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Genealogical Queries

Genealogical 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 these queries to conform to a general format. The inquirer is responsible for the contents of the query.

Andersson

I am seeking descendants of my mother's father's brother (*morfars bror*), Pehr Andersson, b. in Filborna 15, Helsingborg (Malm.) 24 May 1855, the son of Anders Olsson and Johanna Persdotter. He left Sweden for America in 1880 and may have headed for Worcester, Massachusetts.

I am also trying to connect my *morfarmors far*, Per Andersson (b. 6 January 1822), husband of Bengta Svendsdotter (b. in Raus Parish, Malm., 17 January 1803), with Pehr Andersson (b. in Ullstorp Parish, Krist., 1800), son of Anders Jönsson (b. in Sörby Parish, Krist., 1756) and Kjersti Svendsdotter (b. in Knislinge Parish, Krist., 1772).

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Rambo

Beverly Rambo asked me to continue her work and publish a second edition of her book, *The Rambo Family Tree*. I am requesting corrections, additions, and supplemental information. If you will kindly send me information, I will send you a copy of the appropriate pages prior to publication, and I will amplify Beverly's practice of crediting contributors by using footnotes in addition to a list of references.

Beverly died of cancer on 30 June 1990. She had accumulated enough additions and corrections to produce a volume half again as large as the 1000-page original. Before she died, she asked me to publish another edition "within five years." Unfortunately, I arrived in Los Angeles the day after she died, and she had not put her wishes into her will. Her executor has stonewalled all efforts to pursue Beverly's written wishes and her "22 linear feet" of Rambo material has been "disposed of."

Consequently, I am accumulating materials independently. Besides family group sheets and family trees, please send me *copies*, not originals, of records proving family relationships, such as Bible records, wills, birth/marriage/death certificates, deeds, church records, etc. As I said, Beverly's materials are gone, and I'd love to compile a similar collection to send the Historical Society of Pennsylvania for their archives, as Beverly intended.

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1173**Andersson**

Jonas Andersson, b. in Grolanda Parish (Skar.) 22 October 1817, married Maria Lisa Magnusdotter, b. in Hällestad Parish (Älvs.) 26 September 1819. Their two sons (both b. in Hällestad) were Pehr August, b. 1850, and Frans Gustaf, b. 1853. In 1854 the family immigrated to the United States. They had relatives who lived in Knox Co., Illinois. Where did they locate in the U.S.?

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1174**Bengtsson, Bangston, Benson**

Christina Johansdotter, b. in Hällestad Parish (Älvs.) 30 October 1833, married in 1853 Anders Bengtsson, b. in Källunga Parish (Älvs.) 19 November 1821. Their Swedish-born children were Johan Alfrid, b. 1854; Cläes, b. 1855; Johanna Charlotta, b. 1860; and Klara Maria, b. 1862. The family immigrated to the United States in 1863 and located in Knox Co., Illinois. Additional children born in the U.S. included Albert, b. 1865; Oscar, b. 1867; Henry, b. 1870; Clara, b. 1873; and Walter, b. 1876. The family used the surnames Benson and Bangston in the U.S. Are there living descendants of this family who could shed light on what happened to Christina and Anders?

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Lomjansguten, Lumiainen

I am compiling biographical information on my great-great-grandfather, Per Jönsson Lumiainen, who is better known to history as Lomjansguten. He was b. on Lake Lomsen in Lekvattnet Parish (Värm.) 22 October 1816 and d. 19 May 1875. He lived most of his life at Lomjanstorp in Gräsmark Parish (Värm.).

Per Jönsson Lomjansguten was a well-known Swedish folk musician in nineteenth-century Värmland. Although he was known by many names—Lomiansguten, Lomiasguten, Lomjansguten, Lomjans-Per, Lom-Jansguten, Lumiainen—he was most frequently called Lomjansguten.

After Lomjansguten's death, his sheet music was sold at auction in Sweden, reportedly for 50 *öre* or 1 *krona*. Ultimately, his auctioned music ended up somewhere in America.

I am interested in knowing if anyone knows the whereabouts of Lomjansguten's auctioned music. I would be very much interested in either purchasing my ancestor's music or, if this is not possible, at least getting copies.

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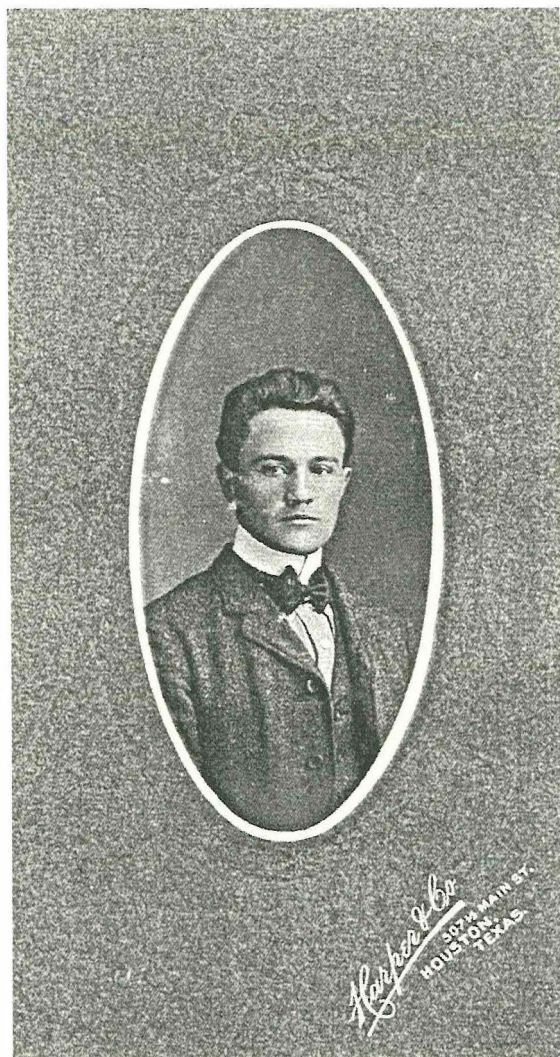
Holmquist (Bjlkengren)

