

19th Century Laestadian (Apostolic) Ministers in the United States

In the mid-1840's, Swedish-Saami preacher and botanist Lars-Levi Laestadius experienced a spiritual awakening while ministering in Northern Sweden. Word began to spread about his sermons, and the Laestadian revival spread throughout Lapland and later to all parts of Scandinavia as well as Western Russia. Because many of the early Finnish immigrants of the Copper and Iron Ranges of Michigan and Minnesota came from Finnish and Norwegian Lapland, Laestadianism also found a strong foothold in the United States. Laestadian churches would later be founded in other Finnish population centers of the United States. While, historically, the Laestadian movement often worked within the official Lutheran churches in Scandinavia, American adherents formed their own congregations which were not part of the larger Suomi Synod or LCA/ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) churches.

Today there are many different divisions of Laestadianism in Europe, which sometimes correspond with the many different factions of the revival movement in the United States, which includes Apostolic Lutheran, Old Apostolic Lutheran, First Apostolic Lutheran, independent churches, and the Laestadian Lutheran Church of America.

In 1967, the Suomen Kirkkohistoriallinen Seura (Historical Society of Finnish Churches) issued its publication No. 74: *Lestadiolaisuuden matrikkeli ja bibliografia* (Laestadian [Minister] Index and Bibliography), written and compiled by **Pekka Raittila**. The Matrikkeli index is titled *1800-luvun Lestadiolaisia saarnaajia*, or 19th Century Laestadian Ministers/Preachers/Speakers and includes a separate index for leaders of the movement titled *Matrikkeli B: 1800-luvun Lestadiolaisia pappeja ja ei-saarnaajia*. The index includes 646 names, all meticulously researched and sourced. When the information is available, the entries include birth, marriage, death, and moving dates, as well as the listing of spouses and their dates of birth and death. Also included is an extensive 82 page bibliography and bibliography index of the writings of Lars-Levi Laestadius and others.

Only those individuals who preached in the United States or visited the United States are included in the index below. Because Finns can have more than one surname as a result of moving to a different parish or farm, and because immigrants sometimes changed their names (or had it changed for them) upon arriving in America, many individuals have more than one surname. In the index, the duplicate surnames are repeated and kept in alphabetical order.

19th Century Laestadian Minister	Year of immigration or visit to United States : location	Indiv.
Åberg / Oberg, Taavetti Juho Kallenpoika	1892 : Cromwell and Cokato, Minn.; Laurium, Mich.	321
Ahola, Matti Sipanpoika	1873 : C.C., Mich.; Klickita, Wash.	4
Alajoki, Juho Vilhelmi (William) Juhonpoika	1887 : Menahga, Minn.	7

Arola / Pikkarinen, Heikki Laurinpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.	361
Autiovaara, Juho	Astoria, Oreg.	17
Barba / Barberg / Barka , Iisakki Ann Gretanpoika	1866 : Cokato, Minn.	21
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Berg, Henrik Kallenpoika	1879 : Calumet, Mich.; Cokato, Minn.	573
Berg, Nils Petter Andersinpoika	1883 : Calumet, Mich.; Astoria, Oreg.	574
Blomberg, Johan Fredrik	ca. 1890 : Worcester and Boston, Mass.	29
Bränström, Iisakki	1866-1867 : Traveled to United States	36
Castrén / Hirvelä / Knuutila Taavi Emanuelinpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.; New York Mills and Virginia, Minn.	578
Dahl / Ojanperä, Jaakko or Salathiel Sakarinpoika	1870 : Cokato, Minn. and C.C., Mich.	627
Daniels / Taneli, Kalle Jakko Juhaninpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.; Savo, S.D.	38
Erkkilä, Jaakko Mikonpoika	1871 : C.C., Mich.; New York Mills, Minn.	48
Ervasti, Paavali Ollinpoika	1890-1891, 1895-1896 : Traveled to United States	51
Esko, Pekka Olli Ollinpoika	ca. 1870 : C.C., Mich.; Thomson, Minn.	53
Estensen, Torsten	1868 : C.C., Mich.; Poinsett (Lake Norden), S.D.	54
Färdig, Bernhard G.	1883 : San Francisco and Berkeley, Cali.	58
Fjellborg, Nils Petteri Eliaksenpoika	1891 : United States	56
Fogman, Iisakki	ca. 1880 : United States	582
Hagel, Israel Anna Priitanpoika	1873 : C.C., Mich.; New York Mills, Minn.	68
Hedetniemi, Sakarias	1893 : Lanesville (Cape Ann), Mass.	84
Heideman, Arthur Leopold	1890 : Calumet, Mich.	588
Hietanen, Aapo Ollinpoika	1888 : Boston, Mass.	99
Hietaniemi / Uskoski / Uuskoski, Matti Juhonpoika	Oskar, Mich.; Gackle, N.D.	525
Hirvelä / Castrén / Knuutila Taavi Emanuelinpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.; New York Mills and Virginia, Minn.	578

