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Gustafson

I am a second generation Swedish American (50% Swede). My grandfather, John [Jan] Gustafson, b. in 1885, emigr. from Öland to New York (Ellis Island) around 1904. His wife, Emma Adelia Gustafson, came to America about the same time.

In 1970 I visited Öland, my grandfather's church and my father's cousins. I have since lost contact with my Öland relatives and would like to re-establish relations. My family and I plan to visit Öland in the summer of 1998.

Is it possible that someone could refer me to sources of Swedish genealogical information and Swedes on the island of Öland who might help us. I would appreciate this very much.

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Johannesson, Nyberg, Newberg

I am attempting to locate any descendants, here in the U.S. or in Sweden, who could assist me in finding my ancestors.

My grandfather, Anders Johannesson [Johnson], was the eldest of nine children, b. in Västergötland 20 Dec. 1868 to Per Johan and Sophia. When he arr. in the U.S. he changed his name to Andrew John Nyberg. He m. Maria [Mary] Hellström, b. in Östergötland 11 Aug. 1862 or 1869, dau. of August Hellström and Amelia Persson [Pearson]. My father, Arthur Nyberg, s. of Andrew and Maria Nyberg, was b. in Chicago 23 May 1894. He also changed his name to Arthur Newberg.

Per Johan and Sophia's other children were -

- a. Gustaf.
- b. Anna, who res. in Skövde and had a dau. Greta.
- c. Charlotta, who res. in Göteborg and who had children - Nils, Karl, Gustaf, Hugo, Vega, Erik and Ingrid, some of whom moved to Skövde.
- d. Karl, who res. in Göteborg and had an adopted dau.

- e. Augusta Elisabeth (Betsy), who m. Gustaf Andersson and had the following children - Karl, Sven, Ellen, John, Elin, Nils, Erik, Ragnar and Åke. At one time I corresponded with Sven, who res. in Göteborg, but believe that he is now deceased.
- f. Edla [Meddela] Fredrika or Augusta Johnson, b. 1882. She was the only sibling of my grandfather to come to America. She came to Chicago, where she m. Albin Palm, with whom she had children - Virgil, Stanley and Virginia. The family lived for a while in Iowa and later bought a farm near Galva, IL.
- g. Axel, who had two sons and res. in Tidaholm.

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Persson, Pearson

I am looking for descendants of my great grandfather's brother, Johan[nes] Persson, who departed from Göteborg for the Port of New York 28 April 1869. His wife, Sara Andersdotter, and their s. Johan Petter, followed a year later, leaving Göteborg 13 April 1870, again with the Port of New York as their destination. Johannes and Sara were both from Eskilsäter Parish (Värm.), Johannes being b. there 13 April 1833 and Sara 9 Dec. 1835. Their s., Johan Petter, was b. 26 Nov. 1866. Since my great grandfather, Anders Persson, settled in Verona, MO in 1871 I checked the 1870 U.S. Federal Census for Missouri but did not find Johannes there. Where did he settle?

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Ingebretson, Nelson

I am researching my family history and need some additional information as to record of birth, parents and port and date of entry into the U.S. Here is what I know -

- a. Berent Ingebretson [who upon his arrival in America changed his name to Nelson], b. in Sweden 4 Oct. 1859

b. Olena Olson, his wife, b. in Norway 27 Dec. 1857

c. Lena [or Olia] Olson, his dau., b. in Oslo 3 Oct. 1883

The family emigr. when Lena was five years old which would be 1888 or 1889.

Where do I go from here?

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Swanson

I am looking for the birth record of Gustaf Swanson, my niece's husband's great great grandfather, who was b. in Sweden 1848 and emigr. to the U.S. 1870. He declared his intent of becoming a U.S. citizen in the Will County Circuit Court, Illinois 20 May 1871 and received his final papers as a citizen in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL 16 Oct. 1876.

On 22 June 1880 he was res. with his wife Anne G. [b. in Sweden] and s., John W. Swanson, age three, in Mills Precinct, Antelope County, Nebraska.

On 23/25 June 1900 he was res. with his wife, Anna [b. in Sweden Feb. 1840] in Stanton Township, Antelope County, Nebraska.

