

# SUNDHOLM ORIGINS

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## *Introduction: The Question of Origins*

"Sundholm" is a family name derived from the blending of two Swedish words: "sund" (meaning "bay" or "sound") and "holm" (meaning "island").

The Sundholm family name originated independently in various parts of Sweden, including northern lands which later became part of Finland, when individuals chose it as a permanent family name.

The choosing of a permanent family name was encouraged by the government because the traditional Swedish patronymic practice of changing the family name with each generation (by adding the suffix "-son" or "-dotter" to the prefix of the father's first name) was becoming an unworkable method of identification with increasing populations.

Tracing each Sundholm family line back in time uncovers a point where someone decided to end the patronymic naming system by adopting it as a permanent family name. The answer to the question of where the Sundholm name originated is that there is no single Sundholm family homeland or island, but rather there are multiple points of origin.

## *The Areas of Origin of Sundholm Family Lines*

Plotting the geographic occurrence of the Sundholm family name prior to 1830 reveals three broad cluster areas of concentration, each with sub-cluster points of origin, and all within the historical boundaries of Sweden. Ranked in order of concentration, they are:

- (1) *North Baltic Sundholms*: The greatest concentration of Sundholms is in the Västernorrlands district, with originating sub-clusters in
  - (a) the coastal parish of Nätra.
  - (b) the Ångerman River parishes of Ytterlännäs and Bjartra.
  - (c) the coastal parishes between Sundsvall and Harnosand.
- (2) *Stockholm Belt Sundholms*: a belt of districts running east from the Stockholm area, including the Uppsala, Orebro, and Varmland districts. Further research should determine the origin sub-clusters in this area, although it would seem from the name that the origin would be coastal.
- (3) *Arctic Sundholms*: in the Swedish border districts of Uusimaa on the Baltic Sea, and Turku Pori to the north, all of which were part of Sweden for hundreds of years prior to 1810. Future research is needed to establish whether points of origin were indigenous or from the south.

Therefore, to accurately describe their historical emergence and potential relatedness, the various Sundholm family lines should be classified and identified by their region and point of origin. For example, the North Baltic Sundholm lines include the Nätra Sundholms, Ytterlännäs Sundholms, Bjartra Sundholms, and the Sundsvall-Harnosand Sundholms. While the author's research has focused primarily on his own Nätra Sundholm line, much information has been uncovered on other lines and further research and information on other Sundholm family lines is welcomed to further the interest of all Sundholms in learning of their family history and relationships.

**Nätra Sundholms.** The first person to choose the Sundholm surname in the author's Sundholm line was Eric Gustaf Janson (b. September 1804), who changed his name around 1826 in the village of Åmynnet, parish of Nätra, in Vasternorlands, Sweden, thus initiating the line of Nätra Sundholms. His parents were Johan Anderson (b. ?; d. 12/12/1808, military name Fordub Jerfgren, parents unknown), and Brita Stina Ersdotter (b. 1779; d. 9/17/1814).

Tragic deaths at sea mark the turbulent emergence of the first generation of Nätra Sundholms, making orphans of Eric Gustaf and his siblings at an early age. After his father Johan died at sea in the Napoleonic Wars, Eric lived with his mother Brita Stina, his older brother Anders (b. July 1802), and his younger sister Anna Lisa (b. September 1807). Nearly six years later, they became orphaned when their mother Brita Stina drowned at sea on September 17, 1814.<sup>1</sup> Eric and Anna Lisa moved into the Prestbordet household of their maternal grandmother Lisa Nilsson (b. 1740), while Anders moved out on his own. Eric's older brother Anders Janson eventually married Brita Hansdotter and had a son named Johan Anderson, but appears to have never taken on the Sundholm name. Eric's sister Anna Lisa Jansdotter married Carl Wilhelm Tornquist (b. 1786). She adopted the Sundholm last name sometime before 1840, when it first appears in the records.

Eric was a shore fisherman by trade, which may account for his choice of the "bay island" Sundholm name. There also appears to be some connection with the nearby island of Strängön. Eric Gustaf Janson Sundholm was married several times, resulting in many Nätra Sundholm descendants as outlined below.

