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that city 8 Oct. 1846 for travel to Hamburg, Germany and several foreign places. He must have gone to America soon thereafter. On 16 Dec. 1846 he was placed in bankruptcy in the Magistrates' Court in Stockholm. The case was delayed from time to time and it was not until 14 June 1848 that the case was closed and Österman was found guilty *in absentia* of betraying his creditors.

¹Gustaf Unonius, *A Pioneer in Northwest America 1841-1858*. The Memoirs of Gustaf Unonius, I-II (Minneapolis 1950, 1960), II, pp. 167-169.

²Pit River in northern California is about 200 miles long. It has its source in north Modoc Co. in northeastern California and flows south and west into the Sacramento River in west central Shasta Co. — *Webster's New Geographical Dictionary* (Springfield, MA 1977), p. 955.

³Unonius, *Memoirs*, II, p. 333, note.

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Passenger manifests or lists have long been a valuable source for researching one's foreign roots. The early lists from the last century, while valuable, seldom gave information concerning the passenger's nativity beyond the country itself. As the 19th century drew to its close and we entered the 20th century, the passenger lists became more comprehensive and furnished us with much supplementary data. Thus the Act of Congress of 3 March 1893, specified that the manifests should include such additional information as:

1. The last residence of the passenger in his native country.
2. The final destination in the U.S.
3. Who paid for the passage.
4. How many dollars did the passenger bring with him.
5. Had the passenger been in the U.S. before, and if so, when and where.
6. Was the passenger to join a relative in the U.S., and if so, what was his or her name and address.

Needless to say this additional data can be very useful in determining which part of the foreign country the passenger came from. To illustrate what the typical passenger manifest of eighty years ago looked like, I have taken the liberty to reproduce the list for the steamship *Oscar II* of the Scandinavian-American Line, plying between Scandinavia and New York. I have shortened

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No.	Name in Full	Age		Sex	Married Status	Occupation	Last Residence in Sweden	Final Destination in the U.S.
		Yrs.	Mos.					
1.	Melin, Karl F. P.	24		M	S	Workman	Ljungby ¹	Mankato, MN
2.	Johansson, Jenny T. K.	16		F	S	Maid	Runsten (Kalm.)	New York
3.	Petersson, Oscar	20		M	S	Joiner	Hjortsberga ²	Minneapolis, MN
4.	Eliasson, Bengta	30		F	M	Mrs.	America	New York
5.	Eliasson, Edvin	2		M	--	Child	America	New York
6.	Eliasson, Georg	--	5	M	--	Child	America	New York
7.	Roslund, Anton C.	22	1	M	S	Workman	Norra Mellby (Krist.)	New York
8.	Persson, Elida	17	6	F	S	Maid	Tjörnarp (Krist.)	New York
9.	Johannesson, Anders	29		M	S	Workman	Håkantorps (Malm.) ³	Calumet, MI
10.	Jonasson, Jonas A.	20		M	S	Workman	Madesjö (Kalm.)	Chicago, IL
11.	Andersson, Petrus	22		M	S	Joiner	Säby ⁴	Fowler, IN
12.	Hansson, Karl B.	23	2	M	S	Workman	Fuglie (Malm.)	New York
13.	Svensson, Ernst V. S.	26		M	S	Smith	Växjö	New York
14.	Cardell, Gerda	15		F	S	Maid	Ystad	Newport, RI
15.	Andersson, Johanna C.	16		F	S	Maid	Wall(e)berga (Krist.)	Jersey City, NJ
16.	Mårtensson, Kristina	17		F	S	None	Wall(e)berga (Krist.)	Rockford, IL
17.	Bergkvist, Elise	26	2	F	M	None	Hököpinge (Malm.)	Peoria, IL
18.	Nilsson, Klara M.	23		F	S	Maid	Öljehult (Blek.)	Perth Amboy, NJ
19.	Larsson, Mathilda	19		F	S	--	Östra Vemmenhög (Malm.)	Triumph, MN
20.	Håkansson, Hans	44		M	M	Farmer	Tryde (Krist.)	Prophetstown, IL
21.	Jönsson, Olof	26	7	M	S	Workman	Mölleberga (Malm.)	Salt Lake City, UT
22.	Jönsson, Jöns	26	4	M	S	Workman	Genarp (Malm.)	Salt Lake City, UT
23.	Thomasson, Frithiof	27	7	M	S	Dairyman	Riseberga (Krist.)	Pittsburgh, PA
24.	Persson, Jöns	19		M	S	Workman	Skurup (Malm.)	Itasca, IL
25.	Bodelsson, Ingrid	23		F	S	Maid	Kristianstad	Red Wing, MN
26.	Karlsson, Alfred G. S.	23		M	S	Miller	Ryssby ⁵	Loveland, CO
27.	Bodelsson, Sven	49		M	M	Farmer	Nymö (Krist.)	Red Wing, MN
28.	Karlsson, Johan A. O.	25		M	S	Workman	Malsjö ⁶	Chicago, IL
29.	Hansson, Ola	46	10	M	M	Baker	Kävlinge (Malm.)	St. Paul, MN
30.	Nilsson, Axel Otto	22	10	M	S	Upholsterer	Aringsås (Kron.)	New York

