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Mormonien ylimmäinen pappi.

Mormonism's First Coming To Finland (1840–1903)

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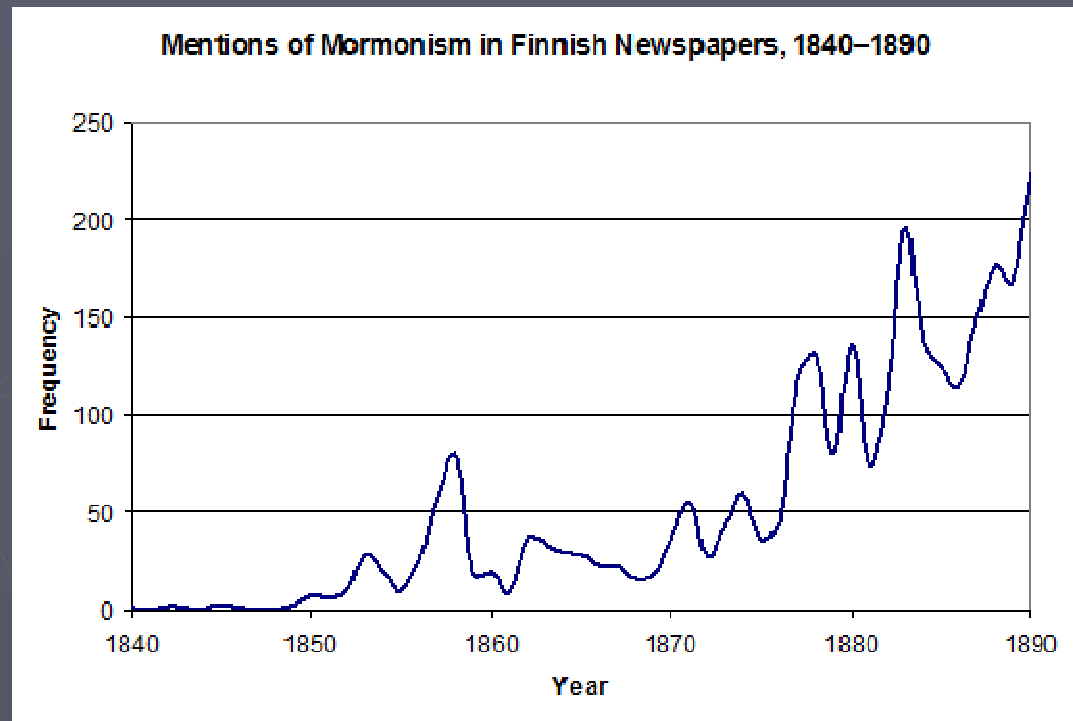
(From <http://www.europe-atlas.com/europe-political.htm>)

1. Societal Context

- ▶ Finland was a Russian Grand Duchy
- ▶ Two state churches
 - Evangelical Lutheran (98% of population)
 - Orthodox (small)
- ▶ Anglo-American movements entered during second half of the nineteenth century
- ▶ Legislation made Mormonism illegal, and the 1889 Dissenter Act didn't change that

