmes, Albert	---	17 Nov. 1876	251 22nd Ave., N.	5 June 1903
Boquist, William	---	14 Dec. 1873	2607 3rd St., N.	5 June 1903

Nilson, Johan	---	24 Apr. 1876	2514 Lyndale Ave., N.	5 June 1903
Dahl, Ed. G. ⁸	---	8 July 1869	232 20th Ave., N.	5 June 1903
Soderquist, Gust	---	7 Mar. 1879	2710 Colfax Ave., N.	5 June 1903
Johnson, Karl	---	2 Sept. 1881	4126 Dupont Ave., N.	5 June 1903
Rydström, Knute	---	13 Sept. 1866	3914 4th St., N.	5 June 1903
Nelson, Anders Axel	---	8 May 1871	816 44th Ave., N.	19 June 1903
Nelson, Wiktor	---	19 Sept. 1874	2814 3rd St., N.	5 June 1903
Anderson, Chas. L.	Locknevi (H)	7 Jan. 1864	116 W. 38th St.	14 June 1903
Nelson, Axel	Grundsunda (Y)	8 May 1871	816 44th Ave., N.	19 June 1903
Wicklund, Nels M.	Gräsmark (S)	22 Jan. 1881	2627 Colfax Ave., N.	19 June 1903
Peterson, J. August	Ramkvilla (F)	4 Oct. 1864	3749 Wash. Ave., N.	19 June 1903
Regel, Ole	Östmark (S)	28 Jan. 1866	548 Lyndale Ave., N.	19 June 1903
Erickson, John O.	Gräsmark (S)	13 May 1876	250 30th Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Dehlander, Axel	Skövde (R)	19 May 1875	3730 6th St., N.	17 July 1903
Rolander, John ⁹	Njutånger (X)	13 Dec. 1878	4039 Wash. Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Carlson, Claus	Norra Sandsjö (F)	20 Nov. 1870	237 21st Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Swanholm, Edward	Bjärträ (Y)	31 Mar. 1867	1821 3rd St., N.	17 July 1903
Bergstrom, E.L.	Vitsand (S)	2 Oct. 1867	3310 3rd St., N.	17 July 1903
Anderson, Richard	Bankeryd (F)	2 Feb. 1876	2936 Aldrich Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Anderson, Emil	Stavnäs (S)	16 Sept. 1867	2023 3rd St., N.	17 July 1903
Anderson, Fred	Torsås (H)	7 Feb. 1882	3325 3rd St., N.	17 July 1903
Eriksson, M.	Gräsmark (S)	24 May 1879	410 25th Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Stern, Leonard	Stenhög (?)	28 Feb. 1884	235 39th Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Johanson, Olof	Blekinge län	10 Dec. 1875	4010 Dupont Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Sangren, Levi	Älvsborg län	1 Oct. 1860	821 Mississippi Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Erickson, Nels	Mangskog (S)	1 Jan. 1876	237 21st Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Lof, Ed	Råneå (BD)	27 Aug. 1877	4023 Lyndale Ave., N.	17 July 1903

Name	Birth Place	Birthdate	Address	Date Inducted
Nygren, Ed	Råneå (BD)	22 June 1879	4023 Lyndale Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Molin, Ed ¹⁰	Nätra (Y)	22 Nov. 1865	107 20th Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Johnson, C.B.	Manö (C) (?)	28 May 1871	2816 James Ave., N.	17 July 1903
Erickson, John	Fredsberg (R)	30 Sept. 1866	227 20th Ave., N.	29 May 1903
Anderson, Chas E.	---	---	2219 2nd St., N.	29 May 1903
Johnson, Swan	---	---	410 25th Ave., N.	29 May 1903
Hedström, John H.	---	---	2020 4th St., N.	29 May 1903
Brunzell, Victor	Söderhamn (X)	10 Nov. 1881	239 34th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Magnell, Magnus	Mangskog (S)	5 Sept. 1869	2412 Riverside Ave.	21 Aug. 1903
Norman, Fred	Gräsmark (S)	11 July 1881	321 20th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Gustafson, O.G.J.	Jönköping län	19 Jan. 1871	928 20th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Göranson, Carl	Hedemora (W)	17 Oct. 1877	3409 Bryant Ave., N.	18 Jan. 1906
Person, S.M. ¹¹	Unnaryd (F)	29 Dec. 1863	2954 Dupont Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Magnusson, Julius	Gräsmark (S)	29 Dec. 1883	812 44th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Bjork, Oscar	Hälsingtuna (X)	16 May 1882	912 27th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Englund, Bernard J.	Skön (Y)	21 Mar. 1871	912 27th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Erikson, Chas.	Gräsmark (S)	23 Aug. 1875	810 31st Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Johnson, John ¹²	Gräsmark (S)	29 Dec. 1876	321 20th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Brunzell, Fred	Söderhamn (X)	28 Oct. 1883	239 34th Ave., N.	21 Aug. 1903
Sundstrom, Erick Gust	Gräsmark (S)	3 May 1870	3537 Irving Ave., S.	21 Aug. 1903
Falk, Axel	Brunskog (S)	17 Sept. 1883	108 7th St., S.	21 Aug. 1903
Miller, Henry	---	---	---	1 Apr. 1903
Pettersson, Petter	Ljusdal (X)	21 Oct. 1880	St. Louis Park, MN	1 Feb. 1906
Wickström, P.A.	Gagnef (W)	24 June 1864	3435 Bryant Ave., N.	1 Feb. 1906
Bonevier, Joh. Emil ¹³	Kvillinge (E)	3 May 1865	4115 Colfax Ave., N.	18 Jan. 1906

Falk, Andr.	Brunskog (S)	13 Dec. 1884	1902 4th St., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Nygren, Isack	Gunnarskog (S)	11 May 1878	4126 Fremont Ave., N.	1 Apr. 1904
Nyberg, Jonas	Torsåker (Y)	26 Nov. 1877	4439 Aldrich Ave., N.	5 Apr. 1906
Ek, Earl	Skarstad (R)	3 Mar. 1877	3123 Wash. Ave., N.	15 Feb. 1906
Carlson, August E.	Finnerödja (R)	26 Sept. 1873	4233 Emerson Ave., N.	15 Feb. 1906
Hanson, Olof	----	----	----	20 Mar. 1904
Tellt, August J.	Vena (H)	11 May 1878	619 26th Ave., N.	18 Jan. 1906
Lundqvist, Erick	Hudiksvall (X)	17 June 1875	St. Louis Park, MN	2 Dec. 1905
Noren, Peter	Ljusdal (X)	26 Dec. 1869	St. Louis Park, MN	2 Feb. 1905
Larson, J.A.	Larv (R)	11 Apr. 1870	2915 14th Ave., N.	2 Feb. 1905
Rosengren, Oscar E.F.	Algutsboda (G)	12 Oct. 1886	612 31st Ave., N.	2 Feb. 1905
Peterson, Chas.	Motala (E)	28 Mar. 1867	St. Louis Park, MN	2 Feb. 1905
Angqvist, Aug. ¹⁴	Frykerud (S)	16 June 1864	4167 Aldrich Ave., N.	16 Feb. 1905
Olson, Gust	Ystad (M)	16 Feb. 1879	St. Louis Park, MN	16 Feb. 1905
Nordqvist, Carl	Ljusdal (X)	19 Feb. 1881	St. Louis Park, MN	16 Feb. 1905
Nilson, Emil	Köla (S)	5 Apr. 1883	2818 3rd St., N.	16 Feb. 1905
Larson, C.G.	Adelöv (F)	18 July 1860	4129 Colfax Ave., N.	16 Mar. 1905
Larson, Carl Henning	Säby (F)	30 Mar. 1885	1129 Colfax Ave., N.	16 Mar. 1905
Westberg, Chas.	Gräsmark (S)	5 Nov. 1873	St. Louis Park, MN	4 May 1905
Nilson, Albert ¹⁵	Råda (S)	9 Apr. 1880	2818 3rd St., N.	18 May 1905
Anderson, John L.	Brönnestad (L)	1877	----	18 May 1905

