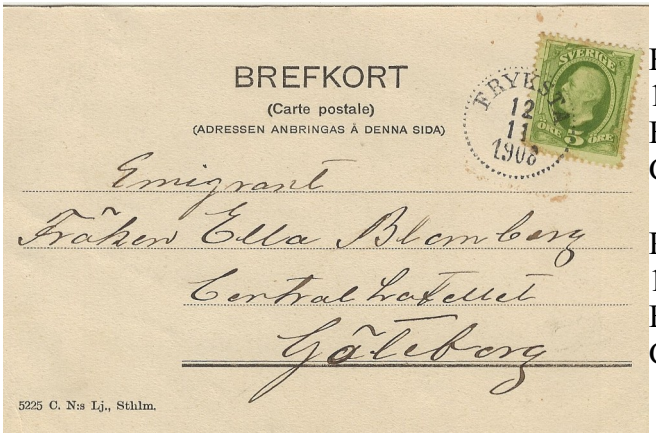
Prince Carl Post card to Ella in Gothenburg 1908

Some words are written in old Swedish language.

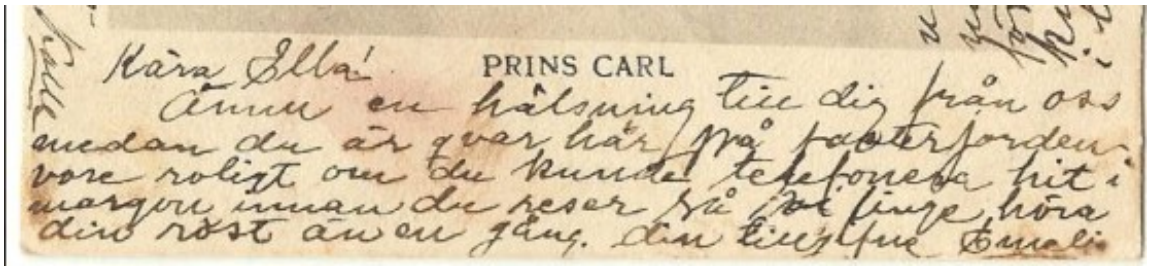


BREFKORT FRYKSTA
12/11 1908
Emigrant Fröken Ella Blomberg
Centalhotellet Göteborg

POSTCARD FRYKSTAD
12/11 1908
Emigrant Miss Ella Blomberg
Central hotel Gothenburg



Mind the post card is not sent from the prince. At that time you could buy post card printed with different well known persons or scenery

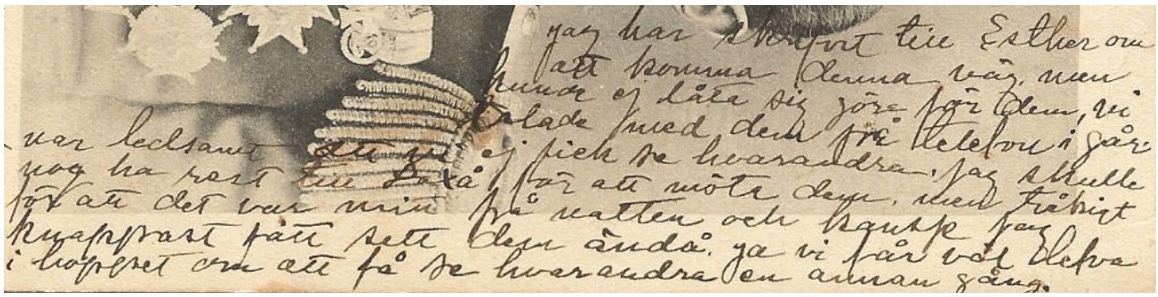


Kära Ella!
Ännu en hälsning till dig från oss medan du är qvar här på fosterjorden. Vore roligt om du kunde telefonera hit i morgon innan du reser så vi finge höra din röst ännu en gång. Din tillgifne Emelia. Telefon No 19B Kil som du vet

Dear Ella!
One more greeting to you from us while you are still here on our motherland. It would be nice if you could make a telephone call to us before you travel on so we may hear your voice once again. Yours affectionate Emilia Telephone number 19B Kil as you



know. *Sänder här genom "Kajman?" mina hjärtevarma hälsningar på sista dagen i Sverige. Glöm nu ej W. E.?? och slätt icke förmaningen Lef väl! Lycklig resa! All trefnad tillönskar din tillgivne Kalle.*
Sending here trough "Quay man" my hart warm greetings on the last day in Sweden. Do not forget W. E (??) and don't ignore the admonition. Live well! Happy journey ! All comfort I wish. Yours affectionate Kalle

