

6-1-2009

The Old Picture

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.augustana.edu/swensonsag>



Part of the [Genealogy Commons](#), and the [Scandinavian Studies Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

(2009) "The Old Picture," *Swedish American Genealogist*: Vol. 29 : No. 2 , Article 12.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.augustana.edu/swensonsag/vol29/iss2/12>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in *Swedish American Genealogist* by an authorized editor of Augustana Digital Commons. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@augustana.edu.

The Old Picture

On this page we publish old pictures sent in by our SAG readers. If you have a picture you want to see on this page, either send a digital copy, scanned in at no less than 300 dpi and saved as a jpg or tiff file, or send a good paper copy to the editor at the address shown on the inside cover. Do not send any originals, as we can not accept responsibility for them. Neither can we promise to publish all pictures.



This picture is called *Minne af Svenska Gymnastik Föreningen[s] i New York City Första årsfäst[!] d. 15 Dec. 1905* (Memorial of the first annual party of the Swedish Athletic Society of New York 15 Dec. 1905). It was sent in by *Georg Lundblad, Möllegränden 12, 252 23 Helsingborg, Sweden.*

His e-mail: luaxel@telia.com

Mr. Lundblad's father, the photographer *Axel S. Lundblad*, took the picture, but is also in it himself. He is the young man at the right with his elbow sticking out. Axel Lundblad was born 30 July 1883 in Helsingborg, and left Sweden in 1902. He first spent some time in Cadillac, MI, with an aunt and uncle to learn the English language. In 1903 he moved to New York and started to work as a photographer. He returned to Sweden for a visit in 1910, and to stay in 1913, but returned again in 1915 to the U.S., and lived in Jersey City, NJ, until his final return to Sweden in 1918. He worked as a photographer in Sweden, and died on 8 Aug. 1976 in Helsingborg.

During his time in New York he was one of the founders of the Swedish Athletic Society. In 1905 they had their first public appearance in Carnegie Hall; the members were *I.K. Rahmn, M. Peterson, C. Rahmsen, E. Stocklassa, H. Peterson, G. Moe, W. Lidfelt, W. Olson, A. Anderson, B. Holmqvist, N. Gruggel, S. Wester, W. Lundblad, J. Carlson, A. Mellgren, W. Sahlberg, H. Carling, T. Åsbrink-Melander* (the instructor), *T. Sjögren, A. Lundblad, C. Witgen, G. Widman, C. Bergman, and W. Witzell.*

How long this society survived is not known, but more information can be sent to the SAG Editor.