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There is a California state census that was taken in 1852.

The reason for this was that the first federal census of California was taken in 1850. However, many of the residents had come to California because of the Gold Rush and were continually on the move. This made the accuracy of the 1850 census questionable.

In addition, the records for the counties of Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Santa Clara were lost or destroyed. As a result, the state of California conducted its own census in 1852. This is the only state census for California.

It is possible to search the census by place of birth, and when searching for Sweden about 550 hits appeared.

Here are a few of the Swedes that were in California in 1852, presumably mostly trying their luck in the gold fields.

The information given is their name, year of birth, and county of residence:

Johan Kjellander, b. 1824, Sonoma.
Jacob Green, b. 1816, San Francisco.
NN Flink, b. 1823, Placer.
R. Fleetwart, b. 1825, Sonoma, (nobility family, in SPAUS p. 224).
Joseph Korn, b. 1827, San Francisco.
Matthew Norr, b. 1817, El Dorado.
Chas L. Bloom, b. 1822, Sierra.
A Duben, b. 1827, Nevada.
J. Norbo, b. 1826, Placer.
P. Sundin, b. 1820, Placer.
Chas Samuelson, b. 1821, Sacramento.
G. Hellberg, b. 1828, Trinity. (possibly in SPAUS, p. 345).
J. Brobeck, b. 1821, Sacramento.
David Nunborn, b. 1816, El Dorado.
Emil Lubeck, b. 1837, Sonoma.
Anthony Westrim, b. 1811, Solano.
Thos Andson, b. 1815, Tuolumne.
Martin Anderson, b. 1826, Tuolumne.
NN Bahlin, b. 1808, Santa Clara.
Edward L. Funell, b. 1825, San Joaquin.



Digging for gold in California.

A[lb]in] Gegerfelt, b. 1823, San Francisco. [Nobility family, tab. 18].
Sven Wiggoust, b. 1824, Sacramento.
A D Kingstrom, b. 1825, Sonoma.
Gloff Swendenston, b. 1816, Santa Cruz.
Aslof Swedenster, b. 1807, San Francisco.
John Tengrene, b. 1832, San Joaquin.
J Svenberg, b. 1821, Tuolumne.
J Ecklin, b. 1809, Placer.
Edwd Bermaram, b. 1822, San Francisco.
C Westfield, b. 1829, Siskiyou.
C Osbeck, b. 1815, Sacramento.
Auguste Gitigren, b. 1818, San Francisco.
Roland Bergin, b. 1832, San Francisco.
Gustavus Bergwall, b. 1812, Sonoma, (probably SPAUS #855).
Laura Bergwall, b. 1822, Sonoma.
Chas Frind, b. 1799, Placer.
C. Segin, b. 1794, San Francisco.
And. Williams, b. 1795, San Francisco.
F. E. Ritter, b. 1800, San Francisco.
A.C. Knonell, b. 1815, Placer.
Thos Andson, b. 1815, Tuolumne.
John Steinbeck, b. 1814, San Francisco.

Source: California State Census, 1852. California State Archives, Sacramento. FHL Microfilm, 6 rolls. Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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