

The Falks of Sweden

FALK

The name Falk in Swedish means falcon (the bird).

NILS FALK & KERSTI JÖNSDOTTER

Nils Falk and Kersti Jönsdotter were our great-great-great-great-grandparents. Nils was born in Sweden 16 October 1769. Kersti was born 20 July 1768. They were married on 01 April 1792, when Nils was 22 and Kersti was 23. They had four children, all born at Hittarp, Allerum, Sweden. Lars was born in 1801, Ingar was born in 1806, Bengt was born in 1809, and Hans Petter Falk, our great-great-great-grandfather, was born in 1812¹



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¹ Swedish records

HANS PETTER FALK & AMALIA REUTER

Hans Petter Falk and Amalia Reuter were our great-great-great-grandparents. Hans Petter Falk was born 06 December 1812 in Hittarp, Allerum, on the west coast of southern Sweden. Amalia was born 26 June 1811. They were married on 28 November 1834, when Hans Petter was 21 and Amalia was 23. They had six children: Anders born in 1835, Ingrid born in 1836, Bengt (our great-great-grandfather) born in 1839, Kersti born in 1841, Nils born in 1846, and Johannes born in 1849. Hans Petter died on 25 October 1889 at the age of 76. Amalia died in April 1893 at the age of 81.¹



Funeral cards for Hans Petter (1812-1889) and Amalia (1811-1893) Falk

Hans Petter Falk was a "*Smedmastaren*," which is a metallurgist or metal worker (literally "smith master"). That title is still in use in Sweden. He was a smithy at the farm of Pilshult, and later became the owner of the little smithy in Allerum. His profession is written above his name on his funeral announcement card.² (Note that Falk was spelled with an "s" on the funeral cards for Amalia and Hans Petter.)

Amalia and Hans Petter Falk were the parents of Bengt Falk, our great-great-grandfather, and the grandparents of Oscar and Hannah Falk. Amalia and Hans Petter were also the parents of Anders Falk, our great-great-great-uncle, and the grandparents of Nils Johan (John), Gustav (Gustaf), and Mathilda Falk.¹ All of these descendents have their own section in this genealogy.

² Falk funeral announcement card