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It is not known where this picture was taken, either Denmark or Sweden, nor the date. The flag does not help as the flags looked alike on the film of the early 1900s. If it was taken in Sweden, then it has to be after 1905, as it is the “clean” Swedish flag, where the union mark was no longer necessary after the dissolution of the union with Norway.

Mr. Johnson’s great-grandparents were Alfred Johnson (Johansson) and his wife Anna Charlotta Andersson.

Alfred was born 9 November 1873 on Tullanäs lands in Västra Torsås (Kron.), the fifth child of the dug-out dweller (*backstuguman*) Johannes Svensson and his wife Eva Magnus-

dotter. Johannes and Eva had 13 children. They moved to Skatelöv parish, and then to Almyndsryd, where Johannes got a job as a rail guard (*banvakt*) and back to Skatelöv, and finally back to Almyndsryd, where they still were in 1905. By then most of the children had left home, and son Alfred moved in 22 July 1898 to Denmark, where he later met his future wife.

Anna Charlotta was born out of wedlock 10 January 1873 in Kohagen in Ljung parish (Östg.). Her father is named as Peter Nilsson, but nothing further is known about him. Her mother was Brita Maja Andersdotter, who took her little daughter with her to Stjärnorp parish, where she worked at Grålhult, and in 1877 moved to Glanstad in Vreta Kloster,

where she in 1879 married the farmhand Oskar Andersson. Oskar eventually became a *torpare* (sharecropper) at Renhem on Tolefors lands in Kärna, just outside Linköping. He and Brita Maja had three more children during the 1880s.

In October 1888 Anna Charlotta moved to Västerlösa parish, from where she moved to Denmark in 1893. She met Alfred in Copenhagen and they married around 1906, and later immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Washington State. Anna Charlotta died 23 March 1943 in Issaquah, WA. Alfred survived her and died 6 July 1955 in Seattle, WA.

Any information on this family in Sweden or Denmark is most welcome!