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A Swedish Passenger List from 1902. II

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In the June issue of *Swedish American Genealogist* (Vol. V, No. 2, pps. 51-53) I presented "A Swedish Passenger List from 1902. "This vessel, *Oscar II*, had arrived in New York 6 May 1902. In tracing the arrival of my grandparents, John and Elise Berquist to the United States from Sweden, I found that Elise Berquist had arrived on this particular sailing. John, her husband, arrived on the same vessel, but in the autumn of that year, more precisely 8 Sept. 1902. I have therefore in the present article presented the passenger list of the same vessel, calling it No. II. Although John and Elise were already married, they departed from Sweden at different times, due to the fact that John was serving as a soldier in the *Södra skånska infanteriregementet* (South Skåne Infantry Regiment). After the departure of Elise, he requested an early discharge, which was granted to him 15 Aug. 1902. One of the reasons for his requesting early discharge was the departure for America of his wife.

Elise had gone to Peoria, IL, where her brother, Herman Celander, was living. She received employment as a maid on Knoxville Street in Peoria and was paid 50 cents per week in addition to her room and board. Her girl friend worked in the house next door, and in the evenings the two women would sit on the back porch talking of their homesickness for Sweden. What a joyous reunion Elise must have had when John arrived in September!

John and Elise were probably typical Swedish immigrants. John went to work for the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria and the couple resided there for the rest of their lives. They raised five children and at the present time there is a fourth generation of Berquists, still living in Illinois. They have never talked much about their lives and families in Sweden, a fact which has made the tracing of their ancestors a bit more difficult but nonetheless exciting.

I have reproduced the manifest of the *Oscar II* pretty much along the lines as in the previous article. A few facts have been left out, such as their Swedish citizenship, except for those instances where I have noted their United States citizenship. All could read and write, except of course the children. They all paid for their passage, except for the children, whose passage, naturally, was paid for by their parents. The amount of U.S. dollars they carried with them, varied from as little as \$2.00 to as much as \$115.00. Only a few of the

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No.	Name in Full	Age		Sex	Civil Status	Occupation	Last Residence in Sweden	Final Destination in the U.S.
		Yrs.	Mos.					
1.	Bergqvist, Johan A. ¹	26	11 ²	M	M	Laborer	Hököpinge (Malm.)	Peoria, IL
2.	Sandal, Johan V. ³	37	7	M	S	Mr.	America ⁴	New York, NY
3.	Tegnander, Anna Lovisa ⁵	25	11	F	S	House worker	Sweden	Brooklyn, NY
4.	Nilsson, Josefrida ⁶	29	1	F	S	House worker	Helsingborg	Brooklyn, NY
5.	Viberg, Carl O. ⁷	23	2	M	S	Bookkeeper	Skurup (Malm.)	Chicago, IL
6.	Persson, Selma ⁸	23	4	F	S	House worker	Ask (Malm.)	Chicago, IL
7.	Brügge, Fritz ⁹	46	1	M	S	Mr.	— ⁴	Jamestown, NY
8.	Selander, Hulda ¹⁰	30	3	F	M	Mrs.	America ⁴	Brooklyn, NY
9.	Selander, Edith	3	7	F	S	Daughter	America ⁴	Brooklyn, NY
10.	Andersson, Amanda ¹¹	34	1	F	M	Mrs.	Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn, NY
11.	Andersson, Ida ¹²	23	—	F	S	House worker	Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn, NY
12.	Andersson, Nanny ¹³	28	4	F	S	House worker	New York, NY	Sag Harbor, NY
13.	Andersson, Josef N.	55	3	M	S	Mr.	— ⁴	New York, NY
14.	Jönsson, Bengt ¹⁴	20	4	M	S	Shoemaker	Gladsax (Krist.)	Boston, MA
15.	Browning, Olai	30	4	M	S	(illegible)	— ⁴	New York, NY
16.	Karlsson, Amalia A. ¹⁵	21	2	F	S	House worker	Kristianopel	Brooklyn, NY
17.	Persson, Lars ¹⁶	28	10	M	M	Worker	Lund	Salt Lake City, UT
18.	Persson, Bengta	26	3	F	M	Wife	Lund	Utah
19.	Persson, Olga V.	6	2	F	S	Daughter	Lund	Utah
20.	Persson, Nils. H. S.	3	4	M	S	Son	Lund	Utah
21.	Jonsson, Emma A. ¹⁷	27	—	F	S	House worker	Lund	Salt Lake City, UT
22.	Lundberg, Hanna ¹⁸	30	10	F	S	Cook	America	Cleveland, OH
23.	Carlson, Nils P. ¹⁹	63	4	M	M	Farmer	— ⁴	Chicago, IL
24.	Nilsson, Judith ²⁰	16	12	F	S	House worker	The island of Ven	Chicago, IL
25.	Dahlstedt, Axel E. ²¹	17	6	M	S	Blacksmith	Långemåla (Kalm.)	Chicago, IL
26.	Carlsson, Oscar V. ²²	15	2	M	S	Workman	Mörlunda (Kalm.)	Chicago, IL
27.	Carlsson, Axel F. E. ²³	17	3	M	S	Workman	Långemåla (Kalm.)	Chicago, IL
28.	Persson, Håkan ²⁴	22	4	M	S	Clerk	Balkåkra (Malm.)	Nelson, BC, Canada
29.	Isaksson, Oskar ²⁵	26	3	M	S	Workman	Askim (Göt.)	Winthrop, MN
30.	Persson, Edvard ²⁶	21	6	M	S	Engineer (?)	Sweden	New York