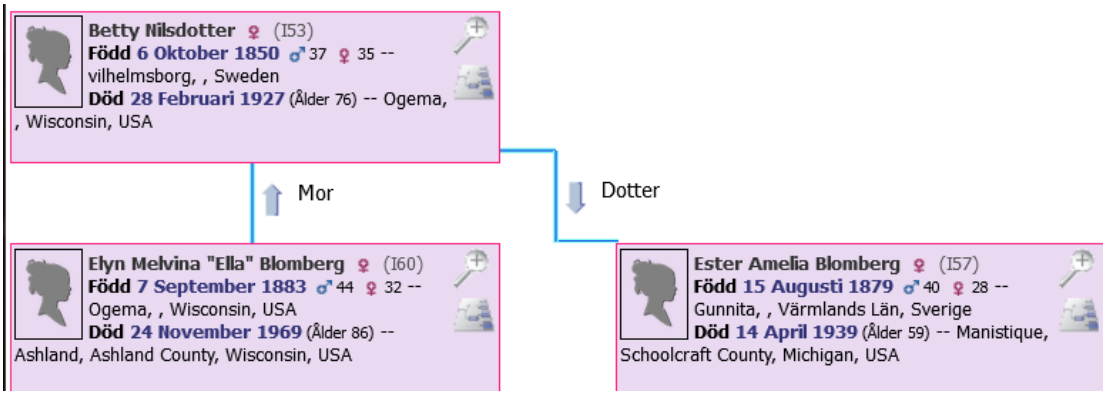


Jag har skrivit till Ester om att komma denna väg, men det kunde inte låta sig göra för dem. Vi talade med dem på telefonen i går. Var ledsamt att ni ej fick se varandra. Jag skulle nog ha rest till Laxå? för att möta dem, men tråkigt för att det var mitt på natten och hade knappast fått se dem ändå. Ja vi får väl lefva i hoppet om att få se hvarandra en annan gång. Hälsa Alla
I have written to Ester about coming your way, but it could not be done. We spoke on telephone yesterday. It was a pity that you could not see each other. I should perhaps have gone to Laxå? to meet you, but sadly it was in the middle of the night and I would hardly even have been able to see you. Yes, we must live in the hope of seeing each other another time. Greetings to All.

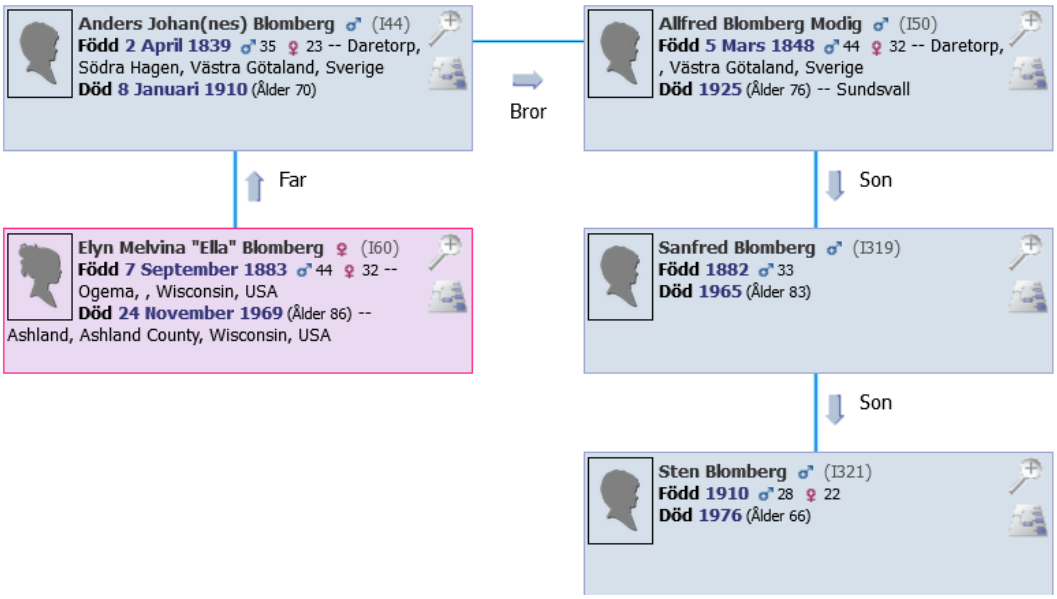
COMMENTS

I (Hans Forsslund) started to check old documents from 2012 when I was actively doing some genealogy research. I found the postcard picture and got interested in what it was all about. Three people from Kil in the county of Värmland had written it. I could not directly find out who they were and who the emigrant Ella is.

