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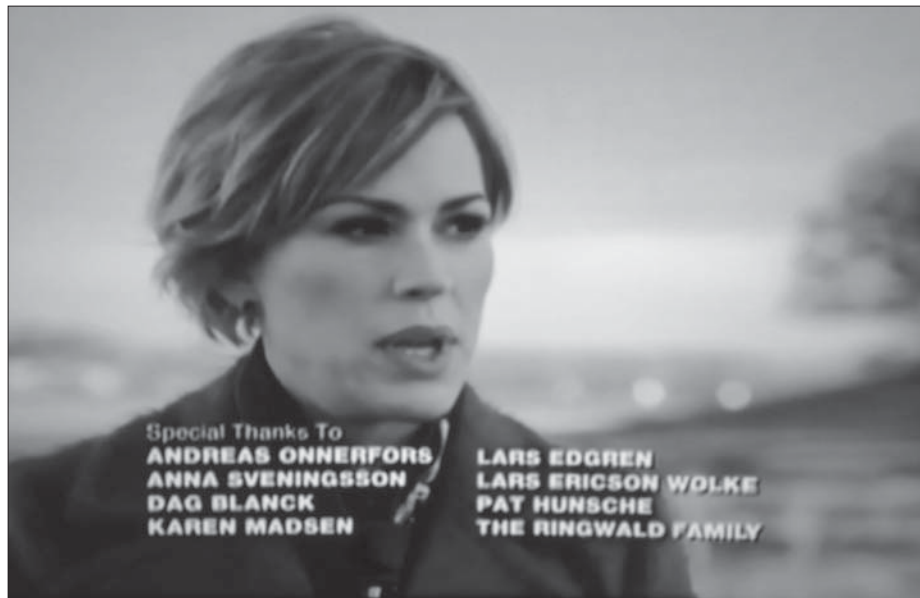
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# Who Do You Think You Are?

For the first time this well-known TV program featured somebody with Swedish roots. This person was actor *Molly Ringwald*, whose *farmor's far* immigrated in 1887 from Höganäs in Skåne.

Her episode went on air on 24 April 2016, and was anticipated with great interest by the Swedish-American viewers, especially those with roots in Höganäs.

The producers had the good sense to enlist the help of the Swenson Center, as seen by the name of *Dag Blanck*, the director, in the credits for the show. Another well-known name in Sweden is *Lars Ericson Wolke*, who has been an archivist at the Swedish War Archives for many years.



*The credits for the program. (Photo by David Garner).*

## Ancestors of Edvin Gottfrid Gustafsson Jönsson

Research by Kay Sheldon and Elisabeth Thorsell

1) *Edvin Gottfrid Gustafsson Jönsson*, born 28 Feb. 1885 in Höganäs, M, died 20 Oct. 1963 in Roseville, Placer Co., CA.

In the U.S. he called himself Edwin G. Jensen.

### Generation I

2) f *Gustaf Jönsson*, born 23 Apr. 1855 in Höganäs, died 18 Aug. 1930 in Arlington, Washington Co., NE, U.S.A.

After the death of his mother he is listed as a pauper, and lived for some time with other paupers. In 1867 he is listed as worker #668.

He moved 20 Oct. 1876 from Höganäs, to Bjuv (Skån). He moved to the U.S. around 10 June 1878 and came on 14 Nov. 1883 from the U.S. to Höganäs, where he worked as coal miner #147.

Moved with his family 27 Jun. 1887 from Höganäs, M, to Blair, NE, U.S.A.

He was called Gust/George Jensen in the U.S.

Married 23 Apr. 1884 in Helsingborg Maria to the following ancestor.

3) m *Carolina Grip*, born 18 Jul. 1857 in Höganäs, died 20 Feb. 1935 in Arlington, Washington Co., NE, U.S.A.

### Generation II

4) ff *Jöns Svensson*, born 11 Sep. 1813 in Måarp, Väsby, died of consumption 12 Jul. 1860 in Höganäs. He was miner #414.

Married 7 Apr. 1843 in Höganäs, Väsby, M, to the following ancestor.

5) fm *Ingar Persdotter*, born 6 Oct. 1815 in Höganäs, Väsby, died of stomach inflammation 28 Oct. 1866 in Widow's dwelling # 13, Höganäs.

After the death of her husband she moved with her children to Widow's dwelling #13.

6) mf *Carl Johan Grip*, born 19 Jul. 1830 in Höganäs, Väsby, died (crushed in the mine) 26 Jan. 1857 in Höganäs, Väsby.

Miner #303 in Höganäs mine.

Married 26 Dec. 1852 in Höganäs, Väsby, to the following ancestor.

7) mm *Kjersti Johnsson*, born 17 Jan. 1834 in Väsby, died 23 Feb. 1917 in Höganäs.

### Generation III

8) ff f *Sven Jönsson*, born 15 Nov. 1766 in Väsby, died of old age 13 Jan. 1839 in Måarp, Väsby. When he died he is listed as a "förre åbo" former tenant farmer at Måarp 2.

Married 29 Dec. 1812 in Väsby. to the following ancestor. He from Måarp, she from Danhult, both in Väsby.

9) ff m *Boel Olofsdotter*, born 13 Jan. 1788 in Väsby, died (no cause of death listed) 22 Aug. 1849 in Måarp 2, Väsby.

10) fm f *Per Rasmusson*, born 17 Oct. 1784 in Väsby, died 4 Apr. 1841 in Höganäs, Väsby.