Notes

- ¹Jonas Carlson was b. in Vrå Parish (Kron.) 10 Oct. 1867, s. of Carl and Ingrid Johannesson. He emigr. to the U.S. 1883, settling in Minneapolis, where he established a clothing business. - A.E. Strand, *A History of the Swedish-Americans of Minnesota I-III* (Chicago 1910), III, p. 795.
- ²Doubtless identical to Oscar Persson, b. in Revesjö Parish (Älvs.) 13 (sic!) Dec. 1860, s. of Per Andersson and Johanna Olsson. In 1882 he emigr. to the U.S., locating in Minneapolis. He eventually opened a plastering contracting business. He m. 11 March 1887 Mathilda Erickson, b. in Dalsland, Sweden. They had the following children: Minnie, b. 28 March 1888; Leonard, b. 19 March 1890; Ernest, b. 13 Aug. 1894 and Dorothy, b. 25 Nov. 1903. - *Ibid.*, II, pp. 549-550.
- ³Charles Peterson was b. at Stjärnvik, Tävelsås Parish (Kron.) 23 March 1858, s. of Peter Johan and Brita Johansson. In 1880 he emigr. to the U.S., settling in Minneapolis, where he established himself as a builder and contractor. In 1881 he m. Sara Andersson, also b. in Tävelsås, the dau. of Anders and Malena Peterson. They had two dau. -Anna, b. in 1884 and Edith, b. in 1886. - *Ibid.*, II, p. 276.
- ⁴Olof Julius Weline is listed as a medical doctor. - *Roster of the Norden Society.*
- ⁵Edwin Rodine was b. in Ryagårde, Ornunga Parish (Älvs.) 24 Dec. 1870, s. of John and Anna Maria Andersson. He emigr. to the U.S. 1884, settling in Minneapolis, where he established a business in lumber products. On 14 May 1892 he m. Alma E. Bolin, b. in Västergötland, Sweden in Feb. 1871. He was one of the leading members of the St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal Church in Minneapolis. - Strand, *History of Swedish-Americans*, II, p. 687.
- ⁶Anders Nyberg returned to Sweden. - *Roster of the Norden Society.*
- ⁷Peter Björk soon moved to Canada. - *Ibid.*
- ⁸Edward G. Dahl was b. in Frändefors Parish (Älvs.) 8 July 1869, s. of Gustaf and Carin Dahl. He arr. in the U.S. with his parents and siblings in 1871, the family settling in Rush Lake, MN. Later he and two brothers established a land company in Minneapolis, the purpose being to establish a colony in the province of Santiago, Cuba. He became a founding member of the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis and served for a time as the president of its board of directors. In 1894 he m. Bessie Olson, b. in Sundsvall, Sweden, with whom he had three children - Alice Irene, b. 16 Sept. 1896; Gladys Viola, b. 20 July 1898 and Myron Edward, b. 20 Jan. 1900. - Strand, *History of Swedish-Americans*, II, pp. 613-614.
- ⁹John Rolander died soon after having been admitted to membership. - *Roster of the Norden Society.*
- ¹⁰Ed Molin soon moved to Anoka, MN. - *Ibid.*
- ¹¹S.M. Person arr. in Minneapolis from Sweden 16 June 1893. - *Ibid.*
- ¹²John Johnson soon moved to the western states. - *Ibid.*
- ¹³Joh. Emil Bonevier is probably identical to Emil Bonnevier, b. in 1865, s. of Adolf Vilhelm Bonnevier, mastersmith at the Hult Iron Works in Kville Parish (Ög.) and Anna Lovisa Eklund. - Karl Kilbom, *Vallonerna* (Stockholm 1958), pp. 399-400.
- ¹⁴August J. Anquist (sic!) was b. in Frykerud Parish (Värm.) 16 June 1864 s. of Jonas Anquist and Maria Andersson. He emigr. to the U.S. 1883, first going to Kansas, before arr. in Minneapolis in 1885. Here he established himself in the business of blacksmithing and wagon making. In 1903 he was elected alderman from the 10th Ward of Minneapolis. In 1895 he m. Sina Holee, b. in Bergen, Norway 10 Feb. 1874, with whom he had two children -Margaret Olivia, b. 27 June 1905 and Adelaide Sylvia, b. 25 July 1908. - Strand, *History of Swedish-Americans*, II, pp. 570-571.
- ¹⁵Albert Nilson soon moved to Colorado. - *Roster of the Norden Society.*

Gävle Seamen Who Deserted in U.S. Ports 1871-1891

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The importance of using crew lists of Swedish vessels, which plied the Atlantic, as an ancillary source for tracing one's Swedish ancestors was illustrated in my article "Swedish Seamen Who Deserted in U.S. Ports 1841-1858" published in *Swedish American Genealogist*, Vol. III, No. 4 (December 1983), pp. 141-157.

In that article I spoke of the institution of Swedish *sjömanshus*, which as the approximate equivalent of our seamen's hiring halls in the U.S., sought to register and control the activities of all Swedish seafaring men who served aboard Swedish vessels with a gross tonnage of 20 tons or more.

Also I referred to material dealing with the *sjömanshus* in Stockholm to be found in the City Archives of Stockholm (*Stockholms stadsarkiv*). In the list presented below I am turning our attention to an index of the *sjömanshus* in Gävle, a port on the Baltic, located a short distance north of Stockholm. Its records are now housed in the District Archives of Härnösand (*Härnösands landsarkiv*), where the index cited below has the signum D1cb:1. This collection has now been reproduced on microfiche by SVAR, which handles this photo duplication project involving Swedish records for Sweden's National Archives (*Riksarkivet*).

Although this index stretches from 1871 to 1929, covering a total of four registered volumes, this article is restricted to the first two volumes covering the time period of 1871-1891. It is possible that a future article will deal with the remaining two volumes covering the time frame 1892-1929. This particular index for Gävle is not as complete as the Stockholm index published in 1983, in that it does not give the county or parish of birth of the sailors. On the other hand it gives the exact birth date of the seamen registered, whereas the Stockholm index only cited the seaman's age. In the Gävle list we are also furnished with the seaman's registry number, which can be quite useful if a student wishes to do further research in the Härnösand Archives and find out more of the sailor's antecedentia.

No effort has been made to further identify the seamen listed here. A couple of observations can be made, however. In this list we find a reference to a ship's master, Bror Carl Svedlund, whose name appears on a marriage certificate issued in New York in 1850 and which was brought to our attention by Dr. Erik Wikén in his article, "A Marriage Certificate from the *Bethel* Ship in New York," which appeared in *SAG* in December 1989 (Vol. IX. No. 4, pp. 169-170).

Thanks to this index we are furnished additional information concerning Bror Carl Svedlund. We learn that he was born 29 Jan. 1825, that he eventually reached the rank of captain and that he died in Hepburn, Page Co., Iowa 7 Sept. 1887. His registry number is given as No. 1260 and we should therefore be able to learn much more of his maritime career by going to the *sjömanshus* records in Härnösand.

Another name which pops out on the page is that of Erik Heiliger Lönner, born 17 Sept. 1863. He also advanced to the rank of captain but died on a voyage 10 Aug. 1892. His middle name intrigues us, for it calls to mind another Lönner, Fredrik Adolph Lönner, who served as clergyman and pastor of the Swedish military garrison on the Swedish island of Saint Barthélemy in the Caribbean from 1815 to 1824.¹ While on duty in this West Indies island he married in 1818 Catherine Heyliger Winfield, born on the island of Saint Eustatius, also in the Caribbean, the daughter of Matthew Winfield, merchant, and Maria Heyliger. She in turn was a member of one of the leading families on Saint Eustatius. Because of the unusual middle name it is quite possible that Erik Lönner was a grandson of Fredrik Adolph Lönner and his wife Catherine Heyliger Winfield. Further study is needed, however, to prove this theory.

Not all of the sailors who jumped ship in U.S. ports stayed here permanently. Many returned to Sweden and died there as the record below shows. A great number stayed, however, and settled in this country. Others again returned to Sweden aboard their vessels and then emigrated legally.

Abbreviations

AB = Able Seaman	F = Fireman or stoker
B = Boatswain	M = Mate
C = Cook	S = Seaman
Car. = Carpenter	Sa. = Sailmaker
Cpt. = Captain	St. = Steward

Name	Birth Date	Registry Number & Class	Dates on the Rolls	Port and Date of Desertion
ÅKERLUND, Lars Johan	15 Dec. 1851	942 S	1872	New Orleans 6 Apr. 1881
ÅSTRÖM, Israel	5 Sept. 1848	653 S	1866	Philadelphia 23 Apr. 1872
ANDERSSON, Anders	17 Dec. 1846	196 S	1871	New York 4 Oct. 1871
ANDERSSON, Anders Gust.	25 Oct. 1861	2459 S	1880-1893	Emigr. to New York 1891
ANDERSSON, Erik	13 Oct. 1868	3280 S	1885	Emigr. to America 18 Sept. 1888
ANDERSSON, Frans Erik	3 Jan. 1869	3216 S	1884-1888	Emigr. to America 1890

