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About this picture P. Robert Willey of Bloomington, Ill., writes:

"Stored in a box of my mother's memorabilia was an old unlabeled photograph of "family" from Höganas, Sweden. My brothers and I did not know who they were. I recently contacted a relative who lives in Höganas to see if he could recognize them.

"To my surprise he had a copy of the same photograph and sent me an e-mail identifying all the individuals. The woman is Paulina (Svensson) Karlsson, a sister to my maternal grandfather (morfar); her husband August Karlsson and their six children. Shown in the picture is David, one of the children, who is the father of the relative I contacted. Also in the photograph were Philip and Bertil whom I knew as a child in Worcester, Mass. This picture was taken shortly before Philip and Bertil immigrated to this country in 1910. They lived with my grandparents."

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Front row: Sigrid Paulina (b. 1863 in Höganas, as are all the children), David (b. 1905), Gurli Elisabet (b. 1898), Åke (b. 1902), and August (b. 1865 in Växtorp, Hall.). Back row: Hugo Martin (b.1895), John Philip (b. 1890), and Kurt Bertil (b. 1893).

House of Emigrants in Göteborg now open!

The House of Emigrants in Göteborg opened officially on Aug.26, 2004, after a struggle of more than 20 years to get funding. It is based in the old Customs House (Tullhuset), which all the emigrants had to pass through.

They have a research room with CDs and Internet databases and a small library. At the moment the most interesting item is the exhibition about Sillgatan, the main street down to the harbor.

The institution is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays also 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.


The web site is still under construction and the e-mail address also.

To the right in this picture is the Tullhuset (Customs House), where the new House of Emigrants is based.