A. Eric Gustaf Janson Sundholm (b. 1804, Nätra, d. shortly before 1890). Father

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<sup>1</sup> *The circumstances of Brita Stina's drowning at sea are unknown and open to speculation. The death record only states that Fordub Jerfgren's 35 year old widow Brita Stina Nordstrom of Amynnet drowned at sea with two other persons: a 29 year old Jan Janson of Bergom and 24 year old Nils Janson, also of Bergom, who appear to have been brothers. Since there is no burial date listed, it is presumed the bodies were not recovered. Where Brita Stina was going with Jan and Nils Janson is not known. It is also not known why she is listed with the family name of Nordstrom, although there is an early record showing Johan Anderson and Brita Stina with her mother Lisa Nilsson associated with the household of a Drang Jonas Nordstrom.*

Johan Anderson aka Fordub Jerfgren (b. unknown; d. 12/12/1808); Mother Brita Stina Ersdotter (b. 1779); siblings Anders (b. 1802); Anna Lisa (b. 1807).

A-1: Family #1. Eric's first marriage was to Marta Lisa Andersdotter (b. 1802), whose brothers Anders and Johan had chosen the permanent family name Dahlbach ("valley-brook"), which probably had something to do with Eric also deciding to choose a permanent family name. Their marriage produced the Sundholm descendants outlined below:

1. Brita Magdalena Sundholm (b. 8/23/1824, Nätra). The 1890 census lists Brita Ersdotter Nylander as a widow (Inhys.) with following children in household:
  - a. Jonas Sundholm (b. 1867).
  - b. Maria Magdalena Sundholm (b. 1871).
  - c. Ida Margreta Sundholm (b. 1874).
  - d. Johanna Sundholm (b. 1876).
  - e. Emma Sundholm (b. 1883).
  
2. Anders Erik Sundholm, (b. 1825). His military name was Anders Erik Törn. He enlisted as navy "batsman" from 5/20/1851 to 4/19/1859 ([www.gstromberg.nu](http://www.gstromberg.nu)). Anders Erik married Casja Greta Sundbom (b. 9/30/1823) and had the following descendants:
  - a. Erik Olaf Sundholm (b. 8/15/1849).
  - b. Anders Petter Sundholm (b. 8/27/1851, possible immigration to U.S. based on an "And. P. Sundholm" listed in *Immigration for New York Passenger Lists, 1851-1891*).
  - c. Sara Stina Sundholm (b. 11/1853).
  - d. Johannes Sundholm (b. 3/21/1856).
  - e. Twins Marta Lisa Andersdotter Sundholm and Jonas Gustaf Sundholm (b. 5/22/1858).
  - f. Oskar Sundholm (b. 12/13/1867 Nätra, Sweden; d. 2/3/1924, Lockno, Bjartra, Sweden).

F-1: Family #1. First marriage was to Karolina ("Lena") Mahle, in Koja Sagverk, Bjartra, Vasternorrland, Sweden. Followed others in her family by immigrating in August 1892 to Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada. The 1900 Census lists Oskar working in the coal mines of Nanaimo as a "pit hand on top." They had the following descendents:

  - (1) Carl August Sundholm (b. August 23, 1890 in Koja Sagverk, Bjartra, Vasternorrland, Sweden). Presumed dead at early age from lack of subsequent records. However, evidence of other(s) with similar birth year(s) are on the Ellis Island website showing immigration of a 37 year old Carl Sundholm to the U.S. in 1918 and on *Ancestry.com* indicating the U.S. 1910 Census lists a Carl Sundholm residing in St. Louis, Mo. who was born around 1891).
  - (2) Gerda Carolina Sundholm (b. March 25, 1892, in Koja Sagverk, Bjartra, Vasternorrland, Sweden; d. May 1985, Seattle, Washington; married 11/1/1922 to Los Angeles actor Rinaldo

Conrad Haglund, b. 10/18/1888 in Vinaker, Sodermanland, Sweden, d. 8/17/1950, San Bernardino, California).