After checking a lot of documents I found out that Ella Blomberg is **Elyn** Elevina born 1883 daughter of Anders and Betty Blomberg who emigrated to USA 1881 and settled in Ogema. Elyn calls herself Ella. She visited Sweden in 1908 together with her sister Ester Emalia born in 1879. She is born in the parish Värmland Sweden. They lived in Karlsbo near Kil. In 1881 the family emigrated from Karlsbo to Ogema in USA.



Below is a letter from Ella that she wrote at the age of 70. She wrote to Sten, son of Sanfred Blomberg, Sanfred is son of Alfred and Emelia Blomberg.



Mason, Wis. June 20, 1953

Dear cousin Sten,.

I can´t tell you how much I enjoyed the letter you wrote to sister Jennie. In fact, I have it here with me now. I can´t thank you enough for writing to us as I have wondered so often where all of Uncle Alfred´s children were. Many years ago I had a letter from Pontus who was studying Dentistry. Later I found that he had located at Hudiksvall. Is that right?

I am glad to know that Sanfred and Elin, your parents, are still living at Wiskan. They were married just shortly after Ester and I visited Sundsvall. Elsa and I went to Wiskan to visit Sanfred one day - and Elin was there - and had prepared a delicious dinner for us. After dinner we went out to the woods near by so I saw how "lingon" grow, Later we went out to Elins home, Torpdhamar, where we had supper and spent the evening.

I visited at Uncle Alfred´s home for about a month and in the meantime went up to Hernösand and Nyland and met our relatives there. Of Uncle Afred´s family, I was most with Elsa and Ivar and corresponded with them for several years after I came home. Later I have lost track of them altogether. I know that Elsa married her Nils Edblad, with whom she was very much in love when I was there,

I wish you would tell me all about Ivar, Elsa, Pontus, Hulda and Nels / Nisse we called him /. I never met Anna, and I know that Joseph died. If you could induce some of them to write to me I should be most happy. I should love to hear from your mother and father too.

Sister Ester died about twelve years ago and they had four children, three girls and a boy. All are married and have families. Her husband Erick Wallbom died four years ago.

As for me, I married Alfred Johnson about five years after I was to Sweden and we had four children, three boys and one girl. All are married and have two children each, so far. Orlin and Chester, my two oldest boys, live in New Jersey. about 20 mi. from New York City. I have been out there with them every winter since my husband died Dec. 6, 1947. Orlin said he´d like very much to hear from you if you should care to write to him. Jennie sent your letter to us out there so he read it. And we do thank you so very much for our father's genealogy. I have often wished I knew something of my parent's ancestors, mothers as well as fathers.

My third boy, Robert, lives at Mellen, Wis. about 40 mi. from here and Dorothy lives in Ashland, 18 Mi. Away. Dorothy and her family come home very often to see me and I spend much time with her too. We lived on a farm near here until my husband died. Three years later I sold it, as none of the children were disposed to take it over, and now I have bought a small home in the village where I spend my summers. My sister Emma and Conrad Tedlund, her husband, live near so I see them every day.

Perhaps you would like to know the ages of my children, - Orlin is 38; Chester 36; Robert 34; and Dorothy 31;

We´ve had so much rain in Northern Wisconsin this spring and the warm \Weather was so late in coming, but is finally here now. There have been so many storms too in our country recently that have taken many lives. Most unusual.

Well, now my letter is getting so very long that I must stop. Do ask your parents to write to me; I read the Swedish language very easily and I can write it too, only it comes a little harder and slower to write than English, and if you could contact Elsa and Ivar tell them I should so like to hear from them. ,

Greet your family and your parents so very much from me.
May Gods blessing rest Ella.
Would very much like to hear from you too, and soon if you can. E.J.

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Idr. Mrs J.A.Johnson P.O.B. 61 Mason Wisconsin. U. S .A.



Elsie and cousin Ella from America



Ella Blomberg and Elsie Blomberg (Alfred's daughter).

