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Riksarkivet

– Swedish National Archives



Riksarkivet – the Swedish National Archives is situated in the Marieberg area of Stockholm. The present building, inaugurated in 1968, does not look very grand, but is a spacious, modern building that goes down many levels into the rock.

Riksarkivet is one of the oldest public agencies in Sweden, its history reaching back to the Middle Ages. In 1618, Chancellor Axel Oxenstierna created a new organization for record keeping and the National Archives came into being. Today, the National Archives has the supervision of all public records of the agencies of the central government, while it delegates to the regional archives the supervision of records generated by regional and local authorities. They receive and preserve records from public administration

as well as from private corporations and individuals, and make them available for research.

The *Riksarkivet* does *not* have any church records, as those are regarded as local public records and are kept in the different regional archives (*Landsarkiv*) in the country. There is a list of them on the *Riksarkivet* web site with addresses and contact information.

Riksarkivet is open to everyone, and you do not have to have any special permit to visit the archives. On their English web site there is a downloadable brochure which tells more about the holdings.

Web site:

<http://www.riksarkivet.se/>
then look for the English link.



The reading room.

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