Hjort / Rova, Iisakki	Traveled to United States	432
Hurula, Sarkarias Arvid Iisakinpoika	1895 : Ely, Minn.; Ironwood, Mich.; Kingston, Minn.	110
Jakola, Mikko Mikonpoika	1881, 1886, 1900 : Traveled to United States	126
Jänkälä, Heikki	1889-1891 : Ironwood, Mich.	151
Johnson, Alexander	1873 : Calumet, Mich.; Kingston, Minn.	132
Juhola / Juvola, Eeli Salomonpoika	1888 : Mich.; Thomson, Cokato, and N.Y. Mills Minn.	144
Junkkonen, Juho Juhonpoika	1872 : Thomson, Minn.	141
Juuma / Virkkula, Juhani Jaakko	1881 : Allouez, Mich.	147
Juuso / Ojala, Iisakki Pekanpoika	1891-1892 : Traveled to United States	148
Juvola / Juhola, Eeli Salomonpoika	1888 : Mich.; Thomson, Cokato, and N.Y. Mills Minn.	144
Kangas, Fredrik Kustaa	ca. 1880 : Traveled to United States	159
Kangas, Iisakki Ollinpoika	1891 : United States	160
Kankkonen, Frans Vilhelminpoika	1893 : Astoria, Oreg.	163
Karjala / Karjalainen, Hermann Jaakonpoika	1872 : N.Y. Mills and Holmes City, Minn.	169
Karjala / Karjalainen, Matti Jaakonpoika	1882 : N.Y. Mills, Holmes City, and Cokato Minn.	169
Karjalainen / Karjala, Hermann Jaakonpoika	1872 : N.Y. Mills and Holmes City, Minn.	169
Karjalainen / Karjala, Matti Jaakonpoika	1882 : N.Y. Mills, Holmes City, and Cokato Minn.	169
Kaski / Mustola / Pietilä Jooseppi Heikinpoika	1880 : Minneapolis, Minn.; Poinsett, S.D., Astoria and Clatskanie, Oreg.	295
Kavander / Riikonen, Kaarle Oskari Vilhelmi	Traveled to United States	426
Kela, Aatu Antinpoika	1889 : New York Mills and Sebeka, Minn.	179
Kempainen, Aatami Priitanpoika	ca. 1880 : Salo, Minn.	183
Kieri, Johannes Salamoninpoika	1880 : Calumet, Mich.	606
Kiilunen, Juho Erkki Matinpoika	ca. 1880 : United States	189
Kinzin / Kynsijärvi, Olli Ollinpoika	1876 : C.C., Mich.; Astoria and Quincy Oreg.	611
Knuutila / Castrén / Hirvelä Taavi Emanuelinpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.; New York Mills and Virginia, Minn.	578
Koistinen, Juho Matinpoika	1887 : Lake Norden, S.D.	193
Koller, Henrik	ca. 1870 : Calumet, Mich.	607

