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Nettelblatt, Hammarsköld

In my research about the two Hammarsköld families who were active in the 1850s in the Carolinas, I have found an interesting clue. An interesting source is Lovisa Nettelblatt's anonymously published *En svenska i Amerika: Erfarenhet och Hugkomst ifrån sex år i de Förenta Staterna*, (A Swedish woman in America: experiences and remembrances from six years in the U.S.) which has not been translated but which is available on the web in digitized form.

Nettelblatt has the habit of not revealing the names of the people she meets, but to use only initials. There is one name I have not been able to identify, a Swede visiting Carl Wilhelm Hammarsköld's family in Spring Hill Forge in North Carolina in 1855 or 1856, when she is also there. He is referred to only as “Major M.” There can't be many Swedish majors with a surname beginning with M travelling at that time in the South, but I haven't found any such person among Hammarsköld's friends.

If some person with knowledge about Swedish immigrants in the period could have an idea who this major might be, I would be most grateful. I don't have much hope, but would like to try...

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Eriksson, Petersdotter, Engfeldt, Svensson, Olson

Anna Eriksson, b. 15 Dec. 1899 in Gullabo (Kalm.), daughter of Ingrid Stina Petersdotter, b. 27 Aug. 1859 in Bastubo, Torsås, (Kalm) [Gullabo was divided from Torsås as its own parish in 1871]. Stina had been married 1st to Per August Engfeldt who died in 1896 in a railroad accident. Ingrid Stina remarried in 19 Jan. 1901 in Gullabo to widower Erik Svensson, b. 30 Aug. 1860 in Bodhyltan, Torsås. Anna was born before their marriage.

Erik Svensson had four children from his first marriage to Emma Olsdotter (b. 1856 Torsås): son Olof Gottfrid (b. 1881 in Gullabo), daughter Gerda Susanna Maria, b. 25 July 1888 in Torsås, son Sven Robert, b. 26 Jun. 1891 in Torsås; d. Alma Augusta Viktoria (b. 1894 in Torsås).

Gerda left Sweden 28 Oct. 1910 from Malmö on the ship *Adriatic* (White Star Line), with the destination New York.

Anna Eriksson emigrated to America from Malmö. She boarded the ship *Bergensfjord* on 28 Jan. 1916 and left for America from Bergen, Norway, on 2 Feb. Her destination was Seattle, WA, where her half-sister Gerda lived, who was married to Charley Olsson. In the U.S. Census 1920 she lived with her sister and her family at Fairview No. 427 in Seattle, and that is the last I know of her. She might have changed her first name to Goldie, but I am not sure of that.

Her sister Gerde died 26 Jun. 1946 in Seattle. In her obituary is mentioned that she had a sister in Oregon (no name). I would appreciate all information!

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Johannesson, Johansson, Bäckström

Jan Magnus Johansson/Johannesson (b. 25 May 1873 in Gunnarskog (Värm.) emigrated 12 May 1893 from Bortan, Gunnarskog. He is not found in the Swedish passenger lists, but may have travelled from Christiania (Oslo), which was closer than Göteborg. It is said that he was later a lay-preacher and had changed his surname to Bäckström/Beckstrom. In the 1900 U.S. Census he is probably found as living in Evanston township, Cook County, IL, and is listed as a theology student.

The younger brother Anders Gustaf Johannesson (b. 27 March 1878 in Gunnarskog) was in 1900 a tailor's apprentice in Eda (Värm.), from where he immigrated on 11 April 1903.

All and any information on these brothers would be most welcome!

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