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Genealogical Queries

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Alm

My grandmother, Hulda Gustafa Alm Rasmussen, had two brothers, Sven Theodore Alm, b. in Marstrand outside Göteborg in 1851 and Axel Leonard Alm, also b. in Marstrand 1849. I have reason to believe that both of these brothers emigr. to America, after having left Sweden. Sven Theodore was a professional sailor, who left Sweden 1878 and Axel Leonard ca. 1880 and I am convinced that they must have gone to the U.S. or Canada.

I have been able to trace the third brother of my grandmother, Victor Emil Alm, b. in Marstrand 1857, and have met some of his descendants who are equally eager to learn what happened to the two brothers Alm. The parents of these Alm siblings were Elias Alm, b. 15 June 1818 and Britta Andersdotter, b. 31 Oct. 1810.

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Johansdotter, Peterson

I am searching for information concerning Inga Cajsa Johansdotter, b. in Hällstad Parish (Älvs.) 25 Jan. 1829 and d. in Fristad Parish (Älvs.) 12 July 1863. Her husband, Lars Peterson, was also b. in Hällstad 25 Nov. 1826 and d. in Tarby (?) 17 Apr. 1859. Their children were David, b. ca. 1855 and Alma Josephina, b. ca. 1858 and d. 1944. Alma came to the U.S. in 1867 with her aunt Anna Catharina, i.e. Inga's sister, at which time Alma was listed as an orphan. Alma was my great grandmother.

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Johnson, Olofson, Larson, Bengtson

I would like to get some information on the following people:

Nils Johnson, b. in Fristad Parish (Älvs.) 11 Dec. 1710; d. there 9 Apr. 1790 and his wife Catharina Andersdotter, b. 1724, d. 1786.

Bengt Olofson, b. in Fristad 1728, d. 1784 and his wife Ellicka Larsdotter, b. 1731, d. 1777.

Anders Larsson, b. in Fristad 6 Jan. 1748, d. 6 Sept. 1821 and his wife Cherstin Nilsson, b. 17 March 1749 and d. 9 Aug. 1835.

Olof Bengtson, b. 1758, d. 1828 and his wife Ellicka Jonsdotter, b. 1757, d. 1810.

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Hagberg, Hagbery, Hedberg, Hogberg

Information is sought regarding John Frederick Hagbery (or variation of the above spellings), a minister (denomination unknown) in Winnishiek Co., IA in the period 1840-1865. He was m. twice and had children in both marriages. Any assistance would be appreciated.

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Pearson, Ecklund, Hansdotter

I am seeking information concerning descendants of three brothers of my great grandfather, Israel Persson. They were - Lars Eric Pearson, b. in Järnboås Parish (Öre.) 1840; d. in Busti, NY 1917; Carl August Pearson, also b. in Järnboås 1860, res. in Jamestown, NY 1917 and John Ecklund, b. in Järnboås 1857 and res. in Busti 1917. Their mother, Greta Hansdotter, b. in Hjulsjö Parish (Öre.) and emigr. to the U.S. 1881 at the age of 66 together with another s. Anders Gustaf Persson, b. in Hjulsjö 1849 and his wife, Christina. Greta Hansdotter settled in Warren, PA. Anders Gustaf returned to Grythyttan, Sweden 1883 with his wife but without the mother. I should like to know what happened to her. Lars Eric Pearson, one of the three brothers, had a s. William Pearson, age 46 in 1917, and four daus., one with the name Hilda (perhaps the Hilda Sundholm living in Jamestown in 1915). He also had two granddaughters, Berdena Swanson, age 16 in 1917 and Alda Nelson, age 9 in 1917, both res. in Jamestown. Are there descendants living today?

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Sandberg

I am searching for information concerning the siblings of my grandfather, Sven Edward Sandberg, b. in Laholm, Sweden 1 Apr. 1864. Their names were - Jöns Peter, Ingrid, Bina, Eva Karolina and Emma Eleonora. Their parents were Nils Peter Sandberg and Johanna Sevedsdotter.

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Gustafson, Johnson

I am interested in any information concerning the ancestry of Gustaf M. Gustafson, b. in Sweden 17 Aug. 1870 and his wife Pauline Christine Johnson, b. in Svenljunga Parish (Älvs.) 1869. I don't know if they arr. in this country together, but I know that Gustaf became a U.S. citizen 27 Feb. 1894. They were m. 9 Nov. 1895 by the Rev. Carl August Blomgren of the Zion Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Gustaf was a tailor in this city and was assisted by his wife. The family res. at 1847 Ritner St. in South Philadelphia until Gustaf d. 28 Nov. 1912. His widow and children then moved to 5945 Media St. in West Philadelphia and res. there until Pauline d. 11 Dec. 1915.

