

## Svensson Register Report

We currently have no information on this Svensson (also, Svenson or Swanson) family beyond the immigrant, Augusta Matilda. Further research from the Alingsås, Sweden area is needed to extend the family line further.

Augusta Matilda and her sister, Sophie, emigrated to America, probably in the 1860s or 1870s. They landed in Boston and soon became part of the Swedish community which thrived in East Boston, Suffolk co., MA in the late 1800s. Unfortunately, much of this area now lies beneath Boston's Logan Airport. The Public Cemetery where Augusta is buried still exists, but one must make an appointment to be allowed within its locked walls.

It is interesting to see the influence of the British Royal Family on the names of John Oscar & Augusta Matilda's children. Her death had quite an effect upon John Oscar and he took up drinking after she died. Family Lore has it that John Oscar would "drink up the paycheck on the way home from work". This affected his children and led to Esther Gladys becoming a born-again, teetotaling Baptist who would not allow a drop of alcohol in her house.

### First Generation

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1. **John<sup>1</sup> SVENSSON**.<sup>[1]</sup> Family lore claims that John was a Railroad Station Agent.<sup>[2,3]</sup>  
John married **Christina (or Christine) [surname not known]**<sup>[1]</sup>.

They had the following children:

- 2      i.      **Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (after 1858-1898)**
- ii.      Sophie

Generation: G2 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 22/23

### Second Generation

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2. **Augusta<sup>2</sup> Matilda SVENSSON** (*John<sup>1</sup>*) was born after 24 May 1858 in Alingsås, Sweden.<sup>[1,3,4]</sup>  
Augusta Matilda died in Boston, Suffolk co., MA on 23 May 1898; she was 39.<sup>[4]</sup> She is buried in the Public Cemetery in East Boston, Suffolk co., MA. The cause of her death was Emphysema (for about 2 weeks).<sup>[4]</sup>

She and her family lived at 1 Union Place, East Boston, Suffolk co., MA (in 1895 at the time of Esther's birth)<sup>[5]</sup> and at 98 Loudon Street, East Boston, Suffolk co., MA (at the time of her death).<sup>[4]</sup>

On 15 Nov 1882 when Augusta Matilda was 24, she married **John Oscar HOLST** (*see Holst*), son of Andres HOLST & Sabina OLSDOTTER, in Boston, Suffolk co., MA.<sup>[1]</sup>

They had the following children:

- i.      Esther Gladys (1895-1969) (*see Holst*)
- ii.     Albert
- iii.    George
- iv.     Victoria (-1971)
- v.      Florence (-1964)

Generation: G1 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 10/11

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## Sources

1. "John Oscar Holst & Augusta Matilda Svenson Marriage Record," 15 November 1882, Boston, Suffolk co., MA, 1882-1883, 336, 204, 3665, Paper, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Vital Records.
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### HOLST

Albert

Esther Gladys (1895 - 1969)

Florence ( - 1964)

George

John Oscar (1858 - 1938)

Victoria ( - 1971)

### surname not known

Christina

### SVENSSON

Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (>1858 - 1898)

John<sup>1</sup>

Sophie

son of Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (2) & John Oscar Holst  
daughter of Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (2) & John Oscar Holst  
daughter of Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (2) & John Oscar Holst  
son of Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (2) & John Oscar Holst  
husband of Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (2)  
daughter of Augusta Matilda<sup>2</sup> (2) & John Oscar Holst

wife of John<sup>1</sup> (1)

(2) daughter of John<sup>1</sup> (1) and Christina  
(1) patriarch  
daughter of John<sup>1</sup> (1) and Christina