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the participants except Cederstrom having lived or worked within a house or two of Papa Vullmahn's saloon.

The birth record of Bror Harold Cederstrom, dated 6 Jan. 1897, lists the father's occupation as mechanical engineer. Delivery was by Carrie Gabrielsen, a Norwegian midwife, who served the area in which the Cederstroms resided. The record lists another "issue" in the household, a daughter named Flora. The 1897 Milwaukee school census locates a 12 year-old girl, Laura, in the Cederstrom household. She was evidently his wife's child in her first marriage.

Cederstrom is listed as Emil Cederstrom in the city directories as a draftsman for 1896, 1897 and 1898. In 1898, his employer is the Filer and Stowell Company, manufacturers of sawmill equipment. Beginning with 1899, no further record of Bror Emil Cederstrom has been found in the Milwaukee sources.

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The most recent institution to be founded in Sweden, dealing with emigration research, is the *Gävleborg Emigrant Register* in Ockelbo.

Located north of Stockholm and Gävle, Ockelbo (formerly known as UGGLEBO), can be reached by train from Stockholm in three hours and by automobile from Arlanda Airport in two hours. The entire stretch of road is freeway, except for the last ten miles.

Emigration to America from Gävleborg County began with the huge exodus of Erik Jansson and his followers, beginning in 1846, and continuing up to the beginning of World War II.

The scope of this huge emigration study will begin with the registration of all emigrants from the more than fifty parishes in the county as well as their parents. The center will be operated by members of the Ockelbo Genealogical and Emigration Research Society known as *Ugglan* (The Owl). The city of Ockelbo has provided the organization with headquarters as well as seed money.

The Ockelbo Center was opened 20 August 1988 with addresses by the Governor of the county, Lars Ivar Hising, and by the Director of the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center in Rock Island, IL, Dag Blanck.

The address of the Center is—Gävleborgs Emigrantcenter, Skolgatan 5, 816 00 Ockelbo, SWEDEN.