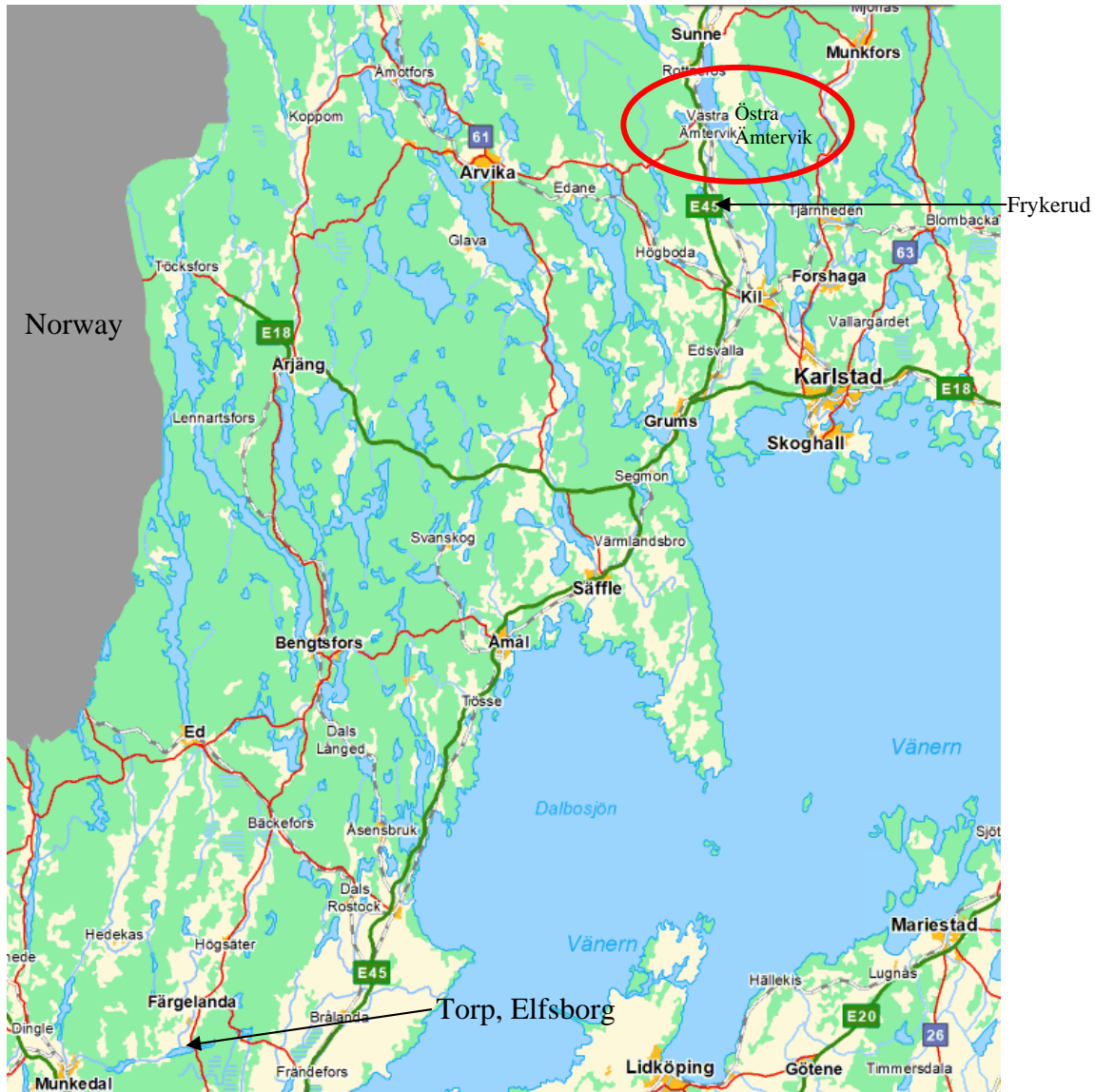


# Dotty Ledin's fathers Johan Johansson and mother Maria Gudmundsdotter ancestors

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Östra and västra (east and west) Emtervik was two parishes located on each side of the lake Fryken south of Sunne. Today the name is spelled with Ä instead of E.

**Johannes Jonasson** was born January 9<sup>th</sup> and baptized Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1841. His family was living at Aplungsfallet, Västra Emtervik parish in the province of Värmland, Sweden. In USA his name was modified to **Jonas Johansson**.