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Anderson

I am looking for descendants of the brothers Johan Albert Anderson, b. in Brooklyn, NY 19 Nov. 1892 and Wilhelm Arthur Anderson, also b. in Brooklyn 5 June 1897. They were the sons of Nils Johan Anderson and Anna Sofia Petersdotter, who emigr. to America 1887. Anna Sofia was b. in Tvååker Parish (Hall.) 1 Oct. 1867, the dau. of Peter Andersson and Anna Johanna Svensdotter. Anna Sofia was a sister of my grandfather, Otto Anderson.

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Jönsson, Miller

I am looking for descendants of Johan Jönsson, b. in Mölleryd, Virestad Parish (Kron.) 8 Sept. 1855, s. of Jon Jönsson and Nilla Jonsdotter. Johan arr. in the U.S. in April 1882, assumed the surname Miller, stayed briefly in Chicago, before going to Minnesota, where the last information we had was that he was res. in Duluth.

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Andersdotter

I am looking for information on Christina Andersdotter, b. in Steglehylte, Västra Torsås Parish (Kron.) 16 June 1857; d. 22 March 1929. She was the dau. of Maria Olofsdotter, b. 28 Nov. 1837; d. 26 Dec. 1873. Christina emigr. to the U.S. 1873. I would like to know something on her ancestry and her passage to America.

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Johnson

John Aaron Johnson, b. in Stengårdshult, Ås Parish (Hall.) 22 May 1844 and d. 23 March 1932. He emigr. to the U.S. and shows up in Missouri 1873. I would like additional information concerning him. He had a nephew, Anders Johansson, b. 1898; d. 1986. He was the s. of Berndt Johansson (1832-1915), believed to be a brother of John Aaron Johnson. This man lived and died in the same village.

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Rundberg, Kjell

I am looking for information on Wilhelmina Elisabeth Rundberg, who may have m. a man with the surname Kjell. The last word we had was a postcard dated St. Louis, MO 3 Aug. 1908, addressed to Mrs. Hanna Boye in Stockholm. It is believed that Wilhelmina had at least two children - Gunnar and Alvin.

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Österlund

I am seeking information on the Österlund family. They lived in Östra Vingåker Parish (Söd.). My great great grandfather, Carl Alfred Österlund, was b. on the estate of Vilsta in Eskilstuna Parish (Söd.) 7 March 1842, s. of Lars Johan Österlund and Hedda Malmgren. In addition to Carl Alfred, there were the following children - Adolfina Christina Charlotta, b. 1832; Johan Frans, b. 1834 and Johanna Augusta, b. 1837.

In Oct. 1842 the family moved to Lilla Mellösa Parish (Söd.).

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has knowledge of this family or of the estate named Vilsta. I have been told that one of my ancestors was a burgomaster, probably in Östra Vingåker.

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Note: Vilsta, or Hvilsta, earlier Hvilstad, is an old estate going back at least to the 17th century, when it was owned by Daniel Bengtsson Utter, ennobled Uttermarck (1617-1683). Since that time it has been owned by several noble families - Cronhjelm, von Köhler, Siegroth, Kurck and sold in 1833 to an O'Konor, probably Patrik Georg O'Konor (1797-1863), a lieutenant in the Swedish Life Guard Regiment. In 1842 it was acquired by Johan Daniel Granath (1778-1850), chief forester to the Swedish Crown. - Ed.

Andersen, Lundin

Seeking information on Helena Andersen, b. in Sarpsborg, Norway 24 June 1860.

Also I am looking for relatives of Johanna Froberg Lundin, b. 10 June 1854. Her children, all b. in Högsjö Parish (Vn.) were - Gustaf Albin, Jonas Alfred, Beda Johanna, Olof Johan, Israel August, Anna Carolina, Augusta Henrietta Christina, Per Axel, Hilma Catherina, Carl Fredrik, Laura Margareta, Bror Mathias and Bror Erik.

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Johansson

I am looking for information on the following relatives who emigr. to America:

1. Per Elof Johnson, b. in Kammarbo, Vissefjärda Parish (Kalm) 27 July 1884, who left for Boston 22 May 1903 together with his sister, Marie Elise Johansson, b. 7 Dec. 1888 and their cousin Gerda Johansson, b. 1880. The journey went from Göteborg to England via the *Romeo* and then on to the U.S. with another vessel. Per Elof was declared officially dead 1935. Marie, his sister, d. in Boston 1947, at which time she was the proprietor of an exclusive ladies' wear business. Per Elof and Marie were my paternal uncle and aunt.

2. Alfred Carlsson, b. in Kroksjö, Oskar Parish (Kalm.) 29 Oct. 1897, left for Chicago 30 Dec. 1916. His last address was 4643 North Kenmore Ave., Chicago, IL. He probably d. at an old peoples' home named Oak Forest. He was my maternal uncle.

