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This picture shows the *folkskolärare* Karl Johan Lindvall and his pupils at Forsvik school in Udenäs parish in Västergötland, close to Karlsborg Fortress. The picture was taken in 1898.

The picture was sent in by Tom Lundeen, 299 N. Linden Avenue, Palatine, IL 60074-5468 <tom@lundeen.org>.

Among the children shown in this photo, Tom's wife Judy's grandmother *Ida Karlsson*, born in 1890, and her sisters *Gerda* and *Anna*, are numbers 5-7 in the second row.

Ida left Forsvik (but is listed as

leaving from Udenäs, a slightly larger nearby town) 17 September, 1906. She went to Göteborg, where she probably boarded a ship to England, most likely to either Newcastle upon Tyne or Hull -- both common ports. She travelled across northern England, probably by train, to Liverpool, where she boarded the steamer S.S. *Cedric*. It left Liverpool on October 5th, 1906, and arrived at New York's Ellis Island October 15th, 1906.

The ship's manifest shows her as 16 years old, female, single, a servant, able to read and write, Swed-

ish, Scandinavian race, from Udenäs, to Bridgeport, without a ticket to Bridgeport, paid for her own passage, carrying \$14 in cash, never before in the U.S.A., to join her sister, Mrs. Hedvig Forsman, 308 Olive St. Bridgeport, Conn. (full address), never in prison, not a polygamist, not an anarchist, traveling on her own volition, in good health, not deformed or crippled, five feet four inches tall, fair complexion, black hair, blue eyes, no identifying marks, born in Udenäs, the parish where Forsvik is situated.