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Dear friends,

The winter is now over, and here in Sweden, at least in the Stockholm area, it has not been very cold, but many days in January and February went by without a glimpse of the sun. It felt like having a wet blanket over your head.

But as genealogists there are always things to do, to find those elusive family members. It is so much easier now with the internet and all the databases that are continually added.

I spent some time trying to find people belonging to my mother's family's American branch. One man was a geologist and worked for several mines in Arizona, in the Jerome area, where my husband and I spent a day many years ago and had the

best hamburgers for a long time. Anyway, this man was married, but his marriage fell apart. In a newspaper from 1908 I found that his wife had sued him for a divorce on grounds of mental cruelty. Her example was that he had hid behind a door and jumped out of there and scared her. He remarried in California, and died there in 1931, according to another newspaper listing.

Then I noticed a lady in the family, born in 1923, that I did not have a death date for. The only thing I found in the newspapers was that she had had her appendix taken out in 1941. At least she was still alive then! Somehow I started to search phone books for her, and finally found her, as she had kept her maiden name as

part of her listing in the phone book. I e-mailed this information to the cousins that I am touch with, and they contacted this lady, who was happy to hear from them, as she had no idea that any relatives were still around.

You can live for many days on finds like this! If anyone has a story like this, please send it to me for another issue of SAG.

There is always a new SAG in the works! And please remember that I need book reviews from you! Local histories with a Swedish theme, and family books, etc. It is hard for me to find them here in Sweden, so your help is needed!

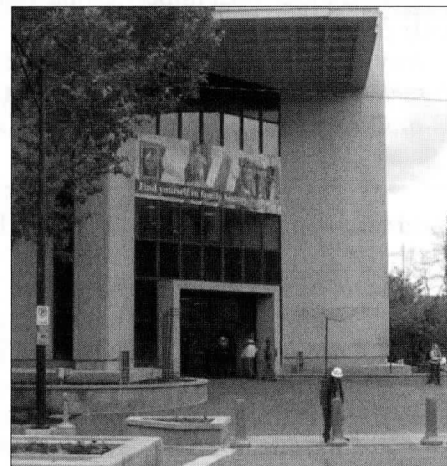
Till next time!
Elisabeth Thorsell

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SAG Workshop Salt Lake City 2 – 9 Nov. 2014 !



We look forward to seeing old and new friends in our happy group of researchers !

The SAG Workshop is the highlight of the year – a fun learning experience and a chance to do your Swedish genealogy with hands-on help from experienced Swedish and American genealogists.

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The 2014 SAG Workshop is now fully booked!