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ANDERSSON, Johan Victor	20 June 1851	111 S	1871	New York 6 May 1871
ANDERSSON, Olaus	23 Jan. 1857	2095 S	1877	Galveston 21 Jan. 1879
ANDERSSON, Pehr Edvard	11 Mar. 1866	3215 S	1884	Emigr. to America 29 Jan. 1886
BENGTSSON, Johan Aug.	7 May 1866	3655 F	1888	New York 2 Jan. 1893
BENGTSSON, Petrus Otto Valdemar	2 Jan. 1864	2893 S	1882	Pensacola 28 Apr. 1883; d. July 1892
BERG, Pehr	16 June 1864	2456 S	1880-1888	Drowned in the Delaware River 30 May 1898
BERGLUND, Carl Emil	20 Feb. 1862	2913 S	1882	Emigr. to America 1884
BERGLUND, Carl Johan Theodor	15 Sept. 1857	1737 S	1876	Pensacola 8 Dec. 1882
BERGLUND, Samuel Axel	30 June 1857	1854 S	1876	Boston 12 Nov. 1880
BERGSTRÖM, Johan	24 Jan. 1851	534 S	1871	Baltimore 24 Apr. 1872
BJÖRLING, Adolf Emanuel	6 Aug. 1850	2319 M	1879-1886	D. in Philadelphia 25 Mar. 1900
BOMAN, Johan Anton	9 Oct. 1866	2881 S	1888-1891	New York 20 May 1885
BOMGREN, Johan Gustaf Theodor	7 Jan. 1852	487 S	1871	Philadelphia 25 Feb. 1872
BOQVIST, Carl Johan	24 Apr. 1864	2798 S	1882	New York 18 Sept. 1883
BRÅTT, Lars Gustaf	13 June 1859	1757 Car.	1876	Boston Feb. 1880
CAHLMAN, Johan August	2 Oct. 1822	2742 Sa.	1847-1850; 1881-1886	New York 1849; London 1853; d. in Gävle 13 Dec. 1889
CARLBOM, Carl Fredrik	23 Nov. 1857	1917 S	1877	Savannah 19 Sept. 1877
CARLSSON, Adolf Theodor	14 Aug. 1856	1450 S	1874	New Orleans 27 Feb. 1880
CARLSSON, Carl August	1 Nov. 1873	4081 S	1891	Charleston 27 Feb. 1892
CARLSSON, Carl Olof	17 Apr. 1871	3758 S	1888-1891	Emigr. to America 1892
CARLSSON, Fredrik	30 Dec. 1866	3011 S	1883	Philadelphia 29 Aug. 1884
CARLSSON, Johannes	29 Feb. 1856	2277 S	1879	New Orleans 1881
COLLIN, Aron Gabriel	24 Mar. 1862	2651 S	1881	Charleston 3 Feb. 1884
DRAKE, Abdon Albert Petrus	2 Aug. 1860	1776 S	1876	Boston 25 Aug. 1880
DRAKE, Olof Arnold Fredrik	10 Apr. 1863	3296 S	1885	Boston 20 Apr. 1886

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Name	Birth Date	Registry Number & Class	Dates on the Rolls	Port and Date of Desertion
EDHOLM, Erik Lars Didrik	24 Jan. 1868	3179 S	1884	Emigr. to America 16 May 1888
EKLUND, Lars Fredrik	6 July 1858	2105 S	1878	New Orleans 25 Feb. 1880
ENGLUND, Lars Johan Victor	26 Jan. 1857	1447 St.	1874	New York 3 Apr. 1880
ERIKSSON, Carl Erik	28 Jan. 1855	1001 Car.	1873	Baltimore May 1878
ERIKSSON, Johan Maurits	27 Oct. 1862	2153 S	1878	Galveston 1879
ERIKSSON, Johan Valdemar	12 Sept. 1874	3945 St.	1890	Emigr. to America 10 May 1892
FAHLSTRÖM, Fredrik Theodor	25 May 1851	536 M	1868-1882	To North America; d. 1886
FLETCHER, Harry Walter	18 Dec. 1873	4049 S	1890	New York 13 Sept. 1891
FORSBÄCK, And. Gustaf Pettersson	8 Dec. 1846	772 S	1872	New York 9 Nov. 1873
FORSSBERG, Pehr Conrad	19 Jan. 1869	3483 S	1886	D. in New York 31 Aug. 1890
FORSSGREN, Carl Fredrik	17 Dec. 1863	2632 S	1881	Emigr. to America 19 June 1890
FORSSTRÖM, Carl Axel	13 Mar. 1869	3734 C	1888	Emigr. to America 11 June 1892
GILLBERG, Lars Magnus	21 Oct. 1858	2173 S	1878	Boston 29 May 1879
GRÖNLUND, Gust. Leonard	18 Sept. 1859	1846 S	1876	New Orleans 12 Mar. 1881
GUDMUNDSSON, Erik Emanuel	18 Mar. 1866	3051 S	1883	Philadelphia 29 Aug. 1884
GUSTAFSSON, Erik Gustaf	2 May 1869	3777 S	1889	Savannah 8 Mar. 1891
GUSTAFSSON, Frans Aug.	29 May 1825	31 M	1855-1884	D. in Brooklyn 9 Sept. 1889
HAGLUND, Carl August	14 Dec. 1871	3826 S	1889	New York 2 Nov. 1889
HAGLUND, Lars August	9 Sept. 1857	1301 S	1874	Philadelphia 20 July 1880
HAGSTRÖM, Alfred Emanuel	27 Oct. 1865	2887 AB	1882	D. in Gloucester 11 June 1893
HALLBERG, Carl Herman Leonard	3 July 1861	2534 S	1880	Emigr. to America 11 Dec. 1885
HAMMARQVIST, Carl Gustaf	26 Sept. 1849	199 S	1871	New York 10 Oct. 1871
HAMMARSTRÖM, David	13 June 1857	1610 S	1875	Baltimore 1881
HEDIN, Oscar	18 Dec. 1871	3396 S	1886	Emigr. to America 4 Nov. 1887
HEDWALL, Erik	5 May 1860	1705 S	---	Baltimore 7 May 1880
HELLBERG, Pehr Johan	19 Feb. 1841	32 S	1871	Philadelphia 23 Apr. 1872

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HELLGREN, Fredrik	4 Nov. 1865	3924 S	1890	Pensacola 15 Aug. 1892
HEURLIN, Fredrik Wilhelm	13 Apr. 1854	341 S	1870	New York 24 Aug. 1875
HILLMEN, Anders	18 May 1858	2708 S	1881	Charleston 2 July 1882
HÖGBERG, Adolf Wilhelm	10 Nov. 1848	537 B	1865	New York 18 Mar. 1883; d. 18 Sept. 1883
HÖGBERG, Carl Robert	26 Mar. 1839	362 M	1855	D. in New Orleans 12 July 1883
HOLMSTRAND, Robert	6 Mar. 1861	2229 S	1871	Baltimore 15 Feb. 1880; d. in Gävle 28 Feb. 1894
HOLMSTRÖM, Carl Alfred	21 Sept. 1859	2026 S	1872-1885	D. in Norfolk 10 June 1886
HOLMSTRÖM, Pehr Johan	19 Aug. 1865	2513 S	1880	New York 20 May 1885
HÜBENETTE, Anders Bernhard	17 Apr. 1861	2046 S	1877-1880	Boston 12 Apr. 1880
HÜBENETTE, Eberhard	9 June 1861	2522 S	1880	New Orleans 12 Feb. 1881
JANSSON, Anders	11 July 1849	535S	1871	Baltimore 29 Apr. 1872
JANSSON, Anders Peter	7 Oct. 1871	3923 S	1890	New York 6 May 1892
JANSSON, Erik	15 Aug. 1873	3926 S	1890-1900	Emigr. to America 7 Feb. 1902
JANSSON, Erik Axel	15 June 1873	3927 S	1890	D. in America 21 Apr. 1895
JANSSON, Johannes	18 Aug. 1852	85S	1871	Newport 31 Aug. 1872
JOHANSSON, Axel Maurits	22 June 1851	763 S	1864	Galveston 24 Aug. 1873
JOHANSSON, Carl Oscar	3 June 1864	3050 C	1883-1886	New York 30 Oct. 1889
JOHANSSON, Carl Verner	5 July 1870	3489 S	1886	D. in Philadelphia 7 Aug. 1894
JOHANSSON, Clas Otto	24 Apr. 1849	473 S	1876	New York 6 May 1872
JONSSON, Olof	20 May 1861	2271 S	1879	New Orleans 10 Mar. 1881
JONSSON, Pehr Johan	28 Mar. 1867	2869 C	1882	New Orleans 4 May 1883
KALIN, Emil Hilarius	21 Feb. 1865	2900 S	1882; 1886-1889	Pensacola 7 Apr. 1883
KIHLSTRÖM, Lars Fredrik	9 Mar. 1852	1309 S	1874	New York 5 Sept. 1879
KROOK, John	15 May 1861	1944 M	1877	Pensacola 23 Apr. 1883

