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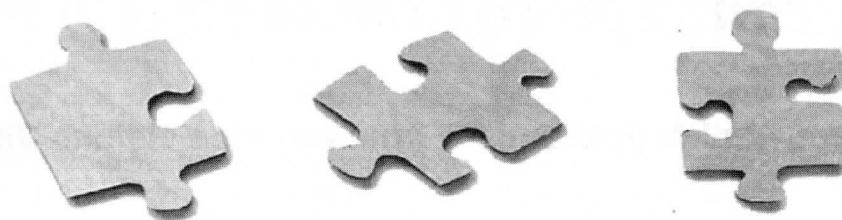
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## 1921 Canadian census is now indexed

Earlier this year images of the 1921 Canadian census were released on Ancestry.com. Also on FamilySearch.

By the end of October 2013 they have now been indexed and thus much easier to search.

(From <http://olivetreenealogy.blogspot.se>)

## SSDI now has a three-year privacy restriction

The recently passed U.S. Federal Budget includes a restriction to public access of information in the *Social Security Death Index*. It has been stated that the changes will save the U.S. government an estimated \$786 million over the next decade by reducing fraudulent claims. Data is not available for a three-year period starting with an individual's date of death. Some reports state records are unavailable for "individuals who died within the past three calendar years." This regulation should include people who died in the past three years that were part of the SSDI prior to the passing of the budget. No online site has indicated they plan to remove these persons from their database.

*More information at page 30.*

(*Nu? What's New? Vol. 15, No. 01 – January 5, 2014.*)

## The Swedish Genealogy Convention

**30–31 Aug. 2014**

Welcome to the Genealogy Convention in Karlstad!

The Genealogy Convention will be located at the Convention Center.

The theme for the Genealogy Convention 2014 in Karlstad is "Migration – past, present and future." Lectures, exhibitors, and much more!

*Link on p. 30.*

## Ellis Island and hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy (unofficially known as "Superstorm Sandy") was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, as well as the second-costliest hurricane in United States history. It hit New York on 29 Oct. 2012, and one of the victims was Ellis Island.

The brick-and-limestone French Renaissance Revival building that serves as the centerpiece of Ellis Island was spared major structural damage during the hurricane. But the storm surge sent eight feet of water, pouring into the basement, destroying the site's electrical, computing, phone, heat, water and sewage systems. Concerned about humidity levels and temperatures, officials moved two-thirds of the museum's collection into storage.

Ellis Island was closed for almost a year and reopened in late October 2013.

Ellis Island is open to visitors while the National Park Service continues to make repairs after Hurricane Sandy. Although some areas are restricted, visitors can stop in the American Family Immigration History Center to research their family immigration records and explore the Great Hall, "Journeys: The Peopling of America 1550-1890" exhibit which tells the story of immigration prior to Ellis's opening in 1892, and The American Immigrant Wall of Honor. Visitors can also enjoy the audio tour, join a ranger program, and watch the award-winning documentary "Island of Hope, Island of Tears."

(*New York Times 29 Oct. 2013, Wikipedia and [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)*)



## A new exhibition

Discover the incredible psaligraphy of Danish-Norwegian artist Karen Bit Vejle. Meet "Bit" at the Papercut!

Denmark rightfully boasts a long tradition of papercutting, or psaligraphy as it is referred to in the technical sense, thanks in large part to the work of H.C. Andersen.

The exhibition is open 24 Jan. to 24 May 2014.

## The Swedish Emigrant Institute Shuts Down Operations

The Board of Directors for the Swedish Emigrant Institute (SEI) decided at its meeting on November 12, 2013, that the Swedish Emigrant Institute Foundation will be disbanded. All operations under SEI's direction will immediately cease or will transfer to one or more of SEI's affiliate organizations. Continuing information about the closure can be followed on SEI's home page.

For specific questions, please visit: [info@utvandarnashus.se](mailto:info@utvandarnashus.se)  
Växjö 2013, Board of Directors for the Swedish Emigrant Institute

## The Great Swedish Adventure again

The casting for the fourth season of this TV show, also known as *Allt for Sverige*, is now finished. The names of the participants has not yet been disclosed, but will be presented in the next SAG.

*Leif Mörkfors, Järfälla, is the new researcher for the show.*