I am searching for any information about Carl Pet(t)er Holmquist (Bjlkengren). Carl Peter was b. in Ignaberga Parish (Krist.) 13 November 1868. He was the illegitimate child of the maid, Cecilia Bjlkengren, b. in Gryt Parish (Krist.) 30 September 1841. The father is unknown.

In 1873 Cicilia and Carl Peter moved to Killeberg, Loshult Parish (Krist.). On 7 February 1873, Cicilia Bjlkengren married the baker, Gustaf Johnsson Holmquist, b. in Stenbrohult Parish (Kron.) 22 July 1842. On 15 April 1878, Carl Peter got his moving certificate [*flyttningsbevis*] to travel to North America. It appears as though the nine-year-old boy traveled alone, but he could have been in the company of someone unknown.

Nils William Olsson, whose uncle was married to Carl Peter's half sister, once told me that one time back in the 1920s, when he and his father visited Killeberg in Loshult Parish, Carl Peter's half sister asked Nils William's father if he could visit her half brother in Texas. Unfortunately, when back in the United States, the Olssons did not have the opportunity to go to Texas.

I am sending a photograph found among the half sister's remaining papers. The young man in the photograph could be Carl Peter. Does anyone have any



Carl Pet(t)er Holmquist (Bjlkengren)? Note the name and address of the studio: Harper & Co., 507 1/2 Main St., Houston, Texas.

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Swedish World War I Veterans in New York

I was recently rereading the June 1998 issue of *SAG*, which contained an article on Swedish immigrants in Illinois who served in World War I. I started thinking that there might be a *SAG* reader who knows about Swedish World War I veterans in New York.

Some time ago I bought a medal with the Statue of Liberty on it. The front side of the medal also has the date 24 May 1919. The reverse side of the medal has the following words: "From the Swedish Americans of New York" and "Tribute to our Boys." The ribbon is yellow and blue. I am interested in finding out who organized the project to award these medals, and I would also like to know how many were given.

I have already written to the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Inc., 599 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1204, New York, NY 10022, but they did not know. They suggested that I contact *Myntkabinettet* in Stockholm, however, I doubt whether anyone in Sweden would have knowledge of this relatively unknown medal.

Do you know anyone who might be able to help me?

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Svensson, Holmberg

I am interested in obtaining more information about three relatives who emigr. from Sweden to the U.S. This is what I do know about these individuals. Oskar Teodor Svensson was b. in Jämjö Parish (Blek.) 21 May 1893 and emigr. 22 November 1916. Nanny Mari Holmberg was b. in Augerum Parish (Blek.) 13 December 1872 and emigr. 13 March 1896. Johan Alfred Holmberg was b. in Augerum Parish 27 June 1886. His year of emigr. is unknown. Nanny and Johan Alfred were siblings. I do not know where any of them lived in the U.S.

This is not much to go on but I hope that someone may be able to help me.

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Larsson

I need help locating information about my grandmother's sister, Märta Karolina Larsson, who was b. in Ragunda Parish (Jämt.) 7 December 1892. Using the CD *Emigranten* in The Regional Archives of Gothenburg

(*Landsarkivet i Göteborg*), I have learned that she and her entire family left Göteborg on 15 June 1906, with Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada, listed as their destination. The following Larsson family members emigrated: Karl E. (father), age 43; Sara (mother), 35; and nine children— Lars, age 14; Märta, age 13; Katrina, age 11; Hulda, age 10; Anders, age 8; Elias, age 6; Waldemar, age 4; Astrid, age 3; and Klara, age 1.

The Larsson family, with the exception of Märta, returned to Sweden in 1909. At the time, Märta was working for a doctor's family in Yorkton. My mother told me that the family never heard anything from Märta after 1911. It is not known if Märta ever married.

A Canadian researcher, Ian Mitchner, has located two significant records: Karl Larsson's homestead claim (dated 31 July 1906) and abandonment certificate (dated 11 March 1908). On the homestead claim, Karl gave his postal address as Willowbrook, Saskatchewan.

Ian has posted a web site with more specific details regarding his research into the "disappearance" of Märta. The site has the title "A Saskatchewan Mystery" and may be found at the following address: <<http://www3.sk.sympatico.ca/mitchner/marta2.htm>>

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