passengers had been in the United States earlier. Obviously, those who were U.S. citizens, were either born in America or had resided there for various lengths of time.

The last column on the manifest is headed "Whether going to join a relative, and if so, which relative, their name and address." Since this column contains much valuable genealogical information I have included this material also and have presented this by means of footnotes.

In a few instances the reading has been quite difficult and there may therefore occur some misinterpretations. A student interested in following through with further research would do well to study the original record.

¹He was joining his wife in Peoria, IL. Elise Bergquist.

²The ages of the passengers are those given on a very marked-up manifest. The figures, therefore, should be used with caution.

³John V. Sandal's name has been stricken from the manifest.

⁴U.S. citizen, allowed to disembark on the pier in New York, without proceeding to Ellis Island.

⁵Anna Lovisa Tegnander was joining her sister, Mrs. Olin.

⁶Josefrida Nilsson was joining her sister, Johanna.

⁷Carl O. Viberg was joining his uncle, Ernst Viberg.

⁸Selma Persson was joining her brother, Nils Persson.

⁹Fritz Brügge's name has been stricken from the manifest.

¹⁰Hulda Selander was joining her husband, Oscar Selander.

¹¹Amanda Andersson was joining her husband, Ernst Andersson.

¹²Ida Andersson was joining her brother, Ernst Andersson.

¹³Nanny Andersson was joining her cousin, Teresa Weinborg.

¹⁴Bengt Jönsson was joining G. V. Nilsson, a friend in Brockton, MA.

¹⁵Amalia A. Karlsson was joining her brother, Alrik Karlsson.

¹⁶Lars Persson and his family were joining a brother, Olof Persson in Sandy, UT.

¹⁷Emma A. Jonsson was joining a friend, Olof Svensson, in Sandy, UT.

¹⁸Hanna Lundberg was joining a friend in Cleveland, OH, the Rev. A. Hall.

¹⁹Nils P. Carlson was proceeding to Knox County, IL.

²⁰Judith Nelson was in the company of Nils P. Carlson (see above).

²¹Axel E. Dahlstedt was in the company of Nils P. Carlson (see above).

²²Oscar V. Carlsson was the nephew of Nils P. Carlson (see above).

²³Axel F. E. Carlsson was the nephew of Nils P. Carlson (see above).

²⁴Håkan Persson was joining a cousin in Nelson, BC by the name of John Blomberg.

²⁵Oscar Isaksson was joining a cousin in Winthrop, MN by the name of Gotfrid Sjosten.

²⁶Edvard Persson was joining a friend in New York by the name of W. Person.