- (3) John Teodor ("Tom") Sundholm (b. 3-22-1894, Nainamo, British Columbia, Canada; d. September 1969, Seattle, Washington).
- (4) Oscar William ("Bill") Sundholm (b. May 15, 1898, British Columbia, Canada; d. Feb. 1971 Los Angeles; moved to Los Angeles in 1941, married in 1932 to Ada (b. 6/4/1904, d. May 1983), career as actor, d. 2-28-71, Van Nuys, California). They had the following descendents:
  - (a) Ada Marie Sundholm Verboomen (b. 1933, Los Angeles, married July 5, 1950 to Frank Verboomen). They had 3 children:
    - 1) Robert Verboomen
    - 2) Nancy Verboomen
    - 3) Karen Verboomen
  - (b) Thomas W. Sundholm (b. 1935 Los Angeles, moved to Salinas, California). He married Jeannie and had a daughter:
    - 1) Teresa Sundholm.
  - (c) Michael E. Sundholm (b. 1944) Los Angeles, moved to Dallas, Texas). Married with following children:
    - 1) Michael Sundholm, Jr.
    - 2) Eric Sundholm
    - 3) Christina Sundholm
    - 4) Cathy Sundholm
  - (d) Charlene Sundholm Scialanga (b. 6/14/1936 in Los Angeles; d. 1/12/2003 Salinas, California).

F-2: Family #2. Oskar Sundholm returned to Sweden in 1911 and his second marriage to Margareta Kristina Näsholm in Bjartra, Sweden, resulted in one child, a son.

- (1) Carl A. Sundholm, Sr. (b. 12/24/1912. in Angermanland, Sweden; d. 6/23/1958, Barstow, California). After both his parents died, Carl used his inheritance to immigrate from Sweden to Alaska Territory, USA in 1933, where he worked in construction with his half brother Tom, attended University of Alaska, and became a civil engineer with Aramco Oil Company. He married Ingrid and had one offspring
  - (a) Carl A. Sundholm, Jr., born November 1951. Carl Jr. had two children:
    - 1) Samuel Wyatt Sundholm (b. 9/25/1995) with his former wife Janine
    - 2) Anna Elisabeth Sundholm (b. 1/25/2005) with his current wife Sylvia

- g. Carl Johan Sundholm (b. 5/30/1869), immigrated to U.S.; in Seattle phonebook as Charles Sundholm of 86 Stewart St., near the now-famous downtown Seattle fish market, and first Starbuck's Coffee Store.

3. Greta Magdalena Sundholm (b. 1828). On 5/2/1854, she married Jon Pehr Sjönell (b. 1831). The 1890 Census in Bjasta shows their following children:
  - a. Maria Sundholm (b. 1854).
  - b. Sara Sundholm (b. 1862).
  
4. Marta Brita Sundholm (b. 8/15/1830). She married Pehr Lundgren in 1853, had a daughter
  - a. Sara Margreta Sundholm (b. 1854). Birth witnesses on record were Johan Eric Sundholm and Greta Magdalena Sundholm. They had a double wedding on September 11, 1833. She does not appear in the 1890 Census for Vasternorrlands.
  
5. Johan Eric Sundholm (b. 1832). He married Margreta Christina Norlund in 1851). He is listed as a Prestbordet Strandfiskar. The 1890 Census finds him listed as Johan Erik Sundholm working as a Fiskare in Bjasta living with Kristina Norlund (b. 1831).
  
6. Johannes Sundholm (b. 1832, twin to Johan Eric). The 1890 Census shows him living on Strangön as a Torpare married to Sara Brita Wågström (b. 1831) with the following children:
  - a. Amanda Elisabeth Sundholm (b. 1868).
  - b. Alma Augusta Sundholm (b. 1870).

A-2: Family #2. Eric's second marriage was to Sara Brita Ersdotter (b. 1811; d. 1893). Eric had passed away by 1890, since that census shows his wife Sara Brita to be widowed. Their marriage produced the following descendants:

7. Jonas Sundholm (b. 1838), who married Sara Stina Sandstrom and had the following offspring:
  - a. Eric Peter Sundholm (b. 4/24/1867) who married Johanna Fredrika Ekenberg (b. 1869). The 1890 Census shows him in Björna parish and city, and working as a Handelsföreståndare.
  - b. Jonas Otto Sundholm (b. 1882), who married Selma Westin and had the following children:
    - (1) Hildur Sundholm
    - (2) Eva Sundholm
    - (3) Valborg Sundholm (b. 1878?)
    - (4) Nils Bertil Sundholm (b. 1919), who married Signe and had the following descendants:
      - (a) Anders Sundholm, whose marriage in Bjasta produced a son:
        - 1) Jonas Sundholm
  
8. Per Olof Sundholm (b. 12/28/1841). Not found in the 1890 Vasternorrlands

Census.