¹ There are parishes named Ljungby in the following *län* - Halland, Kalmar and Kronoberg.

² There are parishes named Hjortsberga in the following *län* - Blekinge and Kronoberg.

³ There are five villages in Malmöhus *län* named Håkantorps.

⁴ There are parishes named Säby in the *län*s of Jönköping, Malmöhus and Västmanland.

⁵ There are parishes named Ryssby in both Kalmar and Kronoberg *län*.

⁶ There are villages named Malsjö in the parishes of Gräsmark and Grums in Värmland *län*.

Editor's notes.

the list, so that it can be duplicated in print, but none of the pertinent information has been left out. The column which recounts the names of relatives in the U.S. has been deleted, but this information can be found on the original list, which bears the signum T-715, Roll No. 273 in the National Archives in Washington, DC. The manifest of the *Oscar II*, which departed from Copenhagen, Denmark 23 April 1902 and which arrived in New York on 6 May of that year, can be found on page 13 of this particular microfilm roll.

We are particularly fortunate that the scribe who made out this list was a person who was either Swedish or was well acquainted with Swedish orthography. There is not a single garble in the entire list. In printing this list I have normalized the Swedish spelling to conform with present-day usage and I have also added in parentheses the county or *län* after each place name so as to make it easier for the student to locate the parish in question.

All of the persons listed on this manifest were born in Sweden, with the exception of No. 5, Edvin Eliasson, who was born in the United States, the son of Bengta Eliasson. The brother, Georg, No. 6, being only five months old, was born in Sweden, apparently during Mrs. Eliasson's visit to her homeland. All of the thirty passengers were making their first visit to the U.S., except Mrs. Eliasson, who had been residing in the U.S. for five years. One other passenger, No. 20, Hans Håkansson, had resided in the U.S. for one year, back in 1879.

Of particular interest to the scholar of immigration is the fact that almost in every instance the passenger was going to join a relative or friend. Mrs. Eliasson was joining her husband. Eleven of the passengers were joining a brother, three a sister, four an uncle, one an aunt, one a cousin, one a brother-in-law and three were going to join a friend. Only in one case did the passenger enter a "no" in this column.

No attempt has been made to further identify the passengers. A closer analysis of this particular manifest can doubtlessly furnish a great many clues as to these identities, both so far as the parishes these persons departed from in Sweden as well as the addresses given on the manifest for the relatives they were going to visit in the United States.

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Long Generations

Elsa Victoria Olsson, b. in Snavlunda Parish (Öre.) 17 Nov. 1884, died in Miami, FL 17 Feb. 1983, at the age of 98½ years. Her mother, Anna Sofia Åström, was born in Viby Parish (Öre.) 22 May 1864, the daughter of Anders Magnus Josephsson Åström, who at the time of his daughter's birth was 69 years old. He was born in Vallby Parish (Öre.). 10 Dec. 1795. Here the difference between the birth of the grandfather and the death of the granddaughter is 188 years—not a record, but a unique case nevertheless.