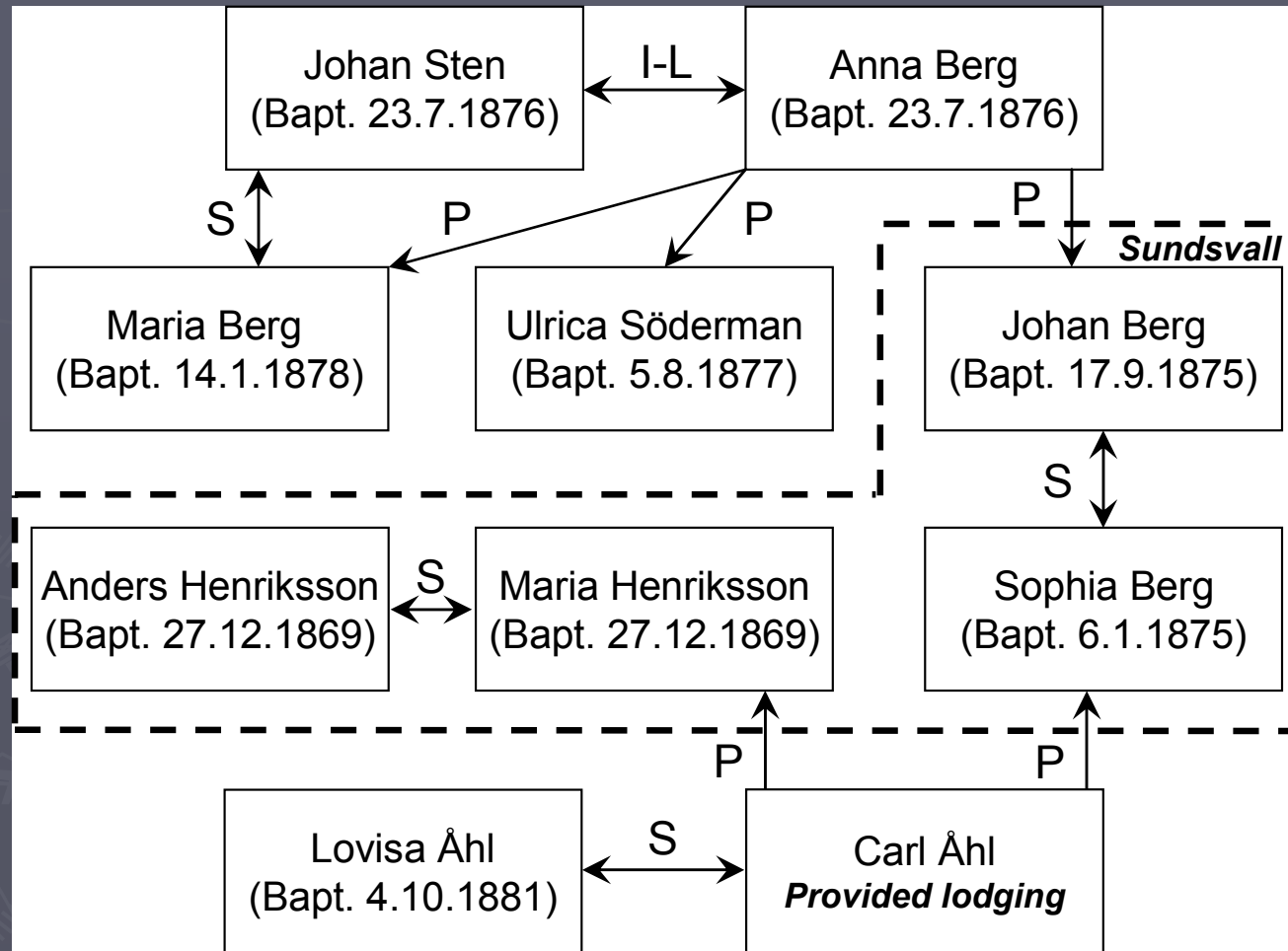
2. Finnish Newspapers on Mormonism

Year	Freq.	Year	Freq.	Year	Freq.
1840	1	1860	19	1880	136
1841	0	1861	9	1881	75
1842	2	1862	37	1882	111
1843	1	1863	34	1883	196
1844	0	1864	30	1884	137
1845	3	1865	28	1885	125
1846	1	1866	23	1886	115
1847	0	1867	23	1887	149
1848	0	1868	16	1888	177
1849	3	1869	18	1889	168
1850	7	1870	37	1890	223
1851	6	1871	55		
1852	10	1872	27		
1853	29	1873	45		
1854	18	1874	60		
1855	10	1875	36		
1856	27	1876	44		
1857	58	1877	118		
1858	78	1878	131		
1859	18	1879	80		