He was third child to Jonas Andersson 5/1 1809 and Maria Olsdotter 6/1 1815 and his two older brothers were Anders 27/6 1835 and Olof 6/7 1838. He got a brother Nils at the age of 2, Nils 20/2 1843.

When he was 5 years old the family moved to Norra Knutserud in the same parish (1846). Here a sister and a brother was born, Christina 22/9 1846 and Per 28/8 1849.

When Johannes is 10 years his mother dies 36 years old (23/5 1851) with 6 children. Two years after her death they move to Elofsrud in the same parish. (1853) and his father gets a maid Catarina Olsdotter. She has the same family name as the former wife but they were not related. Catarina was more than a maid as she gave birth to a half brother Johan 9/8 1853. In the church book there is a note that says Churching of Jonas coming wife 15/11 1953.

#### Churching of the Woman

On the fortieth day after childbirth, the mother is brought to the temple to be churched; that is to say, to receive a blessing as she begins attending church and receiving the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) once again. The child (if it has survived) is brought by the mother, who has already been cleansed and washed, accompanied by the intended sponsors (Godparents) who will stand at the child's Baptism. They all stand together in the narthex (the entranceway) before the doors of the nave of the temple, facing east. The priest blesses them and says prayers for the woman and the child, giving thanks for their wellbeing and asking God's grace and blessings upon them. A consequence of this was also the mother did not take part in the baptizing of the child. The child was brought to the church by the godparents as the baptizing took place only a few days after birth.

Catarina became Johannes' stepmother December 28 1854.  
Sixteen year old he gets another half brother Magnus Dec. 15 1857 and three years later Lars Sept. 7 1860 who dies thirteen month old of unknown course.

Johannes leaves home twenty years of age and moves 14/11 1861 to Thorestad in Frykerud to work as a farmhand and the two years later he became a servant at Mårbacka in Östra Emtervik ( 24/11 1863).

Mårbacka is a larger we known estate because Selma Lagerlöf was born there. She was the first female writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, and most widely known for her children's book Nils Holgerssons underbara resa genom Sverige (The Wonderful Adventures of Nils).

Coordinates: 59°46'51.22"N 13°13'59.11"O



At Mårbacka Johannes at the age of 22 meets a servant Maria Gudmundsdotter 21 (b. April 3 1842) who had been working there about one year since 22/10 1862 with her brother Olof Gudmundsson 20. About two years after they meet the young couple a day in January decided to marry and in April 2 1866 their married took place. (Not April 3 as stated in US paper)



Torps Church built around 1750

Next step in their life is when they moved to work at the Torps vicarage in Elfsborgs län about 100 miles southwest of Mårbacka. (5/6 1867), west of the southern part of the large lake Vänern. At Torp there first child is born, Carl August 15/12 1867

In november 1869 the move back to Västra Emtervik probably to become their one as Johannes now is registered as Farmer. Aplungsåsen where thy moved 4/11 1869 was near where Johannes was born. Soon after they moved there they in December lost their first son 2 years old in chest pain. Maria was carrying a baby that was born January 1 1870, named Alfred and three years later Johannes Gudmund 1873 11/6 was born.

Scarlet fever was in the 1800s a serious epidemic disease in Sweden. A third of those infected died, during the period 1860 - 1890 about 90,000 people. This disease affected the family hard as their two boys were infected early 1876 and died within a fortnight.

Now they were without children again but at midsummer June 21 Johan Alfred was born and Maria came next June 14 1878 and then Emma Elisabet 3/5 1880 all at Aplungåsen.

### To America

October 5 1882 Johannes leaves to find the future in America but the family staid in Sweden until 1889 when Maria and the three children 13, 11 and 9 years of age went to USA.

The rest of the history is found by the relatives in USA.

This paper is not finished as there are more to write about. I have found ancestors back to 1641.

<b>Johannes Jonasson</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>Gudmundstr Maria</b>	<b>1842 3/4</b>
<b>Jonas Andersson</b>	<b>1809</b>	<b>Maria Olsdotter</b>	<b>1815 6/1</b>
<b>Anders Jönsson</b>	<b>1785 19/3</b>	<b>Stina Nilsson</b>	<b>1790 4/7</b>
<b>Jöns Andersson</b>	<b>1741</b>	<b>Kerstin Andesdotter</b>	<b>1749</b>
<b>Anders Mathsson</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>Dordin Jönsson</b>	<b>1707</b>
<b>Maths ??</b>	<b>1641</b>		

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