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KRUSBERG, Erik Erhard	3 Jan. 1874	3966 S	1890	Savannah 10 June 1897
KRUSELL, Pehr Adolf	14 Jan. 1861	2159 St.	1878-1883	Baltimore 7 May 1880; emigr. to Australia 1889
LAGERSTEDT, Carl Aug.	3 Apr. 1853	914 S	----	Boston Feb. 1873
LARSSON, Herman Julius	24 Apr. 1863	3581 F	1887	Emigr. to America 23 Oct. 1889
LARSSON, Lars	18 Oct. 1859	2850 S	1882	Wilmington 21 Feb. 1883
LEXANDER, Gust. Arvid	4 Jan. 1866	3020 S	1883	New York 11 Oct. 1890
LIF, Johan Abraham	15 Dec. 1859	2422 S	1880	Pensacola 13 Mar. 1881
LILJA, Bror Frithiof	2 Apr. 1868	3455 S	1886	Emigr. to America 1887
LIND, Johan Gustaf	28 Feb. 1856	610 St.	1871	Emigr. to New York 22 Sept. 1885
LIND, Pehr Erik	6 Nov. 1847	327 Cpt.	1862	Emigr. to America 24 July 1886
LINDGREN, Carl Johan	2 July 1869	4045 S	1890	Mobile 1894
LINDGREN, Gotthard Rudolf	12 Aug. 1860	2505 S	1880	Mobile 15 Nov. 1883
LINDHOLM, Carl Erik	6 Oct. 1860	2074 S	1877	Galveston 8 Jan. 1879
LINDQVIST, Lars Johan	12 May 1862	2523 C	1880	New Orleans 13 Feb. 1881
LINDSTEDT, Erik	14 Feb. 1859	97 S	1871	New York 6 Apr. 1880
LINDSTRÖM, Anders Gust.	19 Aug. 1864	2380 S	1879	Baltimore 1881
LINDSTRÖM, Erik Gustaf	12 May 1861	2233 S	1878	Baltimore 3 June 1881
LÖF, Oscar Fredrik	1 Feb. 1859	2066 S	1877	Baltimore 7 May 1880; d. in Gävle 1 Mar. 1888
LÖFBERG, Anders Peter	15 Dec. 1849	636 S	1871	Newport 17 Aug. 1872
LÖFGREN, Anders Robert	7 June 1863	2381 S	1879	Emigr. to America 1886
LÖFGREN, Carl	15 Apr. 1858	1792 S	1876	Newport 1878
LÖFGREN, Carl Erik	1 Aug. 1866	2957 S	1883	Emigr. to America 22 Dec. 1886
LÖNBORG, Pehr August	16 Sept. 1856	2036 St.	1877	New York 14 Oct. 1890
LÖNNBORG, Anders Gustaf	16 June 1846	542 Car.	1868	Baltimore 11 Oct. 1872
LÖNNER, Erik Heiliger	17 Sept. 1863	2348 Cpt.	1879	D. on a voyage 10 Aug. 1892
LUNDBERG, Rudolf Engelbert	17 Apr. 1860	1660 S	1875	Charleston 7 Mar. 1883

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LUNDGREN, Wilhelm	30 May 1867	3946 F	1890	New York 12 Feb. 1892
LUNDIN, Carl Albert	15 Dec. 1855	926 St.	1872- 1881	New York 12 Apr. 1875
MAGNUSSON, Johan August	19 Mar. 1862	2699 S	1881	Pensacola 22 Mar. 1882
MATTSSON, Johan	4 May 1857	1559 S	1875	New York 1 Apr. 1880
MATTSSON, Mathias	15 July 1870	3143 AB	1884	Emigr. to America 15 July 1893
NILSSON, Gustaf Engelbert	7 Nov. 1863	2414 S	1880	Pensacola 13 Mar. 1881
NILSSON, Johan Fredrik	10 May 1864	2852 S	1882	Wilmington 25 Feb. 1883
NILSSON, Nils Emil	7 Jan. 1864	2895 F	1882	Emigr. to America 27 Dec. 1892
NORDENBERG, Pehr Otto	13 Nov. 1852	364 S	1868	Newport 27 Aug. 1872
NORDSTRÖM, Gustaf Fredrik	18 Apr. 1866	3151 S	1881	Emigr. to America 13 Feb. 1892
NORDWAL, Pehr Johan	20 Dec. 1856	1674 S	1875-1887	New Orleans 27 Feb. 1880
ÖSTLUND, Pehr Erik	14 June 1861	2461 S	1880-1890; 1893	New Orleans 4 May 1883
OLSSON, Erik	11 May 1846	472 S	1870	New York 6 May 1872
OLSSON, Oscar	27 May 1866	3012 S	1883	Philadelphia 2 Apr. 1887
ORRAEUS, Carl Gustaf Conrad	18 Mar. 1871	3911 S	1890	Emigr. to America 1892
ORTMAN, Carl Johan Reinhold	3 Dec. 1865	3192 S	1884	New York 28 Feb. 1888
PETTERSSON, Anders Gustaf	8 Dec. 1846	772 S	1872	New York 9 Nov. 1873
PETTERSSON, Axel	20 Aug. 1870	3885 S	1889	Emigr. to America 8 Sept. 1892
PETTERSSON, Carl Erik	25 Nov. 1847	1187 S	1873	New York 2 Oct. 1886
PETTERSSON, Ernfrid	10 Jan. 1866	3570 S	1887	New York 30 Oct. 1889
PETTERSSON, Gustaf Alfred	12 Sept. 1875	4154 St.	1891	Emigr. to America 7 Jan. 1895
PETTERSSON, Johan Edvard	16 June 1857	2217 St.	1878	New Orleans 11 Mar. 1881
PETTERSSON, Sven Petter	16 Mar. 1851	1488 S	1874	New York 26 Oct. 1876
PIERROU, Johan Erik	16 Mar. 1874	4071 F	1891	Emigr. to America 1895

Name	Birth Date	Registry Number & Class	Dates on the Rolls	Port and Date of Desertion
PROF. Oscar Nathanel	1 Dec. 1868	3503 S	1886	Emigr. to America 15 Feb. 1887
QVARNSTRÖM, Magnus	9 Nov. 1864	2707 M	1881	D. in Brooklyn 15 May 1892
QVIST, Erik Larsson	12 Jan. 1867	3132 C	1884	Emigr. to America 5 Apr. 1887
RENARD, Franz Carl August	28 Feb. 1869	3742 S	1899-1906	New York 28 Oct. 1899
RISBERG, Carl Andreas	18 Sept. 1869	3453 S	1886	Emigr. to America 16 May 1891
RISBERG, Johan Alfred	26 Apr. 1866	4193 S	1891	Emigr. to America 4 Mar. 1895
SÄFBOM, Carl Frithiof	13 June 1871	3618 S	1888	Pensacola 12 Mar. 1890
SAHLBÄCK, Fredrik Wilhelm	1 June 1858	2332 St.	1879	Pensacola 23 Apr. 1883
SAHLSTRÖM, Pehr Rickard	17 Oct. 1858	985 S	1872	San Francisco 9 Oct. 1874
SAHLIN, Anders Victor	21 July 1860	2170 S	1878	New Orleans 14 May 1881
SANDBERG, Anders Elias	31 Jan. 1873	4190 S	1891	Pensacola 1895
SANDBERG, Frans Aug.	6 Nov. 1850	863 M	1855-1884	D. In Brooklyn 9 July 1889
SANDGREN, Anders	20 May 1848	129 S	1870	Philadelphia 1871
SANDIN, Gustaf	25 Sept. 1869	3881 S	1889	New York 6 Apr. 1895
SANDSTRÖM, Pehr Gustaf	14 Mar. 1859	2406 S	1880	Emigr. to America 16 May 1882
SJÖLANDER, Olof Wilhelm	21 Apr. 1861	2388 S	1879	Baltimore 11 Dec. 1880; d. on a journey 6 May 1888
SJÖLIN, Clas Emil	17 Apr. 1873	4133 S	1891	Emigr. to America 18 Aug. 1892
SKOGLUND, Carl Erik	7 Feb. 1869	4195 S	1891	Emigr. to America 11 Mar. 1895
SMÄRT, Anders August	8 Jan. 1857	2187 S	1878	New Orleans 12 Mar. 1881
SÖDERBERG, Carl Henrik	22 Feb. 1866	2607 S	1881	New York 11 Oct. 1890
SÖDERBERG, Erik	25 July 1830	1683 S	1845-1854; 1868-1881	New York 1850
SÖDERBLOM, David Bernhard	7 Sept. 1863	3677 S	1888	New York 1 Nov 1889
SÖDERQVIST, Johan Erik	9 Nov. 1858	1630 S	1875	Baltimore 1 Sept. 1878
SÖDERSTRÖM, Pehr Gustaf	10 May 1862	2085 St.	1877	Wilmington 24 Feb. 1883