- ▶ Keywords: "Mormon*" and "Mormoon*"
- <http://digi.kansalliskirjasto.fi>

3. Proselytizing and its Results (1/4)

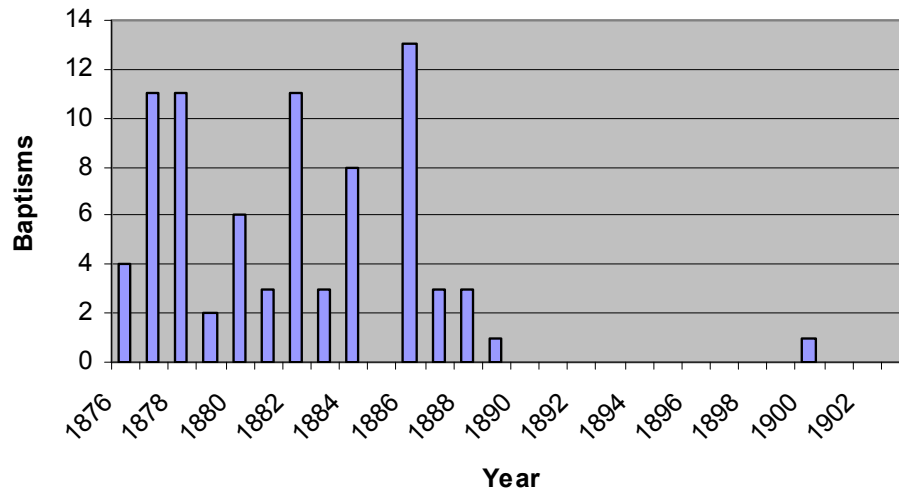


Legend: P = Parent → Child, S = Spouse, I-L = In-Laws.

Name	Native country	Age at arrival	Local / Zion	Baptisms	In Finland
Carl A. Sundström	Sweden	29	L	14	Oct 1875 – Oct 1877
Johan I. Sundström	Sweden	23	L	4	Oct 1875 – Oct 1876
Axel Tullgren	Sweden	50	Z	22	Nov 1876 – Apr 1878
Olof A.T. Forssell	Sweden	33	Z	12	Nov 1877 – Apr 1878
Truls A. Hallgren	Sweden	43	Z	0	Jun – Aug 1878
Per O. Pettersson	Sweden	26	L	8	Sep 1879 – Sep 1880
Lars J. Karlsson	Sweden	27	L	5	Jun – Sep 1880
David O.M. Ekenberg	Sweden	20	L	1	Oct 1880 – May 1881
Joseph R. Lindvall	Finland	49	Z	11	Jun 1881 – Oct 1882
Anders P. Norell	Sweden	22	L	4	Oct 1881 – May 1882
Lars F. Swalberg	Sweden	38	Z	3	Jul 1883 – Sep 1884
Alexander S. Hedberg	Sweden	24	L	8	Oct – Dec 1884
Anders P. Renström	Sweden	27	Z	0	March – May 1885
Erik G. Erikson	Sweden	35	Z	0	Oct – Nov 1885 (?)
Carl J. Selin	Sweden	25	L	5	Dec 1885 – Apr 1886
Fredrik R. Sandberg	Sweden	21	L	7	Jun – Sep 1886
C. August Nordin	Finland?	?	L	2	Sep 1886 (?) – May 1887
Leonard D. Nyberg	Sweden	24	L	5	Jun 1887 – Oct 1888
John Berg	Finland	47	Z	1	Dec 1887 – Aug 1889
August J. Höglund	Sweden	39	Z	0	Jun 22 – Jul 11, 1895
Alonzo B. Irvine	USA	21	Z	0	Jun 1896
Erick Gillén	Sweden	43	Z	0	Jun 1896
Carl A. Ahlquist	Sweden	39	Z	0	May 28–29 & Jun 6–20, 1897
S. Norman Lee	USA	21	Z	0	May 28–29 & Jun 6–20, 1897
Charles L. Anderson Jr.	USA	30	Z	1	May – Jul 1900

