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Genealogical Queries

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Johansson

I am trying to locate my father's sister, Ebba Elisabeth Linnea Johansson, who arr. in the U.S. some time between 1900 and 1910. She m. a man by the name of Oscar Al Andersson, who also hailed from Sweden, more specifically the province of Bohuslän. The couple had three of four children, the youngest b. 1918, the same year in which Ebba died. At first the family res. in New York City but subsequently moved, where I don't know. I'd appreciate any help I can get.

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Ordell/Olsson

Our great grandfather, Lars Eric Olsson, changed his surname to Ordell the first time he came to America in 1881. He returned to Sweden in 1885, carrying a certificate signed by two clergymen in Chicago, M.W. Eklund and Gustaf Petersson, to the effect that he was eligible to marry. He remarried in Sweden 1886 and returned to the U.S. the same year. He again returned to Sweden in 1889, settling in Älvestad in Kumla Parish (Öre.). He once again came to America with his dau., Ida Amalia, b. 27 Oct. 1890. I have several questions to which I am seeking answers:

- a. Documentation regarding Ordell's first trip to America.
- b. Documentation regarding his subsequent visits.
- c. Who were the Chicago clergymen who signed his certificate?

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Sahlqvist, Salquist, Solquist

I am looking for information concerning my fiance's genealogical background. It begins with his great grandfather, John Oscar Sahlqvist, who came from

Överbo in Jung Parish (Skar.) and settled at first in Emerson, NE. In 1889 he moved to Spooner, WI. Two years later he moved to Washburn, WI, where he acquired 160 acres of land, and where succeeding generations have lived up until the present day. We would like to know more about the Sa(h)lquist past in Västergötland.

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Bergeson

I am currently researching my family and need some information concerning my great great grandparents. My great-great-grandfather's name was John Bergeson, who in his marriage to my great great grandmother had a son named Albert Olaf Bergeson, b. 23 Dec. 1897 and d. 11 Feb. 1980. After his wife d., John Bergeson married a woman named Anna, with whom he had five children, of which the oldest was George Leander, b. 23 Oct. 1907. The other four were - Carl, Bertha, Ethel and Ruth. I would really appreciate any information that might surface.

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Heirs of Robert Strom

We are looking for heirs of Robert Strom in order to settle an estate. His father, Samuel Johansson, was b. in Åmmeberg in the province of Närke 28 Feb. 1884, the son of Johan Johansson. His mother was Alma Teresa Gustafsson, who was b. in Stenfors, possibly Kronoberg *län*, 20 July 1885. Robert Strom's first cousins, probably living in Sweden, are the closest heirs.

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Brunsell

I am seeking information on my great-grandmother's cousin, Henrik Albin

Brunsell, b. in Sundsvall 30 Oct. 1881. On 11 Sept. 1891 he was brought to Wisconsin by his father, Henrik Henriksson Brunsell. He was confirmed 2 March 1897 and married 11 April 1905, after which he moved from Wisconsin.

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Johnson

I am searching for information on John Johnson, b. in Mörrum Parish (Blek.) 12 Sept. 1859, who emigr. from Malmö to Crookston, MN. In the census of 1905 he is listed as res. in St. Hilaire, Red Lake Co., MN, and in the 1910 census he is res. in Thief River Falls, Pennington Co., MN. According to the 1920 census he lived at 408 West Laurel Street, Stillwater, MN, with his wife Christina and six children;

a. Alfred Johnson, b. in July 1885 or 1886, m. to Lillian, with whom he had two sons - Earl J. and Donald J. in addition to a dau. Margaret L.

b. Annie (Anna), b. in Sept. 1888 or 1889.

c. Emma, b. in March 1889 or 1890.

d. Ida, b. in Sept. 1891 or 1892.

e. Esther, b. in Oct. 1895.

f. Florence (Florina), b. in Feb. 1898.

I am planning a trip to Minnesota this year, hoping to meet some of these families or their descendants.

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Sandberg

I am seeking information on Linus Alexander Sandberg, b. in Bergsviken, Piteå Parish (Norr.) 16 Jan. 1889. He emigr. to the U.S. in 1906, presumably going to Duluth, MN. I will appreciate any help I can get.

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Wickman, Wikman

I am researching the background of my paternal grandfather, Charles Magnus Wickman (in Sweden known as Karl Magnus Johansson Wikman), b. in Hedemora (Kopp.) 11 March 1864. He emigr. to Chicago, where he m. Alma Carlson some time between 1890 and 1895 and with whom he had five sons, of which the middle son, my father, was b. in 1899. Can anyone help me?

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Lindholm, Nelson

I am looking for information concerning my grandparents and would appreciate any help I can get.