9. Nils Daniel Sundholm (b. 1/6/1846). The Vasternorrlands 1890 Census shows his household in Bredångers Ångsåg, that he was employed as a Sågställare, and married to Sigrid Katrina Sundström (b. 1845; d. 12/31/1915, Natra, Sweden) with the following children:
  - a. Erik Johan Sundholm (b. 10/12/1871; d. 12/09/1946, Chicago). He immigrated to Chicago in 1902, and Americanized his name to "Erick John." He was married on 8/31/1902 to Hilma Augusta Ekenstam fka Hector (b. 1/8/1881, d. 1/30/1973, Merriville, Lake, Indiana). Their children were all Chicago born:
    - (1) Nils Rangnar Sundholm, (b. 10/11/1903).
    - (2) Ranghild Viola Sundholm (b. 10/13/1904, d. 5/6/1985), who married James Gulliver in 1923 and had offspring:
      - (a) Violette Corinne Gulliver (b. 12/20/1923).
      - (b) Marjorie Claire Gulliver (b. 7/8/1927).
    - (3) Nils Harold Sundholm (b. 6/19/1907; d. 9/14/1994, Mesa, Arizona).
    - (4) Eva Katarina Sundholm (b. 11/20/1909, Chicago, Illinois; d. 8/28/1998), who married Clinton Waddington Orr (b. 6/2/1908; d. 1/13/1978) and had these children:
      - (a) William Clinton Orr (b. 1938), Electrical Engineer for Bethlehem Steel, retired to Arizona, and is the source and organizer of genealogical information regarding Erick John Sundholm's descendants.
      - (b) Sally Ann Orr (b. 7/14/1939)
      - (c) Alyce Barbara Orr (b. 4/10/1943)
      - (d) Thomas James Orr (b. 12/9/1944)
    - (5) Erik Helmer Sundholm (b. 2/21/1913; d. 8/11/1995, Brooksville, Florida). He married Martha Ann and had the following offspring:
      - (a) John Phillip Sundholm (b. 5/8/1941), who married Sandra Davidson, and had the following offspring:
        - 1) Dale Erick Sundholm (d. 11/11/87. Georgia)
      - (b) Cathy Ann Sundholm, b. 5/31/1946
      - (c) Gary Sundholm, b. 12/31/1955
      - (d) Rebecca Jill Sundholm.
    - (6) Alice Hilma Miriam Sundholm, b 1/2/1916-8/15/1970, of Chicago, Illinois. She was married on 6/1/40 to James Rocks (son of Frank and Martha Rocks) of Chicago, and had three children:
      - (a) Constance Miriam Rocks (b. 11/8/1942)
      - (b) James Frank Rocks (b. 2/13/44)
      - (c) David Alan Rocks (b. post 1945)
    - (7) Burnette Marguerite Sundholm, b 4/13/1920, married to Jack Bonshire in Chicago (July 8, 1921 to July 8, 1971); having four children:
      - (a) William Erick Bonshire (b. 10/7/1947)

