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Rask

My paternal grandmother was related to Carl Henrik Rask, b. in Yllestad Parish (Skar.) 24 Dec. 1883 and emigr. to the U.S. in 1897. He was ordained in the Augustana Synod 12 June 1910 and served Lutheran churches in diverse parts of the country. He d. 16 July 1929. I am interested in knowing more about him.

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Pettersson/Porten, Dahlberg

I am seeking information on Johannes and Eva Stina Pettersson (both b. ca. 1820), who emigr. from Sweden to Trade Lake, Burnett County, WI around 1869. They had three children that I know of - Carl or Charles Alfred (my great grandfather), b. between Dec. 1858 and Jan. 1862; Johan or John, b. in June 1864 and Sophia or Josephine, b. 1866.

The information I have shows that Charles was b. in Småland and that in 1883 he moved from Wisconsin to Marshall County, MN and by 1885 had changed his name to Porten. In the same year the remainder of the family moved to Marshall County. In Jan. 1888 Charles Porten m. Mary Dahlberg, b. in Värmland in March 1862 and emigr. 1886. Between 1888 and 1903 they had eight children.

John, who also adopted the name Porten, m. twice and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada in 1906. I have no additional information on Josephine.

I would like to hear from anyone who is related to or has information on the Portens of the Alvarado/Warren area of Minnesota or the Watson area of Saskatchewan. I would also like to know more about the 24 year-old Mary Dahlberg from Värmland who came Minnesota to visit a cousin in 1886.

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Ljungberg

I am searching for relatives of Karl-August Ljungberg, b. in Råda Parish (Skar.) who emigr. to Halifax, NC in 1893. He was the s. of Sven August Johansson, b. in Saleby Parish (Skar.) 1847 and Maja Stina Ekelund, b. in Otterstad Parish (Skar.) 1845. I am also on the trail of Ljungberg's cousin, Johan Adolf Ekelund, b. in Onsala Parish (Hall.) 1877, who emigr. in 1896 to Providence, RI. His parents were Karl August Ekelund, b. in Otterstad 1847 and Augusta, b. in Torp Parish (Älvs.) 1849. I would be very pleased if I could get some answers, which I could add to the study of my ancestors.

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Gustafsson, Lund

My grandmother and her three sisters emigr. to the U.S. in the early 1890s. Two of the sisters remained in America. One of them was Anna Gustafsson who res. at 3030 N. Seminary Avenue in Chicago at the time of her death 1 July 1948.

The other sister was Alma Lund. All contact with her family was broken after the death of Anna. Alma Lund's husband, Hjalmar Lund was already dead by this time, having reportedly drowned in a fishing accident.

In 1948 Alma's children were res. at the following addresses:

1. Martha Walrod, b. 29 Oct. 1904, res. at 3320 W. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA.
2. Elmer Lund, unknown when b., but res. at 3320 W. 14th Street, Des Moines.
3. Ellen Griffiths, b. 13 Aug. 1907, res. at 1110 73rd Street, Des Moines.
4. Philip Lund, b. 2 Dec. 1901, res. at 1013 Emma Street, Des Moines.
Alma d. in Des Moines 19 Sept. 1947.

Who can help me establish the family contact?

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