Death dates for Gustaf and his wife Anna are not known.

Their s., John Walter Swanson, was b. in Chicago 14 June 1877 and was m. in Mentorville [near Elgin, Antelope County] Nebraska 22 March 1900, to Susanna Amelia Thon, b. in Bergen, Norway 21 July 1879.

I have checked out the emigration records for both Göteborg and Stockholm but to no avail.

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Olofsson, Mörsare, Mörschare

I am looking for descendants of Olof, who m. Christina Nilsson (b. 1762). Their s., Anders Olofsson (1782-1830), changed his patronymic to Mörsare, while serving in the Swedish military in France. Anders was a member of the

Valbo Company of Västgöta-Dals Regiment. He drowned at the age of 48 at Lilla Edet on the Göta River 29 Aug. 1830 together with 19 other soldiers, ten of whom were from Högsäter Parish (Älvs.). Anders was m. to Ingeborg Andersdotter (b. 1794) and had two known sons, one of whom was Johannes Mörschare (1818-1888), who emigr. to America 1865, his family following in 1867. They settled in Alfsborg Township in Sibley County, MN. Johannes had a s., named Andreas, who changed his surname to Andersson. I am looking for descendants of an Alexander Mörschare, who might have been a s. of Johannes. Who can help?

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Petersom/Möller/Miller

Where did the following siblings settle when they arr. in the U.S. 1866? They were all children of Peter Petersson and were b. in Vederslöv Parish (Kron.). Did they settle near relatives in Illinois, Michigan or Minnesota? What form of their name did they use in the U.S.?

- a. Sven Petersson/Möller was b. 3 Aug. 1842. He departed from Hovmantorp Parish (Kron.) for North America 30 April 1866.
- b. Anders Petersson/Möller was b. 18 Jan. 1846. He and his brother, Sven, were sons of the father's second wife, Ingrid. Anders left for North America from Hovmantorp Parish 23 April 1866. Is he identical to an Andrew Miller who lived for a time in Wright County, MN?
- c. Christina Petersdotter was b. 27 Jan. 1827. She was the dau. of her father's first wife, Catharina, making her a half-sister of Sven and Anders. In Sweden in the 1840s she was listed as "sickly" or "disabled." She m. 9 March 1852.
- d. Johannes Petersson, the husband of Christina Petersdotter, was b. in Vederslöv Parish (Kron.) 18 Jan. 1818. He was the s. of Peter Nilsson. This couple left Sweden 28 May 1866.

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Carlson/Karlsson

Relatives in Canada and Sweden are searching for Gus Carlson who worked as a logger and farmhand in the Inland Northwest during the 1920s and 1930s. The family lost contact in 1935. Gustaf Ragnar Karlsson was b. in Växjö, Sweden 2 Aug. 1901, the s. of F. Gustaf Karlsson and Klara Maria Svensson. He emigr. 29 Feb. 1920 to Sunnyvale District near Oyen, Alberta, Canada, where his brothers, Hugo and Karl, were homesteading. In 1924 he and his brother Hugo emigr. to the United States. Gus worked in Headquarters, Pine Creek, Springston, Orofino, Rose Lake, Pierce and Metaline Falls, all located in Idaho. He often visited Spokane, WA, where he had a mailing address at 266 Riverside Avenue. Anyone with any information, no matter how small, would be appreciated.

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Jonsson/Jonsdotter/Mattson

I am seeking ancestral/descendant information on Mattes Jonsson, b. in Hjärpliden, Dalby Parish (Värm.) in Jan. 1830 and his wife, Kjerstin Jonsdotter, b. in Slättne, also in Dalby, in Jan. 1832. They were m. in Norra Finnskoga Parish (Värm.) in 1855 and had the following children - Even (b.1855), Jon (b.1857), Martin (b.1861), Karin (b.1863), Olof (b.1866), August (b.1869, d. 1869), Marit (b.1871), Anna (b.1874), and Karl (b.1880). Records indicate that Even left for Minnesota in July 1879, but where did he settle? In April of 1884 Mattes and Kjerstin and their seven children left Sweden and came to Pope County, MN. Where did they leave from in Sweden? What was the name of the ship and where did they enter the United States?

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