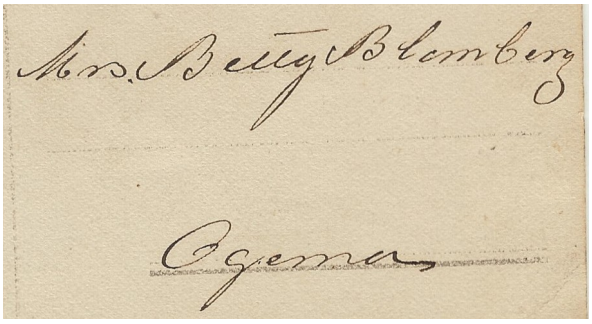
Peterzén & Franke is a photograph studio in Sundsvall
The photograph is taken 1908

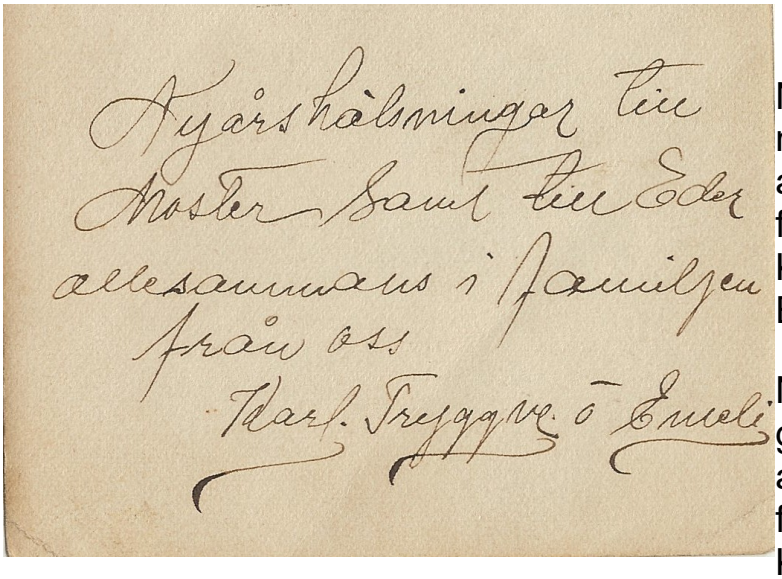
Hans comment: Elsie resembles my mother Gunne (Modig) Forsslund as young and also my sister Anne- Marie (Forsslund) Holmgren

The problem still is who were those that wrote the postcard? According to Lars Blomberg (grandson of Alfred Blomberg, brother of Anders Blomberg Ogema): Ella was in Sweden for four months 1908 so probably they visited Värmland where Ellen was borne. They must have met some people there.

The Puzzle solved another postcard

To Betty Blomberg in Ogema (date unknown)





Nyårshälsningar till moster samt eder allesammans i familjen från oss Karl Tryggve o Emili

New Year's greetings to aunt and all of you in the family from us Karl Tryggve and Emily



Postcard front showing a big house at a lake

Betty's sister Cristina's (1843-1887) daughter Emilia borne 1872
Married Karl Johan Sahlström Torsby Fryksände 1896 4/1
Children:

Tryggve Isidor 1896 4/5
Gunvor Emilie Marianne 5/8 1911 (Not borne when Postcard was sent.)

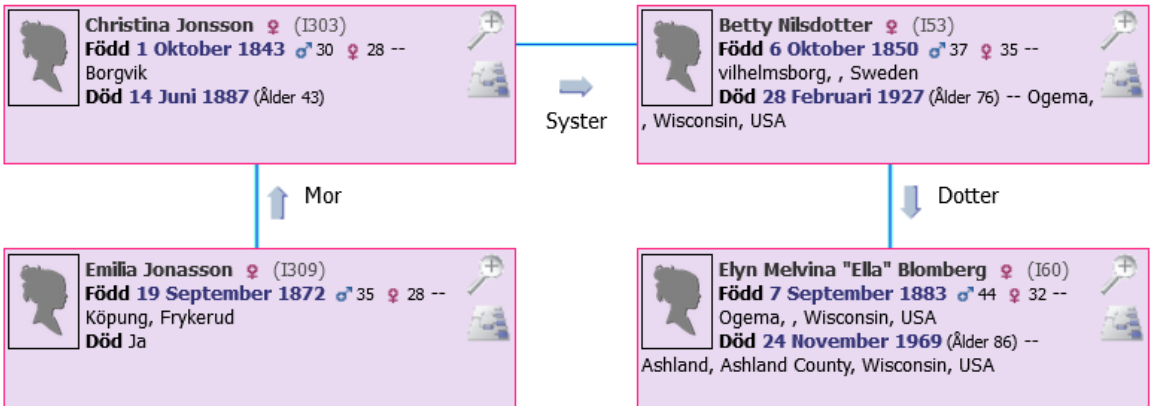
That is why The Sahlström postcard is signed **Karl Tryggve and Emeli** ***(****Karl, Emili's husband and Tryggve her son 12 years old.)*



There is another picture that said to be Sahlströms home and when you look at when enlarged picture of the postcard one can find that it is the same house**.**



Enlargement of the postcard to Ella 1908. Looking from the other side. The windows on second floor looks the same.



