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Ohio. The reunions featured performances by a male chorus formed in Cleveland in 1930 whose members were immigrants from Söderfors. The founding members of this chorus were Frans Berglund, Herbert Gevert, Sven Jerlström, Ernst Lantz, Artur Lundström, and Fritz Ramsten. Perhaps all of them, and not only the “dark, narrow” Jerlström, are in the *Sångarförbund* photo.

Ellis Island records reveal that Sven Fritiof Jerlström, age 19 and unmarried, arrived from Söderfors on October 23, 1923. With two other men he was joining Oskar Jerlström in Worcester, Massachusetts. Here the manifest may have an error, as Oskar Jerlström is listed as Sven’s friend, and Sven is coming for only three years. However, Oskar is listed as the uncle of one of the other men, who is coming “forever.” Presumably Oskar was the uncle of Sven – and Sven did stay forever. According to the Social Security Death Index, Sven Jerlstrom, born November 21, 1903, died in November 1987; his last residence was Northridge, California.

It seems likely that Sven Jerlström was a member of the *Sångarförbund* in 1923 and brought the photo with him when he immigrated. When I purchased it on eBay, the photo was still in its old frame, a valued possession that had been protected and displayed. While these voices have been silent for a long time, the photo speaks of the connection that lasted for some years between Söderfors and its former residents who found new homes in America.

Ed.’s note: In the database *Emi-hamn* Oscar Jerlström is found as emigrating from Söderfors in 1902 at age 24. He left Göteborg on 26 September with a ticket for Worcester, Mass.

The *Swedish Census 1900* shows that Oskar Valfrid Jerlström was born 1877 in Nora, (Öre.), son of Gustaf Ferdinand Jerlström and Johanna Matilda Nyquist. In 1900 Gustaf Ferdinand was a smelter foreman at Söderfors iron works.

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Recently a new version of the *Sveriges Dödbok* (Swedish Death Index) arrived, now covering the years 1947-2006, which means that about 275,000 individuals have been added for the years 2004-2006, and also that the older ones from 1947 are now much more complete. Married women up to 1970 have also had their maiden names added. The

pictures below show all the search possibilities that can be used – either separate or in combination with others.

The CD costs 595 SEK + handling and postage (about \$90), so it best to send an e-mail to <info@genealogi.se> and ask for the correct amount.

Swedish Death Index 1947-2006, Search

SEARCH CLEAR ? X

Last name: [AB] [RE]

First name: [AB] [RE]

Date of birth (or (yyyy-mm-dd)) Change in marital status Date of death Age -

Men Women Unmarried Married Widowed Divorced

Place of birth: Country County Parish Province [AB] [RE]

Place of death: Country County Parish Municipality Province This None [AB] [RE]

Address (only the first five letters)

GO! Insert character [i] [a] [c] [e]

Famous author Astrid Lindgren has been used as an example. Here is the “Search screen.”

SWEDISH DEATH INDEX 1947 - 2006

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Lindgren, Astrid Ellen	1907-11-02	1987-11-24
Lindgren, Astrid Ellen Berglund	1907-11-02	1987-11-24
Lindgren, Astrid Ellen	1907-11-02	1987-11-24

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Name: Astrid Ellen Lindgren

Day 4 1: 11:34:00 AM

Sex: F

Expire: 2007-11-24 11:34:00 AM (UTC-08:00)

Event: 1987-11-24 11:34:00 AM (UTC-08:00)

Place: 90101

Death (first in Swedish): 1987-11-24 (Sweden)

Place of birth: 90101

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The “Result screen” for Astrid Lindgren (a little edited).