- (b) Carol Aline Bonshire (b. 4/2/1950)
  - (c) Beverly Gail Bonshire (b. 2/16/1955, Grand Rapids, Michigan)
  - (d) Terry Lee Bonshire (b. 11/4/1964)
- b. Nils Arvid Sundholm (b. 1884). Erik Johan's brother Nils Arvid immigrated to the U.S. in 1903 according to Swedish Records researched by Bill Orr, who further states that Nils married a woman named Hattie (probably "Harriet") and lived in Memphis, Tennessee. They had at least one child, whose name was Estelle. She married a man named Frank Izban, and they lived in Chicago.<sup>2</sup>
10. Sara Magdalena Sundholm (b. 6/20/1848 Nätra; d.- 3/10/1926 Skön). On 4/10/1881, she married Jonas Andersson Norberg (b. 1858) in Nätra.<sup>3</sup> They had four children who all died early, of which one was called John Gustaf. While Jonas was in prison, Sara Magdalena had the following children - father unknown:
- a. "Tora" Fredrika Victoria Norberg (b. 12/10/1889 in Skönl d. 1/19/1974 in Sundsvall. She married John Birger Thorulf Bylund on 1/4/1919, he died 12/19/1925. They never had children.
  - b. Nils Knut Severin Norberg (b. 10/14/1892 in Adolf Fredrik, Stockholm; d. 6/12/1964 in Hudiksvall). On 7/9/1919 he married Selma Nikolina Johansson (9/28/1894 in Anundsjö-08/20/1954 in Älvkarleby) and they had the following children:
    - (1) a son who died in his first year in 1921 and
    - (2) Tage Nils Erik Norberg (b. 7/13/1923 in Jukkasjärvi - that's where they have the ice hotel!).
      - (2-A) Family #1. On 8/3/1944, he married Renée Monica Ursell (b. 6/13/1926) and divorced her 12/1/1947. They had a daughter:
        - (a) Eva Héléne (b. 3/17/1945) who was later adopted by the Arvidsson family.
      - (2-B) Family #2. On 11/26/1949, Tage then married Marianne af Klinteberg (b. 12/24 1924 in Kung Karl; d. 1/27/1987 in Skanör). He later divorced her in 1974. They had the following children
        - (b) Nils Gustav Michael (b. 10/14/1952 in Enskede) . He married Lena Inger Gunilla Ekelund (b. 1/14/1959) in 6/14/1980 and had the following children:
          - 1) Elisabeth Inger Marianne Norberg (b. 8/16/1989, in Flädie).

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<sup>2</sup> A note of appreciation to *Bill Orr* who communicated the details regarding *Nils Arvid*. Personal communication by email 12/21/2006 and 1/1/2007.

<sup>3</sup> Special thanks to *Elisabeth Norberg* for providing the detailed information on the descendants of her ancestor *Sara Magdalena Sundholm*. Personal communication by email 11/11/2006 and 11/14/2006.

- 2) Claes Marcus Joachim Norberg, (b. 7/3/1957 in Sankt Petri, Malmö, died 11/24/1997 in Gustaf Adolf, Helsingborg). He lived with Inger Birgitta Hammarlund and had the following children
  - a) Rebecca Marianne Norberg (b. 12/6/1982 in Sankt Nicolai, Halmstad), and
  - b) Marcus Victor Michael Norberg (b. 5/15/1987 in Raus, Helsingborg).

(2-C) Family #3. In August 1982, Tage married Anni in Austria (where they are now living). They have one son:

- (a) Nicholas Norberg, b. 2/3/1983 in Lienz, Austria. He is currently studying in Wien.

***Ytterlännäs Sundholms.*** The earliest appearance of the Sundholm name found thus far in records of the Västernorrland area is Johan Sundholm of the town of Sunnanaker, in the river parish of Ytterlännäs, as shown by the record of his marriage record to Kristina Hoffman in the in the mid-1700s. She gave birth to two boys, Nils Janson Sundholm in 1752 and Elias Janson Sundholm on March 22, 1775. The high concentration of the Sundholm name in the Ytterlännäs parish and the Ångerman River basin is largely attributable to the progeny of this line.<sup>4</sup> Although further research on Johan's ancestors may reveal more, presently there is no evidence that Johan immigrated into Ytterlännäs from another area, so it appears that he independently adopted the name.

***Sundsvall-Harnosands Sundholms.*** An early concentration of one or more Sundholm lines come from the parishes between the towns of Sundsvall to the south and Harnosands to the north.<sup>5</sup> In one such Sundholm line from the parish of Holm, there is clear evidence of the independent adoption of the Sundholm name by Per Olof Persson (b. 7/1/1848), the son of Per Jonsson (b. 11/25/1770) and Karen Olofsdotter (b.