My grandfather, Werner Lindholm, was b. in Stockholm in 1883 (?) and emigr. to the U.S. and d. in Buffalo, NY, 5 Nov. 1934. He was m. to my grandmother, Signe Ann Nelson, b. in Stockholm 10 Oct. 1896, who d. in Buffalo, NY, 27 Dec. 1965. The couple had two sons - Earl and Elmer, both b. in Buffalo.

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Gustafsson, Johnson

I am looking for information concerning five cousins of my grandmother, who all came to America:

a. Andor Gustafsson, b. in Alnö Parish (Vn.) 10 March 1885, who emigr. to the U.S. in the early 1900's and in 1947 was living at 4851 W. Race Ave., Chicago, IL.

b. Gerda Johnson, née Gustafsson, b. in Alnö 26 Feb. 1889, who res. in the Chicago area 1946.

c. Johan Gustafsson, b. in Alnö 25 July 1881; emigr. 1901.

d. Verner Gustafsson, b. in Alnö 9 May 1886; emigr. 1905.

e. Victor Gustafsson, b. in Alnö 26 Feb. 1888; emigr. 1906.

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Winberg

I am looking for information concerning Alfrid Johansson Winberg, b. in Holsljunga Parish (Älvs.) 29 May 1859, the s. of Johan Justus Winberg and Augusta Eleonora Andersdotter. In 1881 Alfrid moved to Borås, where he m. Josephina Charlotta Johansson from Torpa Parish. In 1883 Alfrid and Josephina moved to Malmbäck Parish (Jön.) and after a brief while in this parish they had a stillborn female child. On 2 May 1883 the couple left Malmbäck, moving to Knutby Parish (Stock.), but the Knutby records indicate that they never arrived there, but have disappeared from the Malmbäck records. Alfrid had twin brothers, Peter and Severin Winberg, who emigr. to the U.S. in 1891 settling in Galesburg, IL. Can anyone tell me what happened to Alfrid Winberg?

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Johannesson, Bern

Johannes Johannesson was b. in Grolanda Parish (Skar.) 6 Oct. 1819, the s. of Johannes Berntsson and Maja Bryngelsdotter. He had an older brother named Andreas and a younger brother, Jonas, the latter b. in Hällestad Parish, where the family had moved in 1825. Jonas arr. in the U.S. in 1862, settling in Galesburg, IL, calling himself John Johnson Bern. The records indicate that Johannes left Hällestad for Göteborg in 1844. Does anyone have any information as to what became of Johannes?

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Andersson, Jonasson, Nilsson, etc.

Who knows something about my relatives, who emigr. from Småland to Ottumwa and other places in Iowa during the late 1800s:

a. Carl Johan Andersson, b. 7 March 1839; his wife, Eva Sophia Zakrisdotter, b. 17 Feb. 1840; and their children - Carl Oscar, b. 1 Dec. 1868 and Hilma Sophia, b. 1 Dec. 1864, emigr. to Ottumwa in 1876.

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b. August Jonasson, b. 12 Dec. 1857, emigr. to Iowa in 1880.

c. Johanna Nilsson/Andersson/Nilsson, b. 20 Sept. 1829, had the following children, who emigr. - Thilda Lovisa Nilsson, b. 5 Dec. 1853, to America 1872; Carl Emil Frithiof Nilsson, b. 27 Feb 1860, came to America 1880; Gustaf Reinhold Nilsson, b. 21 June 1865 came to Chicago 1871 together with his mother Johanna.

d. Maja Lisa Nilsson, b. 3 June 1823, came to Ottumwa 1871.

e. Lovisa Nilsson, b. 16 May 1834, to Minnesota 1868.

f. Eva Catharina Gabrielsdotter, b. 9 Jan. 1822 and her dau. Anna Lovisa Johansson, b. 4 March 1855, came to Albia, IA, 1876.

g. Christina Sophia Johansson, a sister of Anna Lovisa (see f), b. 10 Sept. 1851, came to America 1874.

h. Carl Anders Svensson/Isaksson, b. 23 Sept. 1859, arr. in America 1888.

i. Selma Catharina Carlsson, b. 10 July 1867, came to America 1891.

All of these people came from the parishes of Vetlanda, Mellby and Eksjö, all in Jönköping *län*.

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Newman, Nyman

I am seeking information on my grandfather, John Emil (Edward) Newman (perhaps originally Nyman), b. in Sweden 2 Feb. 1863, who emigr. to America ca. 1884, settling in New York. He began working for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1887, staying in this job until his death in 1929. At the age of thirteen he had signed aboard a sailing vessel en route to Australia and continued sailing for seven years. He m. Theresa Will in May 1896. His death certificate lists his father as John Newman and his mother as Olga Olson. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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