Gävle Seamen Who Deserted in U.S. Ports

Name	Birth Date	Registry Number & Class	Dates on the Rolls	Port and Date of Desertion
SOËLBERG, Carl Gust.	5 July 1856	1289 S	1874	Philadelphia 10 Jan. 1879
STRANDBERG, Petrus Emanuel	18 Mar. 1872	3558 S	1887	Port Townsend 14 July 1889
STRÖMMER, Carl Johan	13 June 1865	3890 S	1889	Emigr. to America 20 May 1916
SUNDBERG, Anders Petter	11 Sept. 1868	3859 S	1889	Pensacola 17 Apr. 1892
SVEDLUND, Bror Carl	29 Jan. 1825	1260 Cpt.	1840-1876	D. in Hepburn, Page Co., U.S.A. 7 July 1887
TALL, Gustaf Adolf	11 Aug. 1874	4056 S.	1890-1898	Rio Grande 24 June 1893
UTTER, Carl Gustaf	10 Feb. 1864	3135 F	1884	Emigr. to America 18 April 1887
WAHLBERG, Hjalmar Sanfrid Maurits	30 June 1871	3587 S	1887	Emigr. to America 19 Jan. 1889; d. 9 Nov. 1894
WAHLSTEDT, August Göran	24 May 1866	2909 S	1882	Emigr. to America 26 Oct. 1886
WALLIN, Johan Gustaf	4 Aug. 1844	801 Car.	1868-1875	Charleston 5 July 1877; d. 30 May 1885
WALTNER, Albert	28 Oct. 1868	3402 S	1886	New York 30 Oct. 1889
WENNGREN, Carl Agaton	7 Dec. 1866	3517 F	1887	New York 12 Feb. 1892
WESSLÉN, Johan Gustaf Edvard	11 Aug. 1871	4134 S	1891-1897; 1901	Pensacola 17 Apr. 1892
WESTBERG, Erik Jansson	27 May 1859	2396 Car.	1879	Charleston 2 July 1882
WESTBERG, Pehr Olof Leonard	3 Sept. 1867	3351 S	1885	Emigr. to America 25 May 1887
WESTBLAD, Erik Hjalmar	26 July 1856	874 S	1872	Pensacola 22 May 1873
WESTERGREN, Anton Emanuel	21 Apr. 1862	2627 S	1881	Charleston 9 Mar. 1883; d. in San Francisco 5 Apr. 1898
WESTERGREN, Johan Wilhelm	20 Jan. 1866	2675 S	1881	Pensacola 24 Mar. 1884
WESTERLUND, Axel Theodor	10 Sept. 1866	2908 S	1882	Emigr. to America 15 May 1891
WESTERMARK, Carl Johan	14 Aug. 1855	1032 S	1873	D. in America 6 Nov. 1878
WESTERMARK, Henrik	20 Nov. 1858	1033 S	1873-1876; 1881	Baltimore 5 Feb. 1875
WESTIN, Carl Fredrik	21 Sept. 1863	2507 S	1880	Pensacola 24 Mar. 1884

Name	Birth Date	Registry Number & Class	Dates on the Rolls	Port and Date of Desertion
WESTIN, Carl Fredrik	8 Nov. 1864	2950 S	1883	Mobile 21 Oct. 1890
WESTLIN, Johan Adolf	3 Aug. 1873	4174 S	1891	Emigr. to America 30 May 1903
WESTMAN, Johan August	8 Sept. 1850	539 S	1871-1877	Baltimore 1872; d. in Buenos Aires 3 Jan. 1887
WIKBLOM, Pehr Adolf	23 June 1853	306 S	1871	London 11 Feb. 1873; d. in Brooklyn 27 May 1906
WIKLUND, Carl Johan	31 Aug. 1841	467 Car.	1860-1869; 1874	New York 1864
WIKMAN, Gustaf Hjalmar	1 Feb. 1856	497 M	1871-1883	D. in Stockton, CA 9 Nov. 1887
WIKSTRÖM, Johan Erik	9 Apr. 1854	649 S	1869	Philadelphia 23 Apr. 1872
ZETTERBERG, Pehr Gustaf	4 Jan. 1844	195 Car.	1864-1875; 1874-1882	New York 1871

¹Johan Eric Fant & August Theodor Låstbom, *Upsala ärkestifts herdaminne* I-III (Uppsala 1842-1845), II, p. 89; Jan Arvid Hellström, "... *åt alla christliga förvanter* ..." (Uppsala 1987), p. 133.

Note

Just as this issue is being readied for the printers the following note has been received from Dr. Erik Wikén in Uppsala, Sweden. He writes that Bror Carl Svedlund was b. in Gävle 29 Jan. 1825, s. of Nils Svedlund, a cooper, and Catharina Helena Bång. He became a master mariner 1852 and emigr. to America 1874 together with his wife and a foster dau. The passport is dated 26 June 1874. His date of death should be 7 July 1887, which checks with the official muster rolls.

Erik Heyliger Lönner was b. in Helgum Parish (Vn.) 17 Sept. 1863, s. of Valentin Adolf Heyliger Lönner, an inspector, and Mathilda Elisabeth Groth and a grandson of the clergyman on St. Barthélemy. He passed his examination as a master mariner 1884.

Swedish Bible Inscription

In a Swedish Book of Psalms, published in Stockholm 1833, is the following notation:

"This book belongs to me, Kull Marita Göransdotter in Bråmåbo (Sollerön Parish in Kopparberg *län*). I received this book from my beloved husband Lars Andersson Asp when I was united with him in Holy matrimony 28 March 1842. I have had this book rebound in the city of Falun in March 1864.

Lars Asp
Marita Göransdotter"

A Swedish Birthday Book from Minneapolis

Nils William Olsson

A few years ago I came across an old Swedish birthday book in an antiquarian book shop in Minneapolis. It was a small volume, 4 1/2 x 5 1/2 in., entitled *Ord på vägen*, roughly translated *Words of Wisdom along Life's Way*. The book contained a number of names, mostly Swedish, with their birthdays and with an occasional Minneapolis address.

The volume was a Swedish devotional book published in Stockholm in 1884 by Per Palmquist, a renowned Baptist book publisher, who was used by a number of Swedish churchmen, both from the established Lutheran Church as well as dissenter groups, to print their devotional and theological literature. The author's name is not given, only his initials—B.W., which certainly must refer to the well-known Swedish Lutheran clergyman in St. Klara Parish in Stockholm, Bernhard Wadström (1831-1918), who was the author of a number of devotional books and tracts toward the end of the 19th century.

The volume in question is a calendar, where each day of the year is provided with a blank space for the recording of those, whose birthdays occur on that particular day. Additionally the author has furnished each day of the year with a short homily, usually accompanied by a quotation from the Bible.

The flyleaf of the volume has been torn out, which may have had the owner's name. It is thus impossible to trace the provenance of the book. It has probably been the property of a resident of Minneapolis, since the few addresses given, all are those to be found in that city.

The entries are in different hands, indicating that the person must have been requested to record his or her name as well as his or her year of birth. Some of the autographs were done in Sweden, judging by the spelling of names as well as orthography of some of the entries. It is therefore highly likely that the original owner acquired the volume in Sweden and had friends and relatives write in the book before emigrating to the U.S. Since the volume was printed in 1884, it is safe to assume that the owner departed for the U.S. after this date.

The names in this birthday book are listed as found. In a few instances the name has been so garbled, that it has defied interpretation.¹

Date	Name	Miscellaneous
6 Jan. 1865	Frans Oscar Söderberg.	
12 Jan. - - -	Mrs. Oscar Olson, 2821 - 11th Avenue, S.	
20 Jan. 1890	Ruth Björkman.	
28 Jan. 1875	P.O. Månsson.	
29 Jan. 1872	Anna M. Knudson.	
31 Jan. 1870	Brita Söderberg.	
1 Feb. 1856	Christin Erickson and O. Ericson (Twins).	
3 Feb. 1899	Ada Nyberg.	
3 Feb. - - -	Clarence Sarner.	
9 Feb. 1866	Carl Andersson, 1528 E. 18th Street.	
21 Feb. 1899	Irene Ingvaldstad.	
27 Feb. 1864	Karl Åhman.	
27 Feb. 1902	Anders Adolf Ferdinand Dahlin.	
3 March 1859	Emelie Torstensson.	
3 March 1864	Brita Månsson. ²	
12 March - - -	Mrs. G.A. Blomquist, 2719 - 12th Avenue, S.	
13 March 1850	J. Norberg, Torpshammar (Torp Parish, Väster-norrland <i>län</i>).	
14 March 1835	<i>Postiljon</i> Rydbäck (Mailman).	
16 March 1903	Victor Dahl. ³	
21 March - - -	Mrs. E. Swenson, 2717 - 12th Avenue, S.	
21 March 1930	Stanley Johnson. ⁴	
26 March 1864	Jonas Rydbäck.	
26 March 1872	Brita Rydbäck.	
26 March 1899	Anna Judith Katarina Dahlin.	
4 April 1879	Alma Almgren.	
6 April 1832	<i>Mor</i> (Mother) Rydbäck.	
8 April 1841	Ingeborg Helseth.	
19 April 1865	Anna Olsson.	
20 April - - -	Mrs. A.P. Johnson.	
21 April 1896	Kerstin Ingeborg Ljunggren.	
22 April 1867	Lars Grundéll.	
24 April 1894	Agnes Dahl. ⁵	
25 April - - -	Robert E. Anderson.	
28 April 1862	Christin Rydbäck. ⁶	
30 April 1861	P.A. Dahlin.	
1 May 1864	Anna Lydia Larsén.	
20 May 1886	Gustaf Wadlund.	
23 May 1855	Mrs. Carrie Jacobson. ⁷	
23 May 1879	Karin Rydbäck.	