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<sup>4</sup> According to the Västernorrland census in the late 1700s, Johan and Christina's first child, Nils Janson Sundholm (b. 12/16/1753) married Greta Ersdotter (b. 2/11/1753) in Lasta, Ytterlännäs, and had the following children: (1) Jons Nilson Sundholm (b. 12/22/1782), (2) Eric Nilson (b. 2/15/1786, with the name "Sundholm" first written in the 1820 Lasta Household census), and (3) Sara Greta Nilsson (b. 1798). Their second child, Elias Janson Sundholm (1755 - 1808) married Greta Jonsdotter (1756-1839) in 1776 and had the following children: (1) Sven Erik (b. 10/10/77) aka Eric Eliason, (2) Elias Sundholm (b 3/17/1779 in Sunnanaker, Ytterlännäs, who married Greta Jonsdotter, and had at least one child, Elias Sundholm b. 1808), (3) Nicholas (Eliason) Sundholm (b 1781), (4) Dorotea (Dordi) Eliason (b 12/20/1783, who married Per Nilson Nastrom aka Pehr Nilson b 11/22/1802 in Ytterlännäs), (5) Stina Greta Sundholm (b 7/31/1785), (6) Anna Greta Sundholm (b 12/24/1786 in Sunnanåker, who married Johan Svanholm), and (7) Kristina Sundholm (b 8/23/88).

<sup>5</sup> From south to north the primary parishes are: Sundsvall, Skön, Alnö, Timrå, Indal, Holm, Tynderö, Hässjö, and Härnösands.

4/26/1767), who changed his name to Per Olof Sundholm.<sup>6</sup>

Another separate line of Sundholms from the Sundsvall-Harnosands area has been traced back by and from Richard Sundholm of the state of Washington.<sup>7</sup> He has indicated that his family line traces back to an Elias Petter Sundholm on the island of Alnö near Sundsvall, Sweden, who had three sons, one of whom was named Olof Petter Sundholm (b. Jan. 1856), who first immigrated with his family to the state of Washington with his family in the late 1800s.<sup>8</sup>

A likely related line of Sundsvall Sundholms in the Northwest U.S. is that of the famous<sup>9</sup> Norman W. Sundholm of Lake Oswego, Oregon, whose band the "Kingsmen," first made the song "Louie, Louie" part of American culture. Norm, and his siblings Conrad E., (b. 1938) and Linda S. (now Quisenberry of Tampa, Fla), were the children of

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<sup>6</sup> *After Per Olof Sundholm married Anna Kajsa Ringqvist (b. 1851) in Västbyn, Holm, all of their four children carried on Sundholm as their permanent family name: Olof Alfred Sundholm (b. 10/31/1879, d. 7/13/1918), Per Vicktor Sundholm (b. 8/9/1882), Johan Herman Sundholm (b. 10/30/1884), and Karl Robert Sundholm (b. 6/7/1887). Their family appears in the 1890 Västernorrland Census (<http://www.foark.umu.se/census>) as living in a household in Westbyn, Holm Annex, after Per Olof died, to be living with another possibly unrelated elder named Ingrid Olofsdotter Person (b. 1809) and is listed as "Family no. 2" as follows: Anna Cajsas Ringqvist Sundholm b. 1851 in Ind. Liden, Widow, Nils Peter Åslin b. 1873, jordbr. arb; Lars Melcher b. 1877; (son) Olof Alfred b. 1879; (son) Pehr Wiktor b. 1882; (son) Johan Helmer b. 1884; and (son) Carl Robert b. 1887. The descendents of these individuals are yet to be traced.*

<sup>7</sup> *Personal communication; mail correspondence 1996.*

<sup>8</sup> *Evidence which supports this assertion is found in the Västernorrland 1890 census, which shows only one Sundholm family living on the island of Alnö, in the town of Näset. It does not list Olof Petter (who was probably in the United States setting up a place for his family to immigrate to), but it lists his wife Kajsa Stina Sundholm f. Westin (b. 1855), and her children (1) Erik Albin (b. 1876), (2) Jonas Eli (b. 1878), (3) Hildegard Kristina Elisa (b. 1880), (4) Andrina Maria (b. 1882), (5) Nils Otto (b. 1884), (6) Johan Alfred (b. 1887), and (7) Olof Ander Levi (b. 1888) No evidence has yet been uncovered to support an Alnö island homeland for this branch of Sundholms. A review of LDS Microfilm No. 0075837 containing Alnö household census from 1779 to 1837, revealed no individuals with the "Sundholm" family name. Similarly, earlier Census surveys of Västernorrland do not list any Sundholms on Alnö, but rather show them from neighboring areas in the north up to and including Harnosands, and from Ytterlännäs. It is possible that there is a Ytterlännäs connection in that the Elias Sundholm (b 1808) of Sunnanker mentioned above could be Elias Petter, but there are many other possibilities as well. Further research of the 1856 birth record of Olof Petter Sundholm and Alno household census records from 1837 to 1863 (LDS Microfilm 0075838) is needed.*

