

## The Falks of Sweden

### **ANDERS FALK & SOFIA SVENSDOTTER**

Anders Falk was our great-great-great-uncle. His parents were Hans Petter Falk and Amalia Reuter, and his brother, Bengt Falk, was our great-great-grandfather. Anders was born 11 January 1835 in Pilshult, Allerum, on the west coast of southern Sweden. Anders moved around in his youth as an apprentice miller, and met his wife Sofia Svensdotter in Kvibille, Sweden. Sofia was born 30 March 1827, so was 8 years older than Anders.<sup>1</sup>



**Anders at left, Mathilda center, Sofia at right. Circa 1895.**

Anders and Sofia had three children: Nils Johan born in 1858, Gustav born in 1862, and Mathilda born in 1865 in Kulla Gunnarstorp. All three children emigrated to the United States, and have their own sections in this genealogy. Sofia died in February 1898 at the age of 70. Anders died in August 1910 at the age of 75.



**Nils Johan, Gustav, and Mathilda Falk**

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<sup>1</sup> Swedish records

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Anders Falk was a "*Mjøltnare*", which is a miller (one who makes flour). His profession is written on his funeral announcement card.<sup>2</sup> He rented the windmill at Kulla Gunnarstorp (near Helsingborg) from 1881 to 1906. The 5-story Dutch style windmill was built in 1798. It is being restored, and new wooden "wings" were added in 2008 (see photos). From the upper floors, there is a view of the sea. Next to the windmill is the house where Anders and his family lived during his years as the miller (see photos).



**Anders Falk standing at his windmill circa 1895**



**The windmill as drawn by Gustaf in 1893  
in a letter to his sister Mathilda**

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<sup>2</sup> Falk funeral announcement card

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**Anders and Sofia Falk with daughter Mathilda.**

This photo was brought to America by Mathilda when she emigrated. Note the "M" in the hand carved frame. Unfortunately, the wood has split.<sup>3</sup> (It is possible that Mathilda's brother, Gust, carved this for her, since he had artistic abilities.)

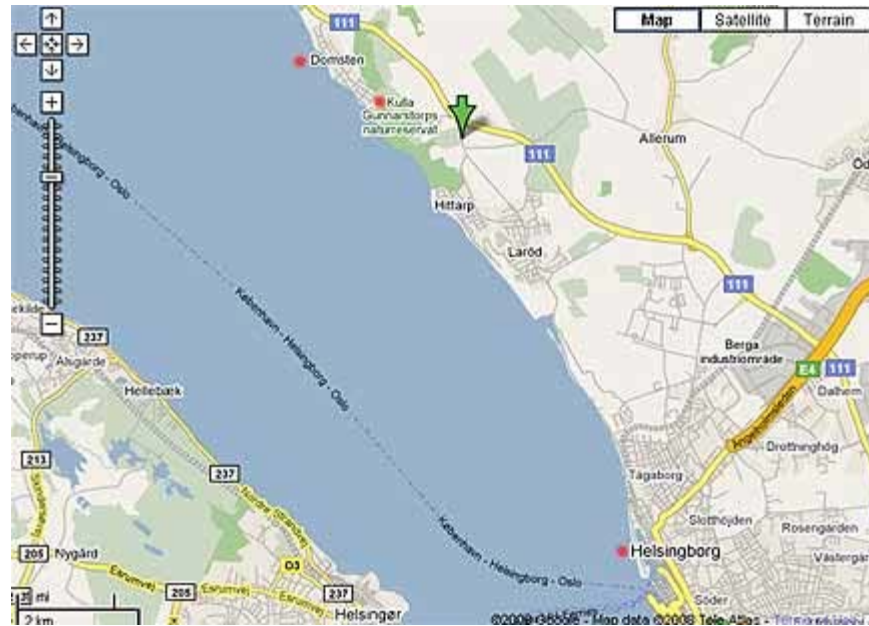
Anders and Sofia were listed on their daughter Mathilda's U.S. death certificate as "Andus" and "Sophia".<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Family artifact

<sup>4</sup> Death record, Price County, Wisconsin

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**The Falks lived in Kulla Gunnarstorp and Domsten, near Helsingborg, Sweden.**



**Post card of Domsten, Sweden**

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**Anders Falk and his windmill, circa 1890**

These photographs of the windmill at Kulla Gunnarstorp (circa 1890) were discovered in 2008 by Patricia (Melquist) Gustafson.<sup>3</sup> The photographs had been reversed in picture frames, and used to mount Melquist family photos from the 1930's. Patricia had taken the photo frames from the home of Harold and Nannie Melquist in Prentice, Wisconsin. Mathilda Falk probably brought these photographs with her to America. Harold was the son of Mathilda's cousin, and he inherited many of her possessions. The same photo of Anders and his family in front of the windmill was seen by Barbara Eckels when she visited Kulla Gunnarstorp in 2008.



**Post card of the mill in Kulla Gunnarstorp, Sweden circa 1900.**

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**Anders Falk and his windmill, house in foreground, circa 1895**



**Closeup of Anders Falk, at left**

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Funeral cards for Sofia (1827-1898) and Anders (1835-1910) Falk

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This appears to be a seal or stamp, with the initials “A F” in a fancy script. The instrument is about 3" long, with a turned wooden handle, and a metal oval stamp on the end. It may have been used with sealing wax on envelopes.

Mathilda probably brought it with her from Sweden. It most likely belonged to her father, Anders Falk. They are also the initials of Amalia Falk, who was Mathilda's grandmother. This was another item that came into the possession of Harold & Nannie Melquist, and was given to their granddaughter, Barbara.<sup>3</sup>



**Sign at Kulla Gunnarstorp, Sweden**



**Mill and house**

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**The Sofia and Anders Falk house in 2008**

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**The windmill at Kulla Gunnarstorp in 2008.**