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– now you can find them

In January 2011, SVAR – a branch of the Swedish National Archives – will release a new population DVD for PCs. This time it covers the population in 1990, and has about the same information as the earlier CDs “Population in Sweden 1970” (Sveriges befolkning 1970) and “Population in Sweden 1980” (Sveriges befolkning 1980).

The material on this DVD is collected from government records on taxation, the mantalslängder. In 1991 July 1st the Tax Authorities (Skatteverket) took over the keeping of records on the population and transferred the information in the previous records to a new system. One of the consequences of this was that the series of mantalslängder, started in 1625, now was ended.

The new database is used in the same way as the 1970 and 1980. There is no English version.

Something new

One piece of information that was lacking in the older databases was the date for the latest change of marital status (senaste civilståndsförändring). This comes at the end of the information on the person you are looking for, and shows if he/she in 1990 was:

- Pojke under 18 år = boy under age of 18
- Flicka under 18 år = girl under age of 18
- Ogift man = unmarried man
- Ogift kvinna = unmarried woman
- Gift man = married man and the date of marriage
- Gift kvinna = married woman and the date of marriage
- Fränskild = divorced and the date of divorce
- Änkel = widower and the death date for the spouse
- Änka = widow and the death date for the spouse

The search window

From top to bottom:
- Rensa = clear search window
- Efternamn = surname
- Förnamn = first name
- Nägot / några = one/ more first names
- Allt = all of them
- Endast i denna ordning = only in this order (click this box)
- Födelsedatum = date of birth. This is written as 18920629, which means 29 June 1892.
- Civilståndsförändring = date for change in marital status
- Man = man
- Kvinna = woman
- Ogift = unmarried
- Gift = married
- Änkel / änkel = widow/widower
- Fränskild = divorced
- Födelseort = place of birth
- Län = county
- Församling = parish
- Landskap = province
- Boendeort = domicile
- Kommun = township/city
- Gatuadress = street address
- Fastighet = street address
- Sök! = search

But as usual with databases, fill in as little as possible!

List search

There is a row of buttons to the right, and they are used for what is called List search (listsökning). This makes it possible to search for spelling variations at the same time. As an example: click on the one by the Förnamn and then in the bottom window write Carl, do a right click so you get a red tick mark by the name, then write Karl, right click so you again get the red tick mark, and then left click on the “traffic light” down at the
The lefthand corner of the list. You will now see the search window again, with both Carl and Karl in the field for Förnamn. You can not add or change anything without going back to the list window. If you want to delete those names, go back to the list window and click on rensa at the top. Tinker a little with this, and you will find it a very useful tool.

At the bottom of the result screen you will find two buttons, one for samma adress which means same address, the other one is samma fastighet which usually means the same building. Sometimes there are spelling variations that do not show in samma adress, then try the other button.

To the left there are three buttons, the most important one is skriv ut, which means print.

The price of the DVD will be 560 SEK + postage, if you buy it from SVAR, see their ad on p. 6.

If you wish to look for the King, just put "Kon" in the surname field and then his birth date 19160430 in the Birth field. Then click on "samma adress," and there you have the whole family.

The result of samma adress.

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