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New Swedish databases

As usual, several new databases for PC machines were released at the annual Genealogy Days (*Släktforskardagarna*) in Örebro in late August.

The one most people were waiting for was the new **Swedish Death Index** (*Sveriges dödbok*) 1901–2009, which has information about almost 8 million deceased Swedes. The information from 1947 up to the end of 2009 covers about 5 million people, where the information comes from official sources and is supposed to be complete.

Information for the period of 1901– 1946 has been extracted from the death records by hundreds of volunteers who have spent numerous hours in inputting this information into a huge database. This database contains about 2.5 million individuals, which is supposed to cover about 70% of all deaths during this period. This database is so huge, that it was necessary to produce a **DVD**.

The volunteers that participated in this project, called "Name for the dead" (*Namn åt de döda*) did come from many parts of the country, but not all. Especially the huge parishes in the cities of Stockholm, Göteborg, and Malmö did not attract enough volunteers, but the project will go on so the end result will be 100% for the whole country, hopefully by 2012.

Some *län* have better coverage than others; Värmland has 100%, and Uppsala, Skaraborg, Älvsborg have also high percentages.

The new Death Index works just as the earlier versions.

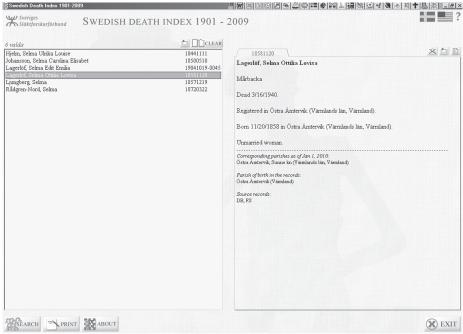
The Swedes in 1880

SVAR released at the same time their new database, the **Swedish Census 1880**. Previously we know the similar databases for 1890 and 1910, but this one might be even more helpful in locating emigrants, as the peak of

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World-famous author Selma Lagerlöf is here used as an example for the Death Index search. Just fill in the name of the person you want to look at (above), and then you get a number of hits in the Results window (below), and click your way down, and look at the more detailed information for each one.



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In this example is shown the possibility to do Child search (Sök barn) which can be useful if you do not know how the father spelled his name, for instance. In that case, fill in the name of the child and perhaps year of birth. Perhaps you also know he had a brother Fredrik and a sister Wendla and perhaps more siblings, then you can also fill out the space for siblings. There are many more search possibilities, but as usual fill in as little as necessary.



Sandbacken 5, Uppsala, where the Wattman family lived. Picture from Uppsala Stadsarkiv.

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the Swedish exodus took place in the early 1880s. Many of the emigrants might turn up here.

Also notice that both databases are in *English*; just click on the American flag in the upper righthand corner.

There are also little a, \ddot{a} , and \ddot{o} at the bottom of the search window, which you can copy and paste into your search.

Other new databases

The Genealogical Society of Sweden (*Genealogiska Föreningen* [GF]) had a number of new CD:s this year.

The first one is a scanned and searchable version of their journal **Släkt och Hävd** for the decade 1980-1989. This is the fourth volume, as the journal started in 1950.

Next is a scanned version with a name index of the **Wallwik family**, a publication from 1765, with about 1,500 names of prominent families in middle Sweden, all descended from Claes Eriksson of Falun in the 1500s.

Then we have a very useful book on a CD: **Det Anno 1735** Å**r Florerande Sverige**, which is a directory of all people employed by the government in that year (military, judges, tax collectors, etc.) with a contemporary name index.

Another database has all divorces in Stockholm 1794–1916, **Skilda i Stockholm**, around 7,000 couples. (GF Website: **www.genealogi.net**)

Another organization, the **Svens**ka Släktkalendern (Swedish Family Register) has produced a CD with indexes to the whole set of books from 1885–2010, perhaps 100,000 middle class people. On the CD is also a name list of all the 2,670 families that have been presented in the *Släktkalendern* since 1885.

Questions and *orders* for the CD:s can be sent to the SAG Editor at <sag@etgenealogy.se>

Installation

All the products mentioned here are supposed to run on Windows 7 machines. You may have to disable your firewall during installation.

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