3. Proselytizing and its Results (3/4)

Number of Mormon Baptisms in Finland, 1876-1903



Mormon Excommunications in Finland, 1876-1903

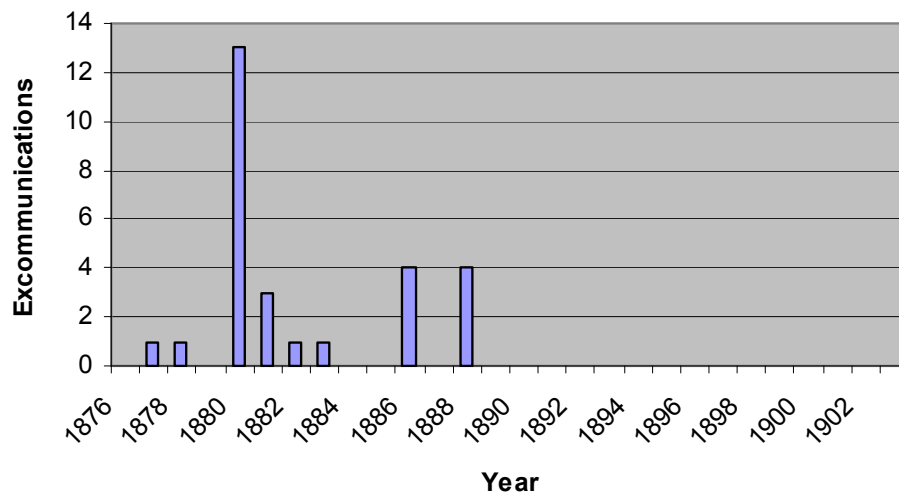
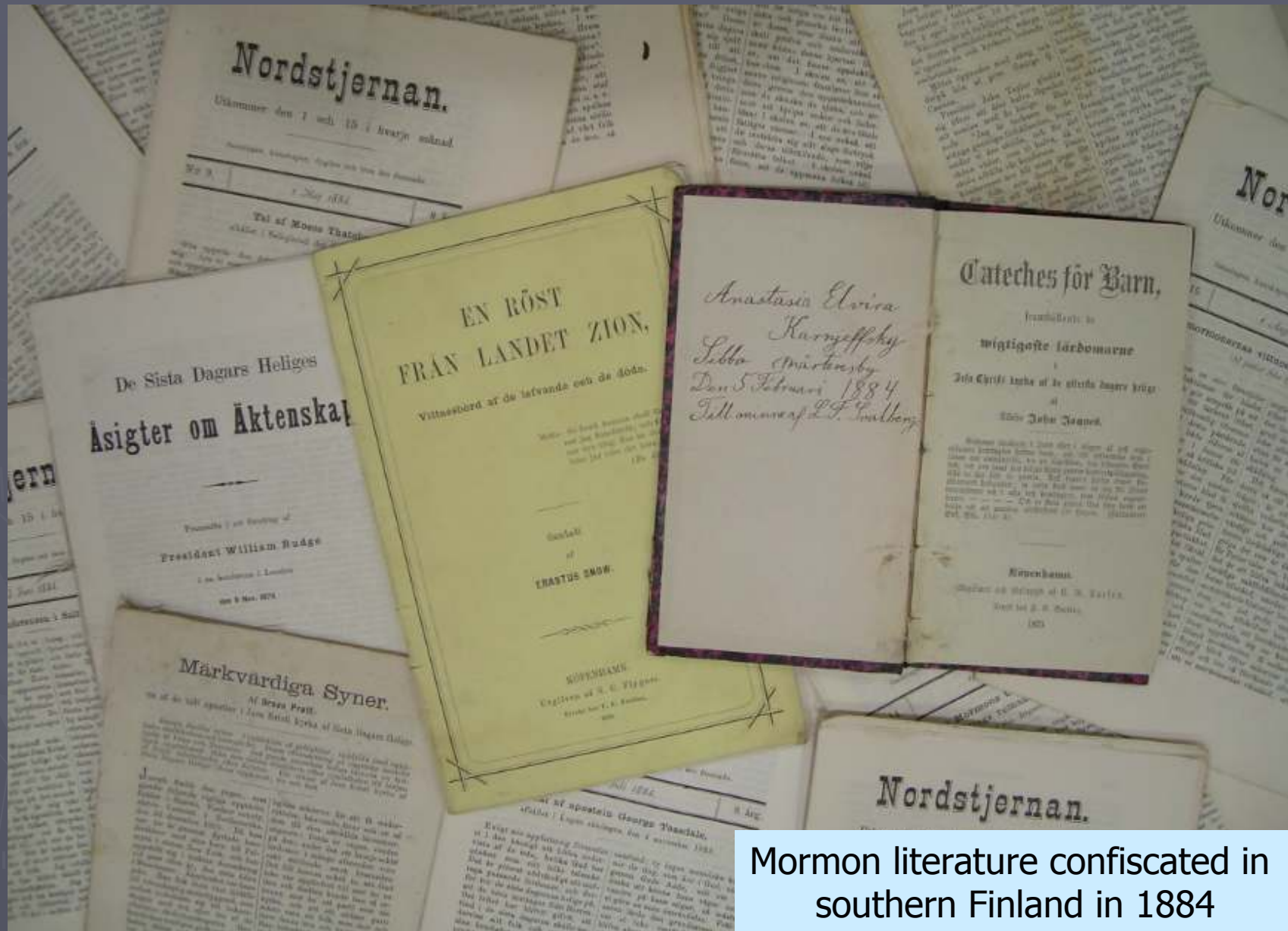


