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CARL O. CARLSON

was born July 12, 1865, in Sjöamålen, Askeryd parish, Småland, Sweden. Finishing common school at the age of fifteen he worked for five years in Sweden at home on the farm and as carpenter.



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He came to this country in 1885, and worked for a time in the Wells and France car shops in Chicago. Thereafter he was farming near Marathon, Iowa, for

two years, but returned to Chicago in 1887, and took an agency for real estate. When the Svea Building and Loan Association was organized, he became one of the charter members, and accepted the position of general agent. He worked in that vocation for a number of years, and was one of the directors of the association. He also was one of the organizers of the Svea Land Colony, whose principal landholdings are at Silverhill, Alabama.

Now he resides at Rockford where he is in the real estate and land business. He is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Rockford.

Mr. Carlson was married Oct. 26, 1889, to Miss Kaller, born in Askeryd, Småland, June 5, 1866. Their children are: Oscar Arthur, born 1891, and Alfhild Elizabeth, 1894.
