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CARL VALLENTIN

was born at Fredriksberg, in the province of Småland, Sweden,



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May 10, 1858. He came to this country with his parents in 1870 and settled in Moline, Ill. For a few years he followed his father's trade as a blacksmith and worked for the Moline Plow Co.

His education was obtained at Augustana College. When twenty years of age he began to teach school and continued in this occupation for three years.

When the insurance society known as the Scandinavian Mutual Aid Association of Galesburg was organized, he accepted a position as their general agent and traveled extensively for a number of years.

In 1886 he started a book and music store in Minneapolis, Minn. While in this business he published a journal, called *Hemmet*, and a Swedish cookbook.

In 1890 Mr. Vallentin came to Chicago and opened a real estate office, with Mr. Charles Berg as a partner.

When the Svea Building and Loan Association of Chicago was organized, he was one of the promoters and officiated as vice-president and treasurer until the spring of 1896.

In June of that year he went to Europe, making a tour of Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France and England.

In 1897 he became a member of the firm known as the Svea Land Colony, which for the last decade has been engaged in colonizing and developing Silverhill, Alabama. Mr. Vallentin more recently interested himself in a gold mining enterprise, known as the Telma Gold Mining Co., and is identified with other financial enterprises.

Mr. Vallentin is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Englewood, where he has resided for some twelve years.