Bettys sister Christina Jonsson's daughter **Emilia** married with Karl Sahlström lived with his siblings and father in the big house at Uttrebyn until 22/9 1903 when they moved to the saw mill he then owned at Hannäs Stora Kil.

Emilia (Olsson), born September 19, 1872 in Köpung in Frykerud's parish where she lived. She emigrated to America 1891-08-18 but returns 1895-05-10. Gone 4 years. Her family's home was about 7 kilometers from where her future husband Karl was working at the time. When her aunt Betty emigrated she was 9 years. They emigrated from Karlsbol 1,5 kilometres north east. Emilia must have met her cousins Hulda 1871, Hjalmer 1874, Viktor 1877, **Ester** 1879 before they went to America 1881.

Karl Johan Sahlström
After studies during the year 1875-79 at Karlstad state secondary grammar school, he received training and education to function within the lumber industry and the sawmill industry. He first assisted his father, but then he became the managing director for Hannas sawmill in Stora Kil, of which he owned half from 1902. He became parliament of the assessment board and a local government councillor.





One of the few pictures where the entire Sahlström family is gathered. The photo was taken on the steps of Sahlströmsgården in connection with mother Marit's (1838-1901) funeral. Around the portrait bust of mother standing from the left

1. **Emilie** with husband son Karl Sahlström (1863-1946), sawmill owner in Hannäs, Kil
2. Son Otto Sahlström (1873-1952), fiddler, home mason
3. The husband of the portrait Per Sahlström (1834-1917)
4. Son Bror Sahlström (1869-1915), sculptor
5. Karolina with husband Gustav Sahlström (1865-1915), farmer, Arvika.
6. Seated from the left the daughters Ida Sahlström ”Fryksdalsmora” (1871-1963), later married to August Nilsson,
7. Ingeborg Sahlström (1867-1954), home daughter, after the father's death the one who mainly ran the farm's affairs
8. Anna Sahlström (1876-1956), artist, woodcut artist
9. Johanna Sahlström (1878-1961), later married to the farm's inspector Conrad Karlsson.

After his father Per Sahlström's death1917, the children took over the farm. The artistic siblings Bror, Anna and Ida turned the farm more and more into a cultural gathering place. During the heyday

of agriculture and forestry, the farm had about ten employees. In the mid-1920s, Conrad Karlsson was employed as a manager, who later married Johanna Sahlström. His diligent work came to mean a lot for the management of the farm and the condition of the buildings. After his death in 1956, the remaining three sisters handed over responsibility for the farm to nephew Torbjörn Sahlström. In the 1970s, farming declined more and more. The cattle herd was sold and in the last years only fodder and grain cultivation was carried out.

After a period of decline at the end of the 20th century, Sahlströmsgården has now been equipped and expanded. The manor building (Mangårdsbyggnaden) has been prepared as a museum of the hey day at the beginning of the 1900s, many of the great artists of the time visited the farm. In 1994, the renovation of the barn began, which was transformed into a restaurant, shop and conference rooms. In 2010, the dream of a hotel became reality.



I got to think about how Emily met her Karl. She had newly returned from America after four years there. Karl was living quite far away about 70 kilometer north in Värmland. He was beginning to work at the saw mill not far from where Emily lived, but there was some waters in between. I was wondering about how they could have found each other. Then I realized that the church in Kil served the whole area. In those days the churches probably also served as a meeting point for youngsters on Sundays. Here she is 29 years, mother of a son 5 years old, Tryggve

Hans Forsslund, February 2025

Supplement

In Februari 2026 I got a post mail from Barbara Smith descendant of Anders and Betty Blomberg. Enclosed was a nice picture of Karl Tryggve Isidor with daughter Gunvor Emilie Marianne, born August 5, 1911 sitting on Tryggves lap. 1917 she is 6 years old