Koller, Iisakki Johanneksenpoika	1880 : N.Y. Mills, Minn.; Ironwood, Mich.; Astoria, Oreg.	198
Kopra, Pietari Taavetinpoika	ca. 1890 : Brush Parairie, Wash.	199
Kortetniemi, Salomon Pekanpoika	1871 : Calumet, Mich.	205
Koskenranta / Västi / Öistilä, Mikko Mikonpoika	Traveled to United States	209
Kynsijärvi / Kinzin, Olli Ollinpoika	1876 : C.C., Mich.; Astoria and Quincy Oreg.	611
Laakso / Lakso, Juho Juhonpoika	1892 : Traveled to United States	232
Laakso / Lakso, Pekka Aukusti	Aft. 1886 : Fitchburg, Mass. (bef. 1891 - bef. 1894)	233
Lahti, Juho Heikki Matinpoika	1889 : Traveled to United States	228
Lahti, Petteri Olli	1888 : Calumet and Lake Linden, Mich.	613
Laitila, Matti	1903 : Fitchburg, Mass.	231
Lakso / Laakso, Juho Juhonpoika	1892 : Traveled to United States	232
Lakso / Laakso, Pekka Aukusti	Aft. 1886 : Fitchburg, Mass. (bef. 1891 - bef. 1894)	233
Lindström, Johan Oluf Olufinpoika	1870 : Calumet, Mich.	252
Lumijärvi, Juho Heikinpoika	1882 : Calumet, Mich.; Astoria and Pendleton, Oreg.	257
Luukinen / Luukkonen, Juho	1873 : Franklin, N.Y. Mills, Holmes City Minn.	263
Luukkonen / Luukinen, Juho	1873 : Franklin, N.Y. Mills, Holmes City Minn.	263
Maaherra, Heikkki Heikinpoika	1875 : C.C., Mich.; Pendleton, Oreg.	265
Mällinen, Aapo Juhonpoika	1873 : C.C., Mich.; Thomson, Duluth, and Cokato, Minn.	302
Mandellöf, Wilhelm Adrian	1899 : United States	620
Mäntyvaara, Juntti Erkinpoika	1903 : United States	303
Mariapori, Juha Erkki Iisakinpoika	1873 : Ohio; C.C., Mich.; Kingston, Minn.	272
Martin / Marttiini, Heikki	ca. 1880 : New York Mills, Minn.	277
Marttala, Juho Pekanpoika	1865 : Cokato, Franklin Minn.	276
Marttiini / Martin, Heikki	ca. 1880 : New York Mills, Minn.	277
Matoniemi, Olli	1873 : C.C., Mich.; Lake Norden (Black Hills), S.D.	281
Mullo, Juho	ca. 1880 : Calumet, Mich.	621
Mursu, Juho Juhonpoika	ca. 1880 : N.Y. Mills and Cokato, Min.; Canada	294
Mustola / Kaski / Pietilä Jooseppi Heikinpoika	1880 : Minneapolis, Minn.; Poinsett, S.D., Astoria and Clatskanie, Oreg.	295

Myllylahti / Ojalehto Heikki Reetenpoika	1927 : Canada; Astoria, Oreg.	299
Nikkilä, Heikki Laurinpoika	1873 : C.C., Mich.; Savo, Lake Norden, Frederick, S.D.	312
Nikulas / Nikunlassi, Hermann Ollinpoika	1883 : Republic, Mich.	314
Nikunlassi / Nikulas, Hermann Ollinpoika	1883 : Republic, Mich.	314
Nurmi, Juho Heikki	1871 : C.C., Mich.; Cokato and Kingston, Minn.; Belden, S.D.	316
Oberg / Åberg, Taavetti Juho Kallenpoika	1892 : Cromwell and Cokato, Minn.; Laurium, Mich.	321
Öistilä / Koskenranta / Västi, Mikko Mikonpoika	Traveled to United States	209
Ojala / Juuso, Iisakki Pekanpoika	1891-1892 : Traveled to United States	148
Ojala, Kalle Kallenpoika	1878 : Calumet, Mich.; Astoria and Pendleton, Oreg.	322
Ojala, Taneli Vilhelmi Tanelinpoika	1882 : Michigan	324
Ojalehto / Myllylahti Heikki Reetenpoika	1927 : Canada; Astoria, Oreg.	299
Ojanperä / Dahl, Jaakko or Salathiel Sakarinpoika	1870 : Cokato, Minn. and C.C., Mich.	627
Onkka, Juho Kustaa	1881 : Calumet, Mich.; Cokato, Minn.; Astoria, Oreg.	628
Paukkeri, Aappo Pekanpoika	1892 : Traveled to United States	344
Pekkala, Matti William	1883 : New York Mills, Minn.	347
Pelto, Aapo Juhaninpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.; Cokato, Minn.; Frederick, S.D.	350
Peltoniemi, Matti Matinpoika	1881 : Bush Prairie, Wash	352
Perä, Juhani Juhaninpoika	1898 : United States	357
Pietilä / Mustola / Kaski Jooseppi Heikinpoika	1880 : Minneapolis, Minn.; Poinsett, S.D., Astoria and Clatskanie, Oreg.	295
Pietilä, Niilo Juuso Juhaninpoika	1883 : Calumet, Mich.; Black Hills and Lead, S.D.	360
Pikkarinen / Arola, Heikki Laurinpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.	361
Planting, Kustaa Vilhelmi Aaponpoika	1871 : C.C., Mich.; Pendleton, Oreg.	369
Pohjonen, Heikki	Poinsett, S.D.	373
Pollari, Juho Viktor Hannunpoika	1893 : Maple, Wisc.; Champion, Mich.	375