Date	Name	Miscellaneous
31 May 1862	C.J.A. Ljunggren.	
6 June 1859	Joh. Rydbäck. ⁸	
8 June 1862	Ingeborg Öhman.	
8 June 1880	Eddie Jacobson.	
20 June 1925	Betty Johnson. ⁹	
25 June 1848	Joh. Edhqvist.	
27 June 1881	A.M. Liljemark. Died 2 Sept. 1902.	
4 July 1902	Ruth Anker.	
7 July 1865	And. Wikström.	
9 July 1859	S. Berglund.	
10 July 1864	Brita Nilsson.	
10 July 1866	Anna Uhr.	
10 July 1899	Claus Johnson. ¹⁰	
18 July 1834	Måns Olsson. ¹¹	
20 July - - -	Esther Carlson.	
20 July - - -	Irene Johnson.	
27 July 1881	A. Magnus.	
1 Aug. - - -	Esther Rasten Derby. ¹²	
3 Aug. 1858	Ferd. Schölander, Färila Parish (Gävl.).	
5 Aug. - - -	Eline Rasten Thompson.	
9 Aug. 1901	Signe Johnson. ¹³	
11 Aug. 1869	Kristina Jönson. ¹⁴	
17 Aug. - - -	A.W. Derby.	
21 Aug. 1901	Winnifred Ingvoldstad.	
22 Aug. 1875	Nannie Carlson.	
26 Aug. 1873	Frank D. Lindström. ¹⁵	
29 Aug. 1879	John Hillberg. ¹⁶	
31 Aug. 1881	Linnea Rybeck. ¹⁷	
3 Sept. 1864	Bricken Grundell.	
7 Sept. 1856	Karl Gustafsson.	
9 Sept. - - -	Hulda Nelson.	
11 Sept. 1860	John Björkman.	
13 Sept. - - -	Sigrid Larsen. ¹⁸	
15 Sept. 1862	Margretha Grundell.	
20 Sept. 1863	Victor Hanson.	
21 Sept. 1862	Anna Mathilda Svensson.	
28 Sept. 1896	Per John Andreas Dahlin.	
3 Oct. 1859	Evald Åhman.	
12 Oct. 1866	Anna Rydbäck.	

Date	Name	Miscellaneous
14 Oct. 1895	Verner Nyberg. ¹⁹	
16 Oct. 1862	August Klarin.	
16 Oct. 1863	John Asp.	
17 Oct. 1854	And. Joh. Hydén.	
29 Oct. 1900	Elis Magnus Sixten Ljunggren.	
31 Oct. - - -	Mrs. Hauge, 4050 - 10th Avenue, S.	
13 Nov. 1799	John Erickson.	
17 Nov. 1897	John Edvin Ljunggren.	
22 Nov. 1861	Sigrid Rydbäck.	
23 Nov. 1869	Ole Gudheim.	
26 Nov. 1864	Elvira Klarin.	
27 Nov. 1882	Martin Horn.	
27 Nov. 1894	Esther Wesilia Berglund.	
4 Dec. 1842	Julia Uggla.	
14 Dec. 1857	A.J. Andersson.	
16 Dec. 1901	Brita Nyberg. ²⁰	
18 Dec. 1873	A. Erickson. Died 25 June 1906.	
19 Dec. 1859	J. Strandberg.	
19 Dec. 1865	Mrs. John Björkman.	
26 Dec. 1899	Bertil Nyberg. ²¹	
30 Dec. 1863	L.O. Larsson from Ockelbo Parish (Gävl.). Died 20 May 1885.	

¹As this article goes to press, it came to the attention of Mrs. Betty Johnson Briscese, 2833 Jersey Avenue South, St. Louis Park, MN 55426, who recognized the birthday book as having been the property of a relative, Christine Rydbäck, also known as Christin Rybeck. Mrs. Briscese has kindly identified several of the persons listed in the volume.

²Brita Månsson was possible the sister of Christin Rybeck.

³Victor Dahl, married to Linnea Rybeck, died 20 June 1972.

⁴Stanley Johnson is Mrs. Briscese's brother.

⁵Agnes Dahl, Victor Dahl's sister, died 30 April 1983.

⁶Christin Rybeck, the owner of the book, died in Jan. 1932.

⁷Mrs. Carrie Jacobson, the daughter of Daniel Larsson Lindström, the founder of Lindstrom, MN. He was born in Kölsjön, Hassela Parish (Gävl.) 4 June 1825, the son of Lars Eric Danielsson, a farmer, and Ingrid Petersdotter. He emigr. to the U.S. in 1853 and died 1895.

⁸Joh. Rydbäck, the husband of Christin Rybeck.

⁹Betty Johnson Briscese.

¹⁰Claus Johnson, the fater of Betty Briscese, died 3 April 1980.

¹¹Måns Olsson was the father of Christin Rybeck.

¹²Esther Rasten Derby was married to A.W. Derby.

¹³Signe Johnson, the mother of Betty Briscese.

¹⁴Katarina (sic!) Jönson, Betty Briscese's paternal grandmother, was a cousin of Christin Rybeck.

¹⁵Frank D. Lindström, the son of Daniel Lindström.

¹⁶John Hillberg resided in Winton, MN.

¹⁷Linnea Rybeck was the adopted daughter of Christin Rybeck.

¹⁸Sigrid Larsen resided in California.

¹⁹Verner Nyberg was Christin Rybeck's nephew.

²⁰Brita Nyberg was Christin Rybeck's niece.

²¹Bertil Nyberg was Christin Rybeck's nephew.

Genealogical Queries

Queries from subscribers to *Swedish American Genealogist* will be listed here free of charge on a "space-available basis." The editor reserves the right to edit the question to conform to the general format.

Anderson, Rudeen

My grandfather, Peter J. Anderson, emigr. to the U.S. from Sweden ca. 1870-1880, perhaps a bit earlier, and supposedly settled on a farm in Osage City, KS. He was b. in 1834 and d. in 1898. He m. Christina Elizabeth Rudeen (?), who d. in 1885. They had five children, the only one whose name I know was my father Frank, b. 1881. I have birth dates for two of his sisters and his two brothers, but no names.

I have checked all census records for Osage Co., KS as well as surrounding counties but have found no trace of him. Who can help?

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Josephson, Peterson

I am looking for information regarding the ancestors and descendants of Anna Britta Peterson, b. in Hålbý, Österåker Parish (probably Södermanland) 22 Feb. 1872, the dau. of Per Andersson, b. 21 Nov. 1827 and d. 24 Jan. 1907 and his wife, Anna Andersdotter, b. 10 April 1829 and d. 12 Feb. 1908. Anna Britta Petterson m. 24 April 1896 John August Josephson, b. 28 Nov. 1866 and d. 7 Nov. 1908. He was the s. of Joseph Persson (1837-1895) and Louisa Larson.

A cousin, Sven Widén, visited our family in Illinois 1948 and his brother, Philip, a musician and composer furnished some family information.

John and Anna Britta Josephson had the following children: Anna Linnea, b. 17 Feb. 1898; Agnes Louisa, b. 25 June 1900; Elsa Victoria, b. 3 Aug. 1902; Carl Walter, b. 1 July 1905 and Joseph Clemens, b. 23 Nov. 1907.

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Andreasson

I am looking for information concerning Axel Pontus Andreasson, b. 15 Dec. 1871, who emigr. from Stenkyrka Parish (Göt.) 1900. He emigr. with his family which consisted of wife, Augusta Kristoffersdotter, b. 17 Nov. 1861, and children, Agda Paulina, b. 26 May 1892; Gerda Konstantia, b. 25 Aug. 1895 and Klemens

Algot, b. 12 Dec. 1899. The family seems to have settled in Carlsbad, NM.