He lived in Höganäs with his family, and is listed as a fisherman and a sailor.

Married 22 Nov. 1814 in Väsby to the following ancestor.

11) fm m *Sissa Nilsson*, born 16 Mar. 1789 in Höganäs, Väsby.

12) mf f *Johan Grip (Gran)*, born 3 Sep. 1794 in Vrigstad (Smål), died (crushed in the mine) 12 May 1836 in Höganäs, Väsby.

He came in 1819 from Vrigstad to Guthult in Norra Sandsjö (Smål.), where he served as dragoon #58 of the Life Company of the Småland Light Cavalry. In 1822 he was discharged and moved to cottage Övrarp and then to Guthult, all in Norra Sandsjö, from where he moved in 1826 to the coal mine in Höganäs. He was then miner #304 in the Höganäs mine.

Married to the following ancestor.  
(The marriage records for Norra Sandsjö have burned.)

13) mf m *Anna Maria Magnidotter*, born 18 Jan. 1795 in Näsby (Smål). (She is sometimes called Jeppsdotter)

14) mm f *Gustaf Johnsson*, born 19 Nov. 1810 in Väsby, died (no cause listed) 15 Aug. 1855 in Höganäs. Miner #344 in Höganäs.

Married 6 Jul. 1833 in Väsby to the following ancestor.

15) mm m *Boel Liljegren*, born 9 Aug. 1810 in Väsby, died 9 Jan. 1903 in Höganäs.

### Notes:

- 1) Parishes mentioned here are all in Skåne, except Vrigstad and Norra Sandsjö that are in Småland. Höganäs was before 1852 part of Väsby, but became its own parish then.
- 2) The letters before the name of an ancestor are **f** and **m**. F means father (*far*), and m means mother (*mor*).
- 3) There are no sources in the article, but all information is from the church records. Anyone interested in the sources, contact the SAG editor.

## Höganäs 200 year ago

Two hundred years ago, Höganäs, a town situated in the northwest part of the county of Skåne, about 20 km north of the city of Helsingborg, had no local pottery tradition. Höganäs was then a tiny fishing village that even lacked a harbor. Coal had now and then been quarried from an opencast mine and the local inhabitants had collected it from the beach at low tide for their personal needs. When the mining industry started in 1797 and, with time, even the production of earthenware (in 1832), capital, labor, technology, and pot designs were typically fetched from elsewhere, as well as customers. Nothing of this was to be found in Höganäs.

The capital came from parties interested in the mining, earthenware, and brick industries. Here, in particular, Erik Ruuth, the Minister of Finance in Gustav III's parliament, was engaged. In 1786 he had bought the privileges for mining coal in northwest Skåne, and at the same time established the earthenware factory, Ulfsunda, outside Stockholm where clay from the mining in Skåne was used. In 1792 large amounts of clay were found between thin seams of coal in Höganäs and Ruuth hired the mining engineer, Thomas Stawford, from Newcastle, in view of the coal mining that was the focus of interest. Stawford brought with him not only mining technology to Höganäs from his native country but also something that resembled a town plan, including prototypes for workers' dwellings.

Coal mining in Höganäs was not a successful venture; the coal was difficult to mine and of poor quality and in the end attempts were made to save the enterprise by starting to use the clay for the production of bricks and roofing tiles as well – and from 1832 even earthenware. The kilns were fired with coal from the mines.

The mines closed in 1961.

(Excerpt from *The Pottery of Höganäs Company 1832-1926*, by Ann-Charlotte & Torsten Weimarck (published in 2005).

## Obituary for Carolina Grip Jenson

### MRS. GUST JENSON

Pneumonia was fatal Wednesday morning when it claimed Mrs. Gust Jenson, 78, a resident of Arlington for thirty years.

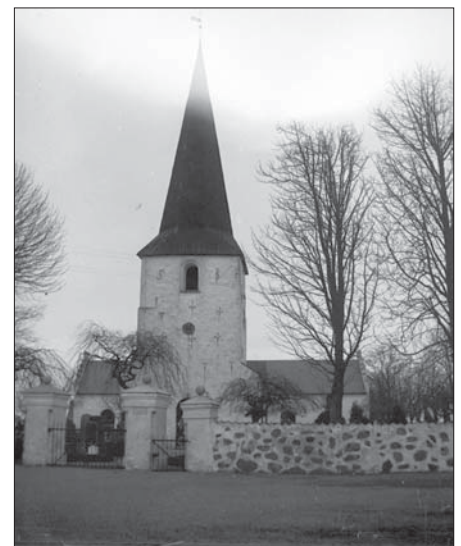
Caroline Griep was born in Sweden, July 18, 1857. She was united in marriage to Gust Jenson on May 3, 1884, in Sweden and to this union were born seven children, all living and as follows: Edwin G. of Roseville, California; John G. of Herman; Fred W. of Loveland, Ohio; Mrs. Jess Laughlin of Tekamah; Carl G. of Arlington; Mrs. Oscar Anderson of Arlington; and Albert J. of Oakland. Twenty grandchildren also survive the deceased. Her husband passed away on August 18, 1930.

She was confirmed in the Swedish Lutheran Church at the age of 15 years. Mrs. Jenson came with her husband to Washington Co., Nebraska, on July 25, 1888, and engaged in farming until March, 1904, when they moved to Arlington and made their home until the end.

Mrs. Jenson had always stood for the right and taught her family the meaning of truth, justice, and mercy. A kind and loving wife and mother who will be greatly missed and mourned by her children.

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Väsby church, Skåne.