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By P. ROBERT WILLEY

In SAG 2007:3 we wrote an article titled *Acknowledging the Octogenarian Resource*. Since then several of the individuals we discussed have become nonagenarians.

During the 45 years of our genealogy journey we have discovered nearly 300 ancestors born 1763 to 1933 (5 generations) in Canada, Finland, Ireland, Sweden & the United States. Of these (we have met some of them), 11 individuals lived to be nonagenarians; two are still living.

The earliest was born in 1867 in Höganäs, Sweden, and the oldest living person recently celebrated a 99th birthday. Some I knew as a child and others we discovered along the way. Over time we learned that many had been conducting their own independent genealogy research for years. In our mutual discussions we

were impressed with their clarity (sometimes with our occasional gentle prodding) of thought and the abundance of detailed information provided. We have found they are sometimes overlooked but have proven to be a most valuable resource in identifying and sharing family oral histories previously unknown or unrecorded with family members.

The nonagenarians indeed offer a treasure of information with an historical perspective of local events that affected our families' lives and the communities they lived in. Their main request being that we share "the family story" with future generations.

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Nils William Olsson (1909–2007)
a well-known nonagenarian!

A Latter-Day Saint Apostle with Swedish-Finnish and Swedish Roots – Dale Gunnar Renlund

Dale Gunnar Renlund (born November 13, 1952, in Salt Lake City) is a cardiologist and the junior member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church). He has been a general authority of the church since 2009. Currently, he is the junior and fifteenth most senior apostle in the ranks of the church.

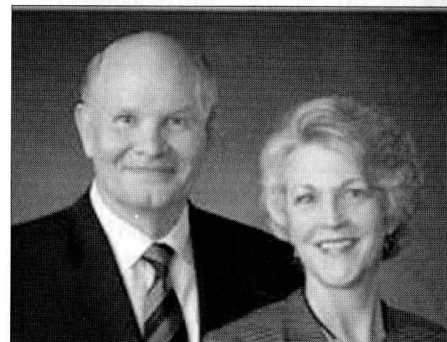
From 1972 to 1974 Renlund returned to Sweden where he served as a full-time missionary for the LDS Church. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a M.D., both from the University of Utah. He then went on to do a three-year internal medicine residency program and then a three-year cardiology fellowship, both at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. While studying at Johns Hopkins, Renlund served as bishop of an LDS ward. In 1986, Renlund became a professor at the University of Utah. From 1991 to 2009, he was

the medical director of the Utah Transplantation Affiliated Hospitals Cardiac Transplant Program. In 2000, he also became director of the Heart Failure Prevention and Treatment Program at Intermountain Health Center in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Renlund is married to Ruth Lybbert, a daughter of Merlin R. Lybbert, who was a general authority of the LDS Church. The Renlunds are the parents of one daughter.

In October 2015, he was sustained as an apostle and member of the Quorum of the Twelve. As an apostle, he is accepted by the church as a prophet, seer, and revelator.

Dale Renlund's father was Mats Åke Ragnvald Renlund, born 25 Sep. 1917 in Larsmo, Finland, and died 4 Dec. 2009 in East Millcreek, UT. He moved to Sweden in 1944, and met his future wife Ragnhild Mariana Andersson. They both immigrated to Salt Lake City, she in 1948, and he



Dale and Ruth Renlund.

in 1950. They married 25 May 1950 in Salt Lake City.

Mariana was born 28 Feb. 1917 at Högmarsö in Länna (Uppl), daughter of Johan Oskar Andersson and his wife Albertina Ström. Mariana Renlund died in 1994.

The Anderssons had immigrated to Utah in 1949, where Johan Oskar (b. 1877 in Länna) died in 1958, and his wife Albertina (b. 1880 in Vätö [Uppl.]) died in 1965.

(Wikipedia.en, and Arkiv Digital).