Astrid Karlsson

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Nyquist

I am doing genealogical research on glassworkers from Norway and Sweden who emigr. to the U.S. I am particularly interested in learning what happened to Gustaf Nyquist, a glassblower, b. in Mossebo Parish (Älvs.) 4 Jan. 1833 who departed from Göteborg for New York 22 April 1881. His wife, Johanna Maria, b. in Mossebo 2 July 1846 left for the U.S. from Göteborg 22 Sept. 1882 with the children - Signe Christina, b. 18 Dec. 1876; Uno Fridolf, b. 7 May 1879 and Hilma Josephina, b. 25 Sept. 1881.

This information is sought by the great grandson of Gustaf Nyquist's brother, who would like to present the descendants of Gustaf Nyquist the family history from Norway and Sweden.

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644

Tived Parish (Skar.)

I would like to hear from anyone who has roots in Tived Parish (Skar.). Before 1847 Tived was a part of Udenäs Parish. I am particularly interested in hearing from anyone familiar with or having relatives from the following places in Tived - Kråkvattnet, Skyttatorp, Ykullen, Tivedstorp, Emptatorp, Mosshult, Bråttom, Lilla Källarefallet and Ösjö. I have a great deal of information on the families from these farms which I would like to share.

The Rev. Don Wold

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Paulsson

I need information on the descendants of Johannes Paulsson, b. in Nydala Parish (Jön.) who left for America 1853.

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Ericsson

I am looking for information on the descendants of Stina Pettersdotter Ericsson, b. in Svinhult Parish (Ög.) 17 March 1814, who m. in Svinhult 11 Dec. 1840 Anders Johan Ericsson. Anders d. in 1864. Stina and her dau. Clara, b. 22

Sept. 1848, arr. in the U.S. 1871. Her other children remained in Sweden.

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Ericsson

Petter Ericsson, b. in Svinhult Parish (Ög.) 3 March 1818, m. 6 Sept. 1839 Lovisa Sofia Pettersdotter. They had two daus. Stina Catharina, b. in Svinhult 5 Nov. 1839 and Anna Lovisa, b. in Ingatorp Parish (Jön.) 13 Dec. 1845. Peter and Lovisa came to the U.S. 28 April 1868 and the dau. followed 15 April 1869. Need information on their descendants. I have material on Erik Ericsson, brother of Anders (see query 647) and Petter which I will gladly share.

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Ericson, Schneider, Christensen, Whitaker, Craddock, Oakes

Need current addresses for the following: Virgil E. Ericson m. to Clementine Schneider. Are they still living? Where? They had two dau., b. in Sacramento, CA area 1941 and 1944. Marsha Ann m. (1) Don Christensen; (2) 1972 Jerry Whitaker. Carolyn Jean m. (1) Ronald Craddock and (2) in May 1977 in Hawaii Richard Oakes.

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Torkelsson, Thurin

I am looking for descendants of the following: Torkel Nilsson, b. in Röke Parish (Krist.) 3 Feb. 1823, m. Christina Bengtsdotter, b. 8 Dec. 1830. They had the following children:

a. Nils Torkelsson, who changed his name to Thurin, b. in Önnarp, Röke 26 July 1858; d. Sandstone, MN 21 Dec. 1909; m. 28 Feb. 1895 Hanna Bruzell. Arr. in America 29 May 1878.

b. Bengt Torkelsson, b. Önnarp 11 Oct. 1860; m. Norra Åkarp Parish (Krist.) Sofia Håkansson. They had two children - William Håkan, b. 20 June 1890 and Ester Naemi, b. 6 Nov. 1893.

c. Carolina Torkelsdotter, b. in Önnarp 31 Jan. 1863.

d. Anton Torkelsson, who changed his name to Thurin, b. in Önnarp 26 Jan. 1865 and d. in York, NE 20 Nov. 1939. He m. in Shickley, NE 30 Sept. 1902 Emma Samuelson. He arr. in the U.S. 1883.

e. August Torkelsson, b. Norra Åkarp 30 Nov. 1868.

I have information on the Nils and Anton Thurin families.

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Bengtsdotter, Gunnesson

Looking for information regarding Bengta Bengtsdotter, b. Hagnarp, Norra Åkarp Parish (Krist.) 1 July 1833; d. 31 May 1892. She m. (1) 1855 Tuve Nilsson; (2) 18 April 1867 Nils Gunnesson, with whom she had three children - August Nilsson, b. 1 Oct. 1867; d. 1869; August Nilsson, b. 17 Feb. 1870 and Carl Nilsson, b. 10 Sept. 1872; d. 1872.

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Kristensson

Looking for information on the family of Anton Kristensson, b. in Hagnarp, Norra Åkarp 11 April 1868; d. 3 April 1936; m. Botilla Jonsson, b. 13 Nov. 1861; d. 5 May 1945. They had two children - Ester Signe, b. 23 Feb. 1902 and Karl George, b. 23 April 1906.

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Bengtsson

Looking for information on the family of Elias Bengtsson, b. in Hemmeströ, Norra Åkarp Parish 26 Aug. 1838; d. 20 Dec. 1890. He was m. 24 June 1887 to Malena Jonsdotter, b. 3 May 1845. They had one s., Ruben, b. Hemmeströ 6 Sept. 1888.

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Bengtsson

Looking for information on descendants of Anders Bengtsson, b. 2 Nov. 1841, who m. (1) in Röke Parish (Krist.) 14 Oct. 1874 Bengta Christensdotter. They had a s., August, b. 26 Dec. 1874; d. 1963. He m. (2) 22 April 1881 Petronella Karlsdotter, b. 22 Dec. 1851, with whom he had seven dau. - Hilma Paulina, b. 5 Nov. 1883; Amanda Therese, b. 24 Jan. 1888; Augusta, b. 5 Feb. 1890; Selma, b. 5 Jan. 1892; Nelly, b. 25 Nov. 1892; Anni, b. 9 March 1893 and Maria, b. 7 March 1896.

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Torkelsson

Looking for information on Anders Torkelsson, b. in Hagnarp, Norra Åkarp Parish (Krist.) 27 July 1875. He arr. in the U.S. 1890. Where did he settle?

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Anderson

I would like to find descendants of John August Anderson, b. in Kristineberg, Gårdveda Parish (Kalm.) 12 Nov. 1844 who arr. in the U.S. 1870 and settled in Rock Island, IL. He m. Liza Lotte, with whom he had the following children - Anna, b. 1871; Arthur, b. Dec. 1876; Lawrence, b. Feb. 1880; Oscar, b. April 1882; Nellie, b. Sept. 1884; Edna, b. Nov. 1886 and Elmer, b. 1889. John Anderson's sister, Ida Christina Mathilda Andersdotter, m. John Oberg of Moline, IL. I have information on Ida's family here and in Sweden I would like to share.

Joan P. Nagel

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Carlsson

My grandmother's sister, Elin Sofia Carlsson, b. in Vimmerby Parish (Kalm.) 8 March 1878, emigr. to the U.S. 1895 at the age of 17. I have a photograph of her and her husband taken in a studio in Wheaton, MN and one of herself, taken later in the Rembrandt Studio in Clearbrook, MN. I have heard that she had children and that one of them was named Lovisa after her Swedish grandmother.

I would appreciate any information concerning Elin or her descendants.

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Ahlén

I am looking for information, including descendants, on the following emigrants from Värmland:

a. Johanna Ahlén, b. in Färnebo Parish 16 Sept. 1838; emigr. 1864; m. before 1881 to Anders J. Hall from Värö Parish (Hall.), who was a deacon in the Immanuel Church in Chicago, in his second marriage. They lived at 38 Wesson St. and had a s., b. 1882 or 1883. Johanna was still living in Chicago 1925.

b. Olof Ahlén, brother of Johanna, b. in Färnebo 11 Nov. 1840 and emigr. 1868. He m. (wife's name unknown), b. 26 Sept. 1850. They had two s., Hans and Carl Martinius (see below). Olof lived in Laguna, Valencia Co., NM in 1886 and in Clarkfield, MN 1912.

c. Carolina Ahlén, sister of Johanna and Olof, b. in Färnebo 9 May 1844 and emigr. 1868. She m. after 1870 John Nelson (Nilsson) from Karlskoga Parish (Öre.) in his second marriage. They res. at 109 Milton Ave. in Chicago.

d. Hans Ahlén, s. of Olof, b. 6 June 1875; m. twice (wives unknown). He res. in Minneapolis, MN 1925 and d. 1927. He had a dau. Caroline.

e. Carl Martinius Ahlén, s. of Olof, b. 3 Nov. 1877. In 1925 he lived in Clarkfield, MN.

f. Mabel Caroline Ahlén, daughter of Hans, m. Oliver Rike (Ricke). In 1924 they rented her uncle's farm in Clarkfield.