Table: "Finland Branch" Membership

Year	Month			
	Feb.	May	August	Nov.
1875	0	0	0	2
1876	2	2	6	7
1877	7	12	17	12
1878	14	23	23	21
1879	21	21	21	24
1880	24	24	31	21
1881	21	20	21	20
1882	24	25	26	30
1883	30	30	32	33
1884	24	24	24	26
1885	34	34	34	34
1886	36	40	39	39
1887	39	40	39	42
1888	42	42	42	38
1889	38	38	36	35

4. Reactions of Civil Authorities and Clergy (1/2)



Mormon literature confiscated in southern Finland in 1884

5. Concluding Thoughts

- ▶ Mormonism entered Finland together with other new Anglo-American movements
- ▶ Not exceptional in resistance or number of converts
- ▶ Similar to Iceland, different from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden
 - Number of converts: 78
 - Number of missionaries: 25
- ▶ Keeping in touch with converts was difficult
=> "Forgotten Saints"

S u o m e t a r

Hinta: 1 ruyl., puolins.
50 f., Postin kautta 1 r.
15 kop. ja 58 kop. kop.

Jaetaan joka perjantaina
Helsingissä, Ohmanin kirjakaupassa.

1854.

Perjantaina 10 päivä Marraskuussa.

Kahdeksas
Buosikerta.

Sun heilmasi heittävä On kerran kuorensa
Hunberg.

N:o 45.

Ensi Pyhänä saarnaa:

Rikolan Kirkossa, Ruotsalaisen ruokiyhdyksisaarnan
Toht. Wuzon.

Wanhassa Kirkossa, Suomalaisen ruokiyhdyksisaarnan
Kirkkoh. Apul. Aloyacius; ruotsalaisen Kappal. Apul.
Reinheim, ruotsalaisessa illa-tuokossa: Wulfawuoden
saarnaaja Helmsiem.

S. Mattinsa Keisari on omakätisesti allekirjoitetun
kirjan kautta lokakuun 12 p:nä ilmoittanut täydellisistä mie-
husehdoistaan wirtaa telewalle kemaalikuwernoerille Suo-
meosja kemaaliluutnantti Kolašewijille, nimkum kanawan
tuon johtokunnan esimiehelle, janoen kum kaisille mainitun
johtokunnan jaseuilentun sita, etta kanawan tod hywaeti
on kullentun juyokuun 1 p:sta 1852 samaan pawaan 1853.

Awonaisena on: kulleheiran waka Suomen 2:osa
meriwacitoosja.

Difeuden hukkaatuminen: talonpoika S. Jagerlund
Janakkalassa on hukannut hanelle w:na 1844 annetun or-
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Mormonilaiset.

Thank you!

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Kristifunnosja kyllä on kaimin apoin löydyntä mont'in maafunnosja ja Sharon-nimisesä lau-