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Please send your queries to SAG! Not everything is online!

Jansdotter, Nilsson, Edberg

My relative *Stina Jansdotter* (b. 29 Nov. 1827 in Gunnarskog (S) married the farmhand *Nils Nilsson* (b. 7 June 1827, also in Gunnarskog). They lived at Tvärud and Ryggstad in Gunnarskog. They had several children that emigrated to the U.S. and they were all born in Gunnarskog.

The first was son *Magnus Nilsson* (b. 24 Feb. 1858) who left his parents and moved to Järpetan, also in Gunnarskog, and emigrated on 30 April 1880. Next was his younger brothers, *Nils Nilsson* (b. 24 Apr. 1866) and *Karl Gustaf Nilsson* (b. 30 Mar. 1872), who left Sweden together on 14 May 1886.

Then the parents *Nils Nilsson* and *Stina Jansdotter* emigrated with their daughter *Stina Nilsson* (b. 20 Dec. 1860) and her little illegitimate son *Sigvald Nikolaus Pettersson* (b. 27 March 1883 in Kristiania, Norway). They all left on 15 April 1887.

The oldest daughter *Maria Nilsson* (b. 9 Sep. 1852 in Gunnarskog) married *Nils Jansson Edberg* (b. 7 Oct. 1853 in Eda [S]). They first lived in Eda parish, and then in 1881 moved to Stugun (Z) from where they emigrated from Höglunda on 21 May 1887. They also brought their children, *Johanna Kristina* (b. 24 June 1881 in Gunnarskog) and *Ernst Ferdinand* (b. 3 Aug. 1885 in Stugun).

These families are not found in Swedish Passenger Lists, and possibly left from Kristiania in Norway.

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

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Larsson, Nilsson

I am seeking information about my great-grandfather *Anders Magnus Nilsson*, born 16 Jan. 1839 in Gärdhem (P), who lived in Göteborg for some time. There he married his wife *Charlotta Andersdotter Larsson* (b. 9 March 1839 in Göteborg) on 1 Jan 1861, and their first child (my *Morfars*) Axel Ludvig was born 15 May 1861). Shortly afterwards the little family moved to the parish of Väne Åsaka (P) where he was a tenant farmer for some years and more children were born. In 1869 he seems to have lost his job, and some time around 1870 to 1872 he is said to have lived in America. He does not seem to have contacted his family in Sweden after he left them.

According to the Göteborg Police Passenger lists a man named *A. M. Nilsson* (age 31) from the parish of Gärdhem sailed on 31 March 1871 on the *S/S Rollo* to England with a ticket for New York (Göteborgs *poliskammare* (-1900) (O) EIX:5 (1871-1871) Image 220 / page 41 [Arkiv Digital]). From the New York arrival lists we know that a male Swede named A. M. Nilsson, age 31 ½, arrived from Liverpool, England, to New York on the *S/S City of New York* on 17 April 1871. But what happened to him after that date? I would like to know if he for instance started a new family somewhere, and would like to find descendants, so we would be able to verify that he really was my great-grandfather by DNA testing.

After her husband had gone to America, his wife and the children moved to Lysekil (O), where her parents lived.

The son *Carl Robert Nilsson*, (b. 24 Jan. 1864 in Väne Åsaka) is recorded as being a sailor, but after about 1890 he is listed as someone living at an unknown place. I would be very interested in knowing what became of him. He is not mentioned in his mother's probate in 1919.

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Message from the editor:

Earlier in the fall I mentioned on Facebook that I was collecting information about ticket prices for a forthcoming article on that subject. There was not time now to write that article, and it is still not too late to send me such information. Copies of tickets are also welcome, but no originals, and I can not promise to use everything in the article.

Elisabeth