<sup>9</sup> *On the topic of Sundholms of public note, there was also a Karl Sundholm who competed in the Olympics in 1912 in rowing.*

Everett V. Sundholm (1911-1981) and his wife Astrid Louise, of Lake Oswego, Oregon. Everett's brother Eric G. Sundholm (b. 5/15/1913 in Sundsvall; d. 5/20/05) and their parents Victor (b~1891) and Emma Sundholm, appear to have immigrated from Sundsvall, Sweden, to Canada in 1915 and thence to Clatsop County, Oregon, where they are shown as living by the 1930 Census.<sup>10</sup> The story goes that Norm felt his bass guitar was just not loud enough, so he and his brother Conrad started making their own amplifiers and thus started the Sunn guitar amplifier company, whose amplifiers so excelled that they were sought out by well-known rock musicians including Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones. Eric G. Sundholm's children include Eric V., Daniel R., and daughter, Cheryl A. Wahlberg. Conrad married Sandra Swanberg and their children include Scott Michael (b. 1962), Kevin Dale (b. 1966), Brandt Phillip (b. 1971), Stephan Lars (b 1974), and Kirsten Lynn (b. 1978). Conrad's son Steve Sundholm is a well known music producer in Los Angeles, who is carrying on this Sundholm family line's musical tradition.

***Stockholm Belt Sundholms.*** Another area in Sweden where Sundholm family lines independently emerged is the belt of districts from Stockholm and to the west. Information regarding one of these Sundholm family line arising out of the area west of Stockholm was discovered in the authors' communications with Fred Sundholm of Australia and Inger Sundholm-Lantz of Ödeshög, Sweden. In response to a letter inquiry by the author in 1996, Fred Sundholm of Australia responded with correspondence that indicated that he believed his Sundholm family line came from an Island named Sundholmen (with a castle of the same name) in Lake Tolken in the province of Västergötland and related what he knew of the history of his Sundholm family line. He stated that the Sundholm name in his line was taken up by an Anders Petter Olsson Sundholm (b. July 11, 1810) from either Vestergren or Strangnas, who married Eva-Johanna Olsdotter (b. Dec 11, 1813).<sup>11</sup>

Inger Sundholm-Lantz responded to the foregoing information posted on the Sundholm.net website by e-mail on October 3 and 10, 2006 with regard to the Sundholm

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<sup>10</sup> *This information on this Sundholm family line was primarily obtained by the author from the Portland Oregonian obituaries of Astrid Louise Sundholm dated 2/6/1993 and Eric G. Sundholm dated 5/20/2005, and from internet information relating to the Sunn amplifier company at garageband.com, richbriere.com, and modernguitars.com.*

<sup>11</sup> *This information is based upon personal mail correspondence in 1996 with Fred Sundholm, 1 Periwinkle Place, Ulladulla, New South Wales 2539, Australia. Fred Sundholm stated Anders Petter and Eva Johanna had 8 children, including Frans Otto (b. April 9, 1843) who married Karolina Sofia (b. June 20, 1851) living south of Lake Malaren in the Turinge area about 30 km south-west of Stockholm, they had 8 daughters and 8 sons, one of which was Johan Oskar (b. Dec. 25, 1875). Johan Oskar married Lydia Charlotta (Lotten) and moved to Australia, and had four children, including Kurt Oscar (b. 1897). Kurt Oscar married Elsie Lillian Hall, and had four children, one of which was Cecil Frederick or the "Fred" Sundholm (born 1928) who provided the foregoing information.*