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Andresen, Johansson, Wacaro

My maternal grandmother, Carolina Hildora Mathilda Johansson, b. in Karlskrona 16 Dec. 1892, emigr. to the U.S. 1 Feb. 1911 and according to some sources settled in New Jersey, where she m. a Norwegian by the name of Andresen or Andersen. The couple had three children - a son, who was killed in action, and two daughters. My mother, b. 29 Dec. 1909, was left in Sweden. She had a sister Olga, who also emigr. and m. a man named Wacaro. I am anxious to learn if there are descendants living in the U.S. Can anyone help?

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Fogelberg

I am looking for information on two brothers Fogelberg who emigr. to America.

1. Gustaf Albert Fogelberg, b. in Torslunda Parish (Kalm.) 1 May 1862 and emigr. ca. 1890. He settled in Minneapolis, MN, and d. there no later than 1943. He had a dau. named Victoria Olander, whose address in 1943 was 3937 Harriet Ave.

2. Carl Emil Joachim Fogelberg, b. in Torslunda 23 Dec. 1865. He emigr. 1890 and settled in St. Paul, MN. He also d., no later than 1943. His wife's name was Kerstin, who came from Hovmantorp Parish (Kron.). There were three sons in the marriage - Emil, Harry and Herbert.

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Nilsson

Can anyone help me with information regarding the place of origin of the following persons:

1. Peter John Nilsson, b. possibly near Karlstad in Värmland 18 Aug. 1869. He was a merchant seaman prior to his emigration. In 1895 he joined the U.S. Navy, serving in the Spanish-American War.

2. Selma Josephina Anderson, b. possibly in Värmland 6 Nov. 1877. She m. Peter John Nilsson in Boston, MA 21 Oct. 1899 and later lived in Milford, MA.

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Modig, Nylander, Hagström

I am looking for descendants in Sweden of the following persons:

1. John Ericsson Modig, b. in Viksjö Parish (Vn.) 25 May 1803 and Sigrid Eliasdotter, b. in Viksjö 17 Oct. 1808. They m. in Viksjö 4 July 1830. Their s. Gabriel Modig, b. 21 April 1849, his wife, Maria Nylander, b. in Bjärträ Parish (Vn.) 1 Jan. 1860, and their children emigr. to Uxbridge, MA 1901 and 1902.

2. Pehr Nylander, b. possibly in Nätra Parish (Vn.) 4 May 1831 and Christina Frank, b. in Brunflo Parish (Jämt.) 14 June 1828 were m. in Nora Parish (Vn.) 22 April 1857.

3. Erik Gustaf Hagström, b. in Husby Parish (Kopp.) 15 Nov. 1847 and Martha Nilsson, b. possibly in Bollnäs Parish (Gävl.) 26 Sept. 1847 were m. 6 Nov. 1870, unknown where. They later settled in Sundsvall. Their dau. Aurora Reynea Hagström emigr. to Uxbridge, MA 1902. She was b. in Skön Parish (Vn.) 19 May 1885 and m. Karl J. W. Modig of Uxbridge.

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Svensson

My grandfather, Johan Svensson (known as John Swenson in the U.S.) was b. in Katslösa Parish (Malm.) 26 Feb. 1860, s. of Sven Johnsson and Helena Fredriksdotter. I know his story, except I should like to find out on which ship he arrived (possibly in 1881 to New York).

Now I should like to know something about his siblings. He had a brother named Anders, b. in Katslösa 27 Sept. 1856. I have a Bible inscribed to Anders on the day of his confirmation in Katslösa 23 Apr. 1871. He had a sister, Karna, b. in Snårestad Parish (Malm.) 18 Jan. 1851 and another sister, Anna, b. in Norra Vallösa in Sjörup Parish (Malm.) 13 June 1853, who d. 11 Nov. 1858. There may have been other siblings b. after 1860. Does anyone know anything more of Anders and Karna?

So far as John Swenson is concerned, he m. Carrie Olson from Norway 4 Sept. 1886 and had with her nine children. The first four of these were b. in Astoria on Long Island and the remainder in Sussex Co., NJ. I am also trying to trace Carrie's family, but so far without success. I would be glad to share my research on John Swenson with anyone who might find it helpful.

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Swedish Bible Inscription

The American Swedish Institute has in its archival collection a number of old Swedish family Bibles, most of them containing valuable genealogical information. One of these Bibles, in two volumes, was printed by Samuel Rumstedt in Stockholm 1853. Inside Vol. I is the following notation:

“This book was bought by my father, Nels Anderson, ca. 1862. His son Carl had the Bible rebound in Mellerud in Dalsland. Our father died in 1871, two years after I left for America. When my brother Carl came to America 1888 he brought the Bible with him as a keepsake from our parents.

(signed) Lewis M. Nelson”

Elsewhere in the Bible are notations by Johannes Nilsson, probably a son of Nels Anderson and a brother of Carl and Lewis. He states that he was residing in the village of Spirekasan in Grinstad Parish (Älvs.). On another page is the signature of Cajsa Larsdotter, a widow, also residing at Spirekasan. In some way she must also be related to Johannes, perhaps his wife.