

Maria Charlotta of the Carl Johan and Carlotta Sköldberg Family

With a bit of luck, I managed to find out more about what happened to Knut Oscar Schöldberg's siblings thanks to the Parish registers.

We already know that three of the Sköldberg children died at a young age. Of the remaining three who reached adult age, Johanna married Sigfrid Schröder and had two sons who died as infants, possibly resulting from her suffering from consumption which claimed her own life on Christmas Eve 1857 at age 24.

Maria Charlotta Schöldberg, was born on 12 January 1830 and Christened on the 24th. The family lived at No.20 Holje, Jämshög Parish, Blekinge.

After the death of her father, Carl Johan Sköldberg, in 1852, she and her mother, Charlotta Söderberg, moved from No.20 Holje to No.5 Jämshög, and following that, in 1861, they moved to No.7 Jämshög. Maria Charlotta (sometimes written as Mari/e Charlotte) had now had the note "svagsint" or "feeble minded" added next to her name in the church book, and on Christmas Eve 24 Dec 1863 she was admitted to Wexjö Hospital – a psychiatric hospital in Växjö, Kronobergs County – as a patient. She was listed as "Improved" and moved out on 2 July 1869. Her occupation, as given by the hospital, was seamstress.

On being released from hospital, Maria Charlotta moved into the property Hagalund, No.7 Hospitalet, Wexjö (Växjö) Landsförsamling. It appears that she was the owner of half the property. Perhaps there was some inheritance for her as she had survived both her parents and all her siblings, except for her brother Knut Oscar of course, but he was long gone over the seas...

According to the Death Book of Wexjö (Växjö) Landsförsamling, Maria Charlotta Sköldberg never married, and no children are recorded.

When Maria Charlotta came to the Hospital it had recently opened a major new building for the patients. Due to its classy looks, the locals called it "The Italian Palace".

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/d/d0/Italienska_palatset.jpg

In September 2019 Anna Herbst of Sweden and Australia provided the above document concerning the last years of Maria Charlotta Schöldberg after her father died in 1852. Maria Charlotta Schöldberg was the 2nd of 5 children of Carl Johan Sköldberg and Charlotta Söderberg. Anna helped me determine if Maria Charlotta Schöldberg married or had children and as indicated above she did not.

Anna is descended from our common 4x-Great:

- Bengt Söderberg born 1760 (?) in Sweden
- Helena Maria Tilosius born 23 Nov 1765 in Karlskrona, Blekinge, Sweden.

Anna Herbst is descended from their child Dorothea Söderberg born 14 Apr 1796 in Karlskrona tyska, Blekinge, Sweden.

Dave Jordan is descended from their child Charlotta Söderberg born 11 July 1799 in Kristianopol, Blekinge län, Sweden.

Dave Jordan
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