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## Victims of San Francisco Earthquake

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*Sveriges Läkarehistoria ifrån Konung Gustaf I:s till närvarande tid I–IV* (Stockholm and Nyköping 1822–1835), II, p. 150; IV, p. 200; Arne Lenner and Erik Wikén, *Gävle gymnasiums matrikel 1669–1849* (Gävle 1969), pp. 132–133; A. Hilarion Wistrand, *Sveriges Läkare-historia ifrån Konung Gustaf I:s till närvarande tid af Johan Fredrik Sacklén*. New supplement (Stockholm 1853), p. 214; Johan Eric Fant & August Theodor Låstbom, *Upsala ärkestifts herdaminne I–III* (Uppsala 1842–1845), II, p. 89.

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An additional note should be cited regarding Laurentius M. Algerus, who was betrothed to Catharina Hassel or Hazell on St. Eustatius 17 March 1742 (see Henry B. Hoff, “Early Swedes on St. Eustatius” in *Swedish American Genealogist*, Vol. III, p. 136). Algerus, whose death in Helsingborg was noted in that article, can also be found in the death register of the S:ta Maria Church of Helsingborg, which states that Laurentz Allgerus (sic!) died 19 Jan. 1800 and was buried from the church 24 Jan. 1800. He was born in Algutsrum Parish (Kalm.) on the island of Öland. From these new facts we may assume that he took his surname from his home parish at the time he matriculated at the University of Uppsala.—*Editor*.

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### Victims of the San Francisco Earthquake

On 18 April 1906, an earthquake measuring 8.25 on the Richter Scale, rocked San Francisco. The quake lasted 48 seconds—the subsequent fires lasted three days and nights and caused immense property damage. The number of casualties, never completely tabulated, was in the hundreds.

To arrive at an accurate total of the number of dead, Mrs. Gladys Hansen, San Francisco City Archivist, has made a thorough search of all available records. Her total of 826 known dead far exceeds the official figure of 478, given by the 1907 City Board of Supervisors. Yet, even with her careful calculations, Mrs. Hansen believes the revised figure too low. She therefore appeals to anyone having knowledge of any person killed in the 1906 disaster to write her with whatever information he or she might have. The names of the dead will be entered upon the official roster in the San Francisco Public Library, available to researchers of history and genealogy.

We encourage anyone seeking information on people killed in the 1906 earthquake and fire to write to:

Mrs. Gladys Hansen  
San Francisco Archives  
Public Library  
Civic Center  
San Francisco, CA 94102

and enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.