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Anderson

I am seeking information on the descendants of my great grandfather's brother, Johan Andersson, b. in Värmland 23 Nov. 1855. He had a s. Lewis, now dead. Hazel was Lewis' wife and they had a s. Ken, who in 1950 was a trumpet player in a band. According to the latest information Hazel and her s. Ken were living in Albuquerque, NM.

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Jonsson

I am looking for information on our relatives Olof Leonard Jonsson and his brother Nils Johan Jonsson. Olof was b. 20 Sept. 1866 and Johan 19 July 1869, both in Gersheden, Ransäter Parish (Värm.). In 1912 Olof and Johan were living in Montclair (probably NJ) at 18 Bell Street. Their mother, Maria Olsdotter, d. 1912 and they were the only heirs.

Can anyone help?

Inga-Lisa and Nils Forslund
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Nelson, Berglund,

I would like to correspond with anyone having information on Nels Berglund, possibly formerly known as Nels Nelson, b. in Värmland 1857. He m. Ingaborn (Ingeborg?). He emigr. to SD 1885 and had the following children - Axel, Ellen, Oscar, Knute and Inga.

Knute Berglund, the s. of Nils, m. Anna Otteson in Malmo, MN 1916. She was the dau. of Petter Olai Otteson, b. on an island near Ålesund, Norway 1860. He had a twin brother named Lars. They emigr. 1886 and m. sisters. Petter's wife was Olava Persdatter Dybvig, b. in Ålesund 1859. Knute Berglund and his wife are both bur. in Malmo, MN. They had the following children - Maria, Anna, Olga, Johan, Inga and Elmer.

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Nilsson

I am seeking information on Erik Nilsson who emigr. to MN 1869. He worked in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He d. 1871, possibly killed by Indians. He was b. in Färlöv Parish (Krist.) 23 July 1833, the s. of Nils Månsson and Gunnil Nilsdotter. He m. in Fjälkestad Parish (Krist.) 30 Oct. 1858 Nilla Pehrsson. He left his wife and five children in Sweden.

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Johnson, Anderson

I am looking for information on my great grandparents in Sweden. The only facts I have are as follows: Charles G. Johnson was b. on the Island of Öland 15 Dec. 1877 and arr. in the U.S. 1902. He was m. to Amelia Anderson, also b. on Öland 30 June 1880 who arr. in America 1904. Charles' parents were John Nelson and Berta Pearson and Amelia's father was John S. Anderson. I have no name of his wife.

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Thorell

Seeking information on Carl Erik Thorell and his descendants. He was b. in Totra, Hamrånge Parish (Gävl.) 31 Aug. 1864, the s. of Catharina Thorell. On the emigration lists of 1880 he is listed with his mother and half-siblings of Olof Olsson Norell destined for Chicago. Did he use his stepfather's name of Norell? There is no photo of him or his family in America. He might have remained in Sweden or if he came to America, where did he settle?

Will share information from Hamrånge Parish.

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Sträng, Ögren

I wish to contact descendants of the following children, whose parents were Svante Andersson Sträng, b. in Viö, Strängsered Parish (Älvs.) and his wife Catarina Johansdotter:

a. Ida Lovisa Sträng, b. 1855, d. in CA in March 1940. She emigr. in May 1881. Her dau. was Edith, who lived in CA; her granddau. was Beulah, who lived in CA and her great granddau. was b. in CA 1939.

b. Anders Wilhelm Sträng, probably changed his name to Ögren. B. in Sept. 1862 and emigr. to Chicago (?) in May 1887; d. in Chicago.

c. Hulda Marie Svensson, b. in June 1865; m. a man named Johnson; d. in Chicago (?). She had emigr. in Aug. 1889.

Will share information from Strängsered and Hössna Parishes (Älvs.).

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Sjunnesson

I am seeking information on Anders Sjunnesson, b. in Husie Parish (Malm.) 23 June 1855 and his wife Ingrid Nilsson, b. in Gylle Parish (Malm.) 2 Sept. 1853. They were m. 30 March 1886 and emigr. to America 1892/1893. Anders had a brother, Jöns Sjunnesson, b. in Husie 26 June 1859 who in 1910 was living in Copenhagen, Denmark with his wife Maria and four children.

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Söderlund, Dittmer

I am searching for information on my forefathers and will appreciate any help.

a. Emma Christina Söderlund was b. in Lidingö (Stock.) 15 Oct. 1845. She had a s., Frans Oscar Julius Söderlund, b. 23 Dec. 1865 on Gotska Sandön (Gotl.).

b. Johan Alfred Dittmer was b. in Fröjered Parish (Skar.) 22 March 1859 and his wife Amanda Wilhelmina Larsson was b. in Vilhelmsro, Ekedalen, either in Åsaka Parish (Älvs.) or Acklinga Parish (Skar.) 12 Nov. 1859. They had a total of 13 children.

Warren Dittmer
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Petersson

Johannes Petersson and his wife Christina Petersdotter, b. in Kronoberg county, Sweden 1827. They left for the U.S. 1866. I need further data on Johannes. Mrs. Joyce M. Scott

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Hedlund

I am searching for the descendants of Frank Oscar Hedlund, b. in Udenäs Parish (Skar.) 30 Oct. 1865. In 1891 he m. Alma Andersson, b. in Rångedala Parish (Älvs.) 25 July 1866. He was a missionary, denomination not known, and res. in Los Angeles ca. 1930. Their three m. dau. were - Ruth Elisabeth Hanson, b. 23 Dec. 1892; Gurli Rebecca Dorotea Roswell, b. 7 Dec. 1895 and Ethel Theresia Laggberg.

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Johnson/Jansson

I am seeking the descendants of Olof Johnson/Jansson, b. in Sweden 7 Sept. 1868, who m. Clara Maria Persdotter, b. in Sandhult Parish (Älvs.) 10 Aug. 1871. In 1900 they res. at 5207 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO, where Olof was a dairyman. They had at least three children - Alma Maria, b. 28 Dec. 1897; Rudolf Abraham, b. 9 June 1899 and Alfred Olof, b. 19 Oct. 1902.

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Esterlund

I am seeking information on the descendants of Charles and Maria Sofia Esterlund. They emigr. from Eskilstuna in Sweden 1873 and settled in Reading, PA. They had four sons - Oscar, Charles, Alfred and Frank. Oscar settled somewhere in the Middle West in the late 1880s. Any information on Esterlund families living in the midwest would be appreciated.

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Westfelt/Wästfelt

I am searching for information concerning my grandfather's brother, Johan Theodor Carlsson Wästfelt, b. in Karlskrona 1878. He emigr. to America and settled in the New York area, where he worked as a foreman. In 1903 he married an Irish woman. His brother was Sven Adolf Carlsson Wästfelt, b. in 1877, who worked as an engine operator in Karlskrona and d. 1954.

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Kullberg

Does anyone have any information on two of my ancestors who emigr. to the U.S. ca. 1900. Their names were August Kullberg, b. in Gammalstorp Parish (Blek.) 1880 and Lovisa Kullberg, b. 1883, also in Gammalstorp. They were the children of Håkan Kullberg and Sissa Bengtsdotter in Gammalstorp.

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Lundin, Landen, Lindquist

I am trying to find the birth place and other information for my great grandmother, Johanna Lovisa Johnson, the dau. of John and Mary Johnson. She was b. 8 Dec. 1854, unknown where, but perhaps in the vicinity of Uppsala. She m. Victor Lundin and emigr. to St. Louis, MO 1884 or 1885 with her two dau., Josephine Tekla, age 10 or 11 and Hilda Olivia, age 5 or 6, who may have been b. in Arvika, Värmland 21 Jan. 1879. Johanna Lundin changed her name to Landen and remarried in St. Louis a man by the name of John Albert Lindquist, a machinist, also b. in Sweden.

Jean M. Bang

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Hagström

In the latest issue of *SAG* I noted that in the article on St. Ansgarius marriages in Chicago that Anna Catharina Hagström was m. to Carl Oscar Werner Lundgren 17 Aug. 1878. I have for a long time puzzled over whom Lundgren married. Now that I know her name I should like to find out more, such as the names of her parents, her birth place (she was not b. in Stockholm), etc. I would be pleased to hear from the readers.

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Fernström

One of the very early Swedes in Minnesota was Carl August Fernström, who came to Scandia, MN 1850. He did not stay long, went West and eventually settled in Lone Tree, IA, where he became a banker. He supposedly d. in Iowa 1908. He was m. and had three children - Charles, Alice and Helen. Can anyone tell me if there are any descendants still living?

Col. Axel Friman

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