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Organization of the Peter Craig Collection of New Sweden materials



The *Swedish Colonial Society* writes in their E-Communiqué #9 June 2011 about how the work progresses with the archiving of the records left by the late Dr. Peter S. Craig:

“The collection is immense, covering about 100 feet of shelving. A great deal of organization and inventorying has been done by Ron Beatty and Cynthia Forde-Beatty who paged through every paper in 26 boxes to expand the descriptions of materials relating to each Forefather surname. During this process it was discovered that Dr. Craig’s response to Forefather applications often presented extensive research documented nowhere else. These responses were typically in the form of research papers or printed copies of e-mails. In either event, locating these materials on the computer used by Dr. Craig is undoubtedly the most important “next step” for the Society. There are numerous files on Peter

Craig’s computer containing research data to prove Forefather applicants that do need to be entered into the database. It was noted that with new information or new research data, Dr. Craig was able to make corrections to Forefather applications. This is critical data for the Forefather database.

“Ron Beatty and Cynthia Forde-Beatty have been invited to be the genealogists for the SCS with Ron managing the database and being responsible for maintaining the database, doing data entry, file merging, citations, etc., for the present time until we have four generations listed for each Forefather”.

Correction and additions to the ancestors of Nobel Laureate Glenn Seaborg

Glenn Seaborg’s ancestors were published in the 1996 publication “24 Famous Swedish Americans and their Ancestors,” published by the *Sveriges Släktforskarförbund* (Swedish Federation of Genealogical Societies). The book is now out of print, but the following information might still be of interest.

Researchers Donald Freij and Lars Hasselblad have found out the following:

Generation V

40 **Jan (Johan) Andersson**, born 1761 in Guldsmedhyttan, Lindesberg parish. Farmer and part mine owner (*bergsman*) in Pjättaboda, Lindes *Bergsförsamling*. Married in 1790 to # 41 **Maria Andersdotter**, born 1763 in Aspa, Linde *Bergsförsamling*.

Generation VI

80 **Anders Persson (Piett)**, born 1729 in Pjättaboda, Linde *Bergsförsamling*. He used his paternal grandfather’s surname.

82 **Anders Eriksson**, born ca 1708, died Jan. 22 1788 in Aspa, Linde *Bergsförsamling*. Part mine

owner (*bergsman*) in Aspa. Married to

83 **Ingeborg Andersdotter**, born 17(20) in Vasselhyttan, Linde *Bergsförsamling*, died in Aspa, Lindes *Bergsförsamling* 1802.

Generation VII

#160 **Per Andersson**, born 1708.

#161 **Margareta Johansdotter Piett**, born 1707.

Generation VIII

322 **Johan Piett**, born 16(83), died 1747 in Guldsmedhyttan, Linde *Bergsförsamling*. Married to

323 **Margareta Carlsdotter**, born ca 1675.

Generation IX

646 **Daniel Piett**, born ca 1630, died 1692 in Guldsmedhyttan, Linde *Bergsförsamling*. Iron works overseer (*bruksförvaltare*). Married to

647 **Maria Fransdotter Fassing**, born ca 1644, died 1730 in Linde *Bergsförsamling*.

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It has not previously been known that Glenn Seaborg had this Walloon descent, which is fairly common for people from the metal-working area in middle Sweden.

There is a special society for people researching Walloons, “Sällskapet Vallonättlingar.” They have a web site (*link on p.30*) with lots of information, but only in Swedish. They present their society like this: “The Society of Swedish Walloon Descendants was formed in 1938 and has its seat in Stockholm. Its primary purposes are to spread knowledge about the contributions of Walloon immigrants (from Belgium and northern France) to Sweden’s economic and cultural history and to support research in that field. The society also arranges various kinds of events for its members, participates in the preservation of remnants of Walloon culture in Sweden, and develops and maintains genealogical contacts with individuals, organizations and institutions in Sweden and Walloon.