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Dear Peter,

Received your Family Group Sheet on ANDERS WITLOCK.

As I had just perused the copies of the Swedish sources on SVEN SVENSSON and FRANZ OSCAR WITLOCK the night before a familiar chord was struck. I believe I have sent you copies of the church registers I am referring too.

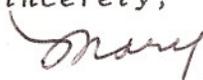
Check the Klippsta page listing Batsmandorf 87; the very last listing on that page is for a ANDERSDO CHRISTI who is listed as being born in 1823. Now look on the page for Grodinge where the Klippsta Batsman Torp is listing FRANZ OSCAR WITLOCK family with an inclusion for ANDERSDO, KRIST. born 1823 who is a widow. Now if we want to stretch our imagination lets conclude the following: ANDERS WITLOCK'S 9TH child HAKAN ANDERSSON who married GERTRUD SVENSSON STENBERG in 1823 may have had a child very quickly who was KRISTI ANDERSDO. Perhaps that is why Franz chose the name WITLOCK when he was in the military. See how one can surmise different conclusions just to say one connects with the other.

I believe I had indicated that I had written to Sweden for FRANZ OSCAR'S military records in hopes I would find out how the name was changed to WITLOCK from SVENSSON. The papers I have refer to FRANZ OSCAR as SVENSSON as Batsmandorf #87 and indicate he was maintained as a tenement sailor #87 and the First Sodermanlands Company Captain approved and accepted. He will receive 50 Crowns; 25 Crowns at the start of service and 25 Crowns when the service is ended. He also received every year 4 Crowns, 2 wagonloads of hay or 40 pounds of straw, Pasture for 2 Cows, Firewood, fencing material to enclose the cabbage patch if necessary. The contract started on May 1, 1866. Other notations indicate FRANZ OSCAR left Sweden for N. America 10-11-1882 and family followed 1883.

Thanks for keeping me updated. I sure wish we were connected.

Good luck with your WHITLOCK FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

Sincerely,


Mary L Wittlock