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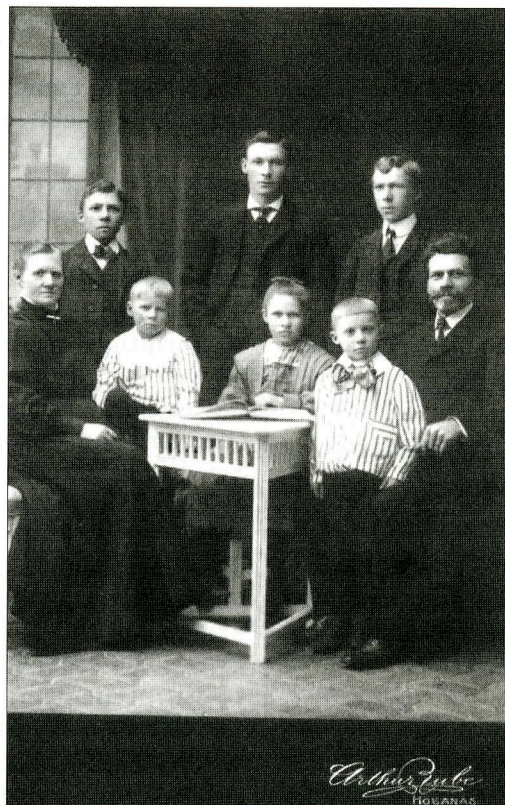
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About this picture *P. Robert Willey* of Bloomington, Ill., writes:

“Stored in a box of my mother’s memorabilia was an old unlabeled photograph of “family” from Höganäs, Sweden. My brothers and I did not know who they were. I recently contacted a relative who lives in Höganäs 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.”

P. Robert Willey can be reached at <bawille@ilstu.edu>.



Front row: *Sigrid Paulina* (b. 1863 in Höganäs, as are all the children), *David* (b. 1905), *Gurli Elisabet* (b. 1898), *Åke* (b. 1902), and *August* (b. 1865 in Våxtorp, 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.

Mailing address: House of Emigrants, Packhusplatsen 7, S-411 13 Göteborg, Sweden.

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.