

MARIA KRISTINA (STINA) MODIG 1815 - 1897 (Mockle-Maje-Stine)

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Parents: Clarinet blower Sven Blomgvist and his wife Lisa Sandberg at the soldier croft (Rudan) belonging to Kvistegården.

The second child of three known siblings Stina was born august 26 1815As Som det andra barnet av tre kända syskon föddes Stina den 26 augusti 1815 at the soldier croft (Rudan) belonging to Kvistegården in Daretorp parish. Her father was a clarinet blower in the army had this croft as part of his salary.

It is not known how long Stina lived there due to missing church books. At latest 20 years old she became maid. As such we find her in the autumn 1835 at Svårdskullen in Daretorp parich. At 20 years of age Stina is married. The marriage took place in Daretorp parich november 13 1835 Groom was 31-year-old farmhand Lars Andersson from Hultet.

Stina and her husband moved together in the cottage Moen at Törestorp Daretorp parish and here Stina gave her husband three children. The eldest, she had the grief of losing, when the small was only a few months old and the other in the scheme was stillborn. In the fall 1839 or spring of 1840 Stina moved with her to family to the cottage South Hagen, who also belonged to Törestorp, and here she would spend many years of her life. Here she would also be giving many children their lives. Here she would finally get to lose even two of their children. One must assume that Stina's life passed in hard work and no little hardship, for a child rich crofter wife's faith was not the easiest. Many youngsters were cared for and nurtured and shared the bread to eager mouths. It was certainly crowded , for the cottage was not big.

When Stina smallest child was only 2 1/2 years, Stina became a widow. Her husband died already March 23, 1855. He was no more than 51 years. There Stina now was standing with all his six children, the oldest 16 years.

One can partially follow Maja Stina's fate in Daretorp by her sons Carl and Alfred's notes. The main source is the fundation maker Alfred's book. In the church records, one can see that the family had to move around to different shacks. In the curch book's record of poor support in 1857 and 58 you can see that she got some support. She made a living by helping at various farms. In the local tradition, she is named as Mockle-Maje-Stine. Because the she lived a little cottage called for Mocklestugan near South Hagen. There was an old uncle who owned the house before that was called

for Mocklegubben. The cottage is now moved to the Carpenter's Cottage nearby. She served coffee to passersby on the road passing her house. The coffee pot that she used I have inherit from my mother. (standing on the exhibition table). My mother got it from one of Maja-Stina's grandchildren, on a daughters of Elzéns. At old age Maja-Stina got a better life because her sons got small wealthy. The daughters of Tidaholm also seems to have got good economy. She chose to remain in Daretorp. To read about her hardship gives a strong impression of a very strong woman who struggled and succeeded in getting children out in life with great faith in the success of what they undertook.

More than 41 years after her husband's death, Stina an autumn day in 1896 left Daretorp parish and moved to Agnetorp, bacame later Tidaholm, to her daughter Gustava. She died there 17 / 1 1897, 81 years. Buried in the Old Cemetery where the grave stone still is.

Children: All borne in Daretorp parich.

Anna Lisa, 1836-1837

Stillborne boy, 1837

Anders Johan, 1839-1910

Stonework, contractor, together with his brother Alfred. Took the name Blomberg like his brother, Alfred. Anders emigrated 1881 to USA, Ogema, Wisconsin and built a larger farm. Has given rise to a large family there, who have family reunions every year in the house that the family built when they came to the United States.

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§Sven August, 1840-1869 took the name Blomqvist (mother's family name)

Emigrated 1869 to USA. Unknown where he went, is said to have died the same year.

Anna Greta, 1842-1842

Anna Lisa, 1843-1919

Worked early on as a maid. Went to Stockholm at the age of 23, Autumn 1865, where she in June 1866 gave birth to a daughter. Lived with her father carpenter Anders Magnus Lindelof in the south of Stockholm. They married in September 1866 and settling eventually in Tidaholm where Anders works at the match factory Volcano. They have five children of which two reach adulthood. Around 1895 she becomes a widow. 31 years old die eldest daughter, the priest noted that "idiot". The two remaining sons emigrate to America. One of them Ernst to

Ogema where Anna Lisa's brother Anders had emigrated. Anna-Lisa dies in Tidaholm 1920. The Sons adventure in the United States is not known, except that one of the sons, Ernst had a daughter Asta, married Fogelberg in Rockford United States. My mother met Asta there. In the United States the family name was shortened, Lindelof to Lind. There are several Lind in Ogema, but I have not yet been able to find out if they belong to the family.

Carl, 1844-1909

Kept the family name Modig (Brave) unlike his brothers. Trained as a tailor. Settled in Härnösand and built up a reputable merchant (Modigs Department Store) and was alderman with many irons in the fire. Was active in the Missionary Society and built among other things a church. 18 children, 6 of the first marriage and 12 others. 13 reached adulthood.

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Frans Otto 1846-1847

Alfred, 1848-1925

Took the name Blomberg like his brother Anders. Became stone worker and entrepreneur with a larger business in Sundsvall, where he built many foundations to house after the great fire in Sundsvall. Got 8 children who all has done well. The family branches have been meeting approximately every five years, most recently the summer of 2010. Alfred wrote a book at 60 years of age about his rise and adventures. The book (available on the exhibition table) provides a powerful description of life in the late 1800s.

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Mathilda, 1849-1922

First worked as a maid in Hjo and then as a 20-year-old on the farm St Farm Hult. She moved to his brother in Härnösand where she probably met her future husband, the tailor Olof Nordqvist. 29 years old they got married and moved to Nyland, Kramfors, not far from Härnösand. They had five children who reached adulthood. Mathilda is a widow in 1908 and settling at old age in Spånga near Stockholm. I have failed to find any living relatives yet.

Gustava, 1852-1938

Married Agust Elzén whom she met at her brother in Härnösand where he worked on accounts. Gustava did eventually bring him to Tidaholm, where they built up their own trading operations. Had six children and has given rise to a large family.

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