Prouty, Francis Natanael (b. in United States)	Barnes Corner, N.Y.; Hayt, S.D.	381
Puotinen, Aleksanteri Heikinpoika	1886 : Thomson, Minn.	384
Puumala / Sandbacka, Erkki Juhonpoika	ca. 1880 : United States	387
Pyörret / Sammalmaa, Juho Juhonpoika	1893 : Traveled to United States	388
Raattamaa, Erkki Juhaninpoika	1891 : Traveled to United States	395
Raattamaa, Iisakki Kustaa Erkinpoika	1873 : C.C., Mich.; Thomson, Minn.	397
Raattamaa, Petteri Juhaninpoika	1883 : New York Mills, Minn.	400
Räisänen, Olli Ollinpoika	1904 : Annandale, Minn.	442
Rajaniemi, Antti Jaakonpoika	1892 : Calumet, Mich.; Fitchburg, Mass.	402
Rapp / Ruonavaara, Niilo Ollinpoika	1901 : Traveled to United States	410
Rauhala, Antti Jaakonpoika	1871 : (C.C., Mich.; Pendleton, Oreg.	418
Riikonen / Kavander, Kaarle Oskari Vilhelmi	Traveled to United States	426
Rivinoja, Matti Pekanpoika	ca. 1900 : Lead, S.D.	428
Roanpää, Juho Iisakinpoika	ca. 1870 : Calumet, Mich.; Boston, Mass.	429
Ronkainen, Matti Paulinpoika	1873 : C.C., Mich.; New York Mills, Minn.	430
Rova / Hjort, Iisakki	Traveled to United States	432
Rovainen, Jaakko Juhaninpoika	1871 : Cokato, Minn.	433
Ruonavaara / Rapp, Niilo Ollinpoika	1901 : Traveled to United States	410
Ruonavaara, Juho Maria Matildanpoika	Calumet, Hancock, Jacobsville, Mich.	435
Ruuhijärvi, Juhani	ca. 1879 : Tower, West Superior, West Duluth, Minn.	436
Saarela, Aukusti Juhonpoika	1891 : Lanesville (Cape Ann), Mass.; Pike, Minn.; Fitchburg, Mass.; Laurium, Mich.	447
Sallinen, Juhani Priita Kaisanpoika	ca. 1890 : Traveled to United States	452
Sammalmaa / Pyörret, Juho Juhonpoika	1893 : Traveled to United States	388
Sandbacka / Puumala, Erkki Juhonpoika	ca. 1880 : United States	387
Savela, Sefanias	1890 : "Saukkonjärvi," Houghton Co., Mich.	463

Sikainen, Juhani Aaronpoika	ca. 1870 : C.C., Mich.; Cokato, Minn.; Savo, S.D.	469
Solkela, Juho	1880 : Traveled to United States	636
Stark / Starkka, Nils Petteri Heikinpoika	1869 : C.C., Mich.; Frderick, S.D.; Ludden, N.D.	483
Starkka / Stark, Nils Petteri Heikinpoika	1869 : C.C., Mich.; Frderick, S.D.; Ludden, N.D.	483
Strolberg, Petteri Iisakinpoika	ca. 1870 : Calumet and Hancock, Mich.	486
Takkinen, Juho Matinpöika	1877 : Calumet, Mich.	499
Talonen, Tuomas	ca. 1880 : Traveled to United States	500
Taneli / Daniels, Kalle Jakko Juhaninpoika	1873 : Calumet, Mich.; Savo, S.D.	38
Tapani, Aapo Juhaninpoika	1876 : Traveled to United States	503
Tauriainen, Matti Laurinpoika	1891 : C.C., Mich.; Sebeka and Thompson, Minn.	507
Typpö, Leonard Kallenpoika	ca. 1889 : Fitchburg, Mass.	522
Uskoski / Uuskoski / Hietaniemi, Matti Juhonpoika	Oskar, Mich.; Gackle, N.D.	525
Uuskoski / Uskoski / Hietaniemi, Matti Juhonpoika	Oskar, Mich.; Gackle, N.D.	525
Vanttaja, Heikki Sakarinpoika	Bet. 1880-1890 : Fredrik, S.D.	532
Västi / Koskenranta / Öistilä, Mikko Mikonpoika	Traveled to United States	209
Viinämäki, Leander	1886 : Portage Entry, Mohawk, Bruce Crossing Mich.	544
Virkkula / Juuma, Juhani Jaakko	1881 : Allouez, Mich.	147
Vittikkohuhto, Antti Maunu Salomoninpoika	1869 : C.C., Mich.; Holmes City and Cokato Minn.	552
Vuollet, Jaakko Aaponpoika	ca. 1871 : C.C., Mich.; Cokato and Minneapolis, Minn.	553
Vuollet, Kaaleppi Aaponpoika	1873 : C.C., Mich.; Cokato and Minneapolis, Minn.	554
Wilén, Kaarle Danielinpoika	ca. 1890 : United States	546
Wilén, Kustaa Danielinpoika	1894 : United States	547
Ylén, Adolf Israelinpoika	1902 : Minnesota	562
Ylén, Juho Kustaa Israelinpoika	1892 : Minnesota	562