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1) The Rotemannen 2

The Rotemannen 2 database was released in the spring by the Stockholm Stadsarkiv (Stockholm City Archives) and is a significant upgrade of the previous version. In 1878 the parishes of Stockholm ceased to keep husförhörsslängder (clerical surveys), as the large influx of people to the city made it impossible for the church to keep track of all people.

Instead, the city started a system with a special clerk (rotemannen) in each block that had as his duty to keep tabs on everyone in the block. He noted in big ledgers all the people moving in and out, and where they came from, and where they went, and also dates and places of birth, occupations, and even if a poor girl needed a new pair of shoes. Most of these records have now been digitized, but there are still gaps. The database is expected to be complete in 2017. It now has 5.7 million people.

To search just click on SÖK, and then fill in the person details. Only in Swedish. Rotemannen 2 is available for both PC Windows and Mac.

2) The Swedish Population 1910

The long awaited new Swedish Census 1910 was released during the Genealogy Days in Nyköping last August. It contains information about 5.6 million individuals who lived in Sweden at the end of the year 1910. Note the English button at the top of the righthand side. For PC and Mac. To buy these databases see link on p. 30.