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Big changes at SVAR

The Swedish National Archives (*Riksarkivet*) have recently made a lot of changes to SVAR. The most important to notice is that there is a new name for the site, and also a new address. This is to make SVAR a more integrated part of the their web site.

The new name is *Digitala Forskarsalen* (The Digital Research Room [DRR]).

The new address is found on page 30.

This version of the site was launched in late September, and there are still many things to fix, so all help texts are not yet in English, but they are working on it.

It is still possible to use the old DRR, if you have an account from before.

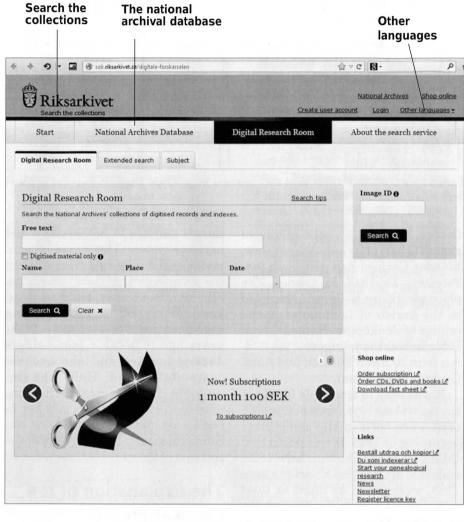
The National Archives Database, also called NAD, is the joint database of most archival documents in the Swedish system, wether they are microfilmed or not. If they are microfilmed there is a little blue arrow or just a picture of a computer screen. But most often you want for instance church records.

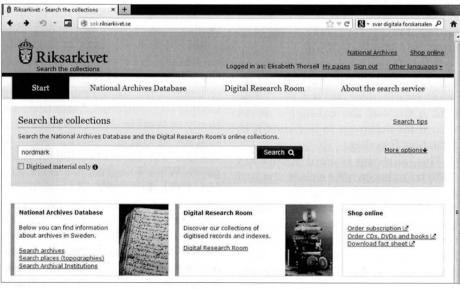
The NAD is free to search at the first level, but if you click on anything digitized you are asked to log in.

Church records

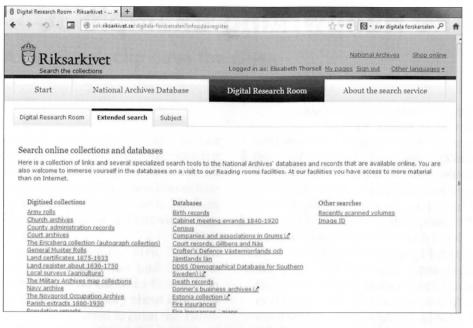
To find the church records you can either use the "Search all collections" and then enter the name of the parish in the search window, or go to the DRR. The example to the right is from "Search all collections".

Now the example on top of the next page shows the "Extended search" from the DRR's first page.There are many more series of documents to chose from further down the page. This is where you can find the Military rolls, for instance. The extracts from the church records (SCB) are found further down in the left column.

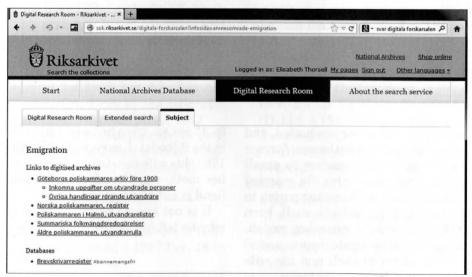




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To find the Passenger lists from Göteborg, for instance, you can use the "Subject" search in the DRR. Click on the "Inkomna uppgifter om utvandrade personer" to find the right lists that are scanned.

The middle picture on this page shows a successful research for the church records of Nordmark parish in Värmland. To see the scanned pages, just click on the button "image" in the bottom righthand corner.

Some of the databases you will find in the "column" *databases* on the "Extended search" are from other web sites, and are marked with a small square with a little arrow, like for instance the Skåne database. Or the database of people sent back from Norway by the Norwegian police.

This is also where you find the "released prisoners" (*frigivna straffarbetsfångar*).



Johan Fredrik Vilhelm Kristian Svensson Jensen, b 1895 July 3 in Glästrup, Denmark. He was in 1920 sentenced to 1 year of hard labor for stealing for the 3rd time, and was released in 1921 from Härlanda prison in Göteborg.

Under the heading "Subject" you will find readymade links to several categories:

Crime and punishment Emigration Genealogy General and mixed

Military

- Properties
- Taxes

This will help you find what you are looking for. This new costume for the old SVAR site willprobably turn out to be easier to work with when you have used it and tried it.

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