line described by Fred Sundholm.<sup>12</sup> She indicates that her genline.com research on this same line of ancestors indicates this Sundholm family line came from the Turinge area near Stockholm and not from the island of Sundholmen in Västergötland, on the other side of Sweden some 400 km to the east. Otherwise her research agrees with and supplements the line of Sundholm ancestors described by Fred Sundholm. The earliest relative she has found in this line is Olof Jansson (b. 1703 in Thuringe, Stockholm County). They had 6 children. Their first son was Jan Olofsson (b. 1737), who had 5 children. Their first son was Olof Jansson (b. 1766), who was the father of the Anders Peter (b. 1810) mentioned by Fred Sundholm). Olof had 4 children. His second son, Göran Olofsson (b. 1769) seems to have been the first in this family line to change his surname to Sundholm, sometime between 1779 and 1793, when his marriage record shows him with the Sundholm family name. His brother Johan (b. 1776) took the name Sundholm later on in 1809. His other 3 siblings, Olof Jansson (b. 1766), Maria Jansdotter (b. 1772) and Anna Brita Jansdotter (b. 1780), kept their patronymic family name. So it appears that Anders Peter was not the first in this family line with the Sundholm surname. Anders Peter was the fourth child and he himself had 8 children. All of the people above were born in Stockholm County. Anders Peters (b. 1810) had 8 children that each have the family name Sundholm. Franz Otto Sundholm (b. 1843) was the 5th son of Anders Peter Sundholm and had 16 children. Their 15th child was Jenny Lovisa Sundholm (b. 1895). She had a son named Yngve Herman Sundholm (b. 1920). Inger Sundholm (b. 1948) is his daughter, and the provider of the foregoing information.

***Artic Sundholms.*** The farthest north cluster of Sundholms comes from the area around the border districts of Sweden and Finland Uusimaa on the Baltic Sea, and Turku Pori to the north, all of which were part of Sweden for hundreds of years prior to 1810. Some of the earliest Finnish Sundholms listed in the LDS International Genealogical Index from this area are Eric Sundholm, born 4/7/1776 in Jomala, Ahvenanmaa, Finland; Johan Ericsson Sundholm married 1/16/1797 in Vardo, Ahvenanmaa, Finland; Erich Sundholm married 1/6/1763 in Jomala, Ahvenanmaa, Finland; Johan Sundholm married 7/1/1781 in Kokar, Ahvenanmaa, Finland; Johan Sundholm born 2/25/1784 in Luvia, Turku Pori, Finland; Karl Fredrik Sundholm born 9/21/1786 in Luvia, Turku Pori, Finland; Johan Sundholm Christened 10/28/1772 in Sipoo, Uusimaa, Finland; and Henric Johan Sundholm born 11/12/1779 in Helsinki, Uusimaa, Finland (see [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com)). There are many Finnish Sundholms in the United States, including clusters in California (for instance Gosta Sundholm b. 12/6/1914 who died in Los Angeles and Uno Sundholm b. 11/24/1889 who died in 1968 in Santa Barbara), Oregon (Rudolph Sundholm who was the only one listed in the 1920 Census as a 36 year old who immigrated from Finland in 1903), Washington (Charles Sundholm who was born June 6, 1855 in Finland and died June 21, 1929 in Poulsbo, Washington), and Michigan (including the many descendants of Jonas Isaaksson Sundholm b. 3/24/1859 who immigrated from Sandnabba, Finland to the U.S. on 6/2/1909 to the upper Michigan peninsula in 1908 and married Emma Dixon, see Betsy Sundholm's Family page @ [www-personal.umich.edu/~sundholm/familyjonasemma.htm](http://www-personal.umich.edu/~sundholm/familyjonasemma.htm)).

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<sup>12</sup> *Personal communication by email from Inger Sundholm-Lantz on October 3, and 10, 2006 from [inger.sundholm.lantz@telia.com](mailto:inger.sundholm.lantz@telia.com).*

## *Conclusion*

In conclusion, the task of tracing the origins of the Sundholm family name derives from tracing various Sundholm family lines backwards in time to the point at which the name was adopted in particular lines in the three geographic regions which have been referenced here as the North-Baltic, Stockholm-Belt, and Artic Sundholm areas. Any “conclusion” is tentative in nature and premature from the standpoint that this research is ongoing. The information provided here is offered as a “springboard” to further research and information the sharing of our Sundholm roots so that when we meet another with our surname we will be able to find whether we are related and how we fit into the “big picture.”