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*Online World War I indexes and records*: http://www.militaryindexes.com/worldwarone/

Official web site of the King and Queen: http://www.royalcourt.se/

Some lists on New Sweden: http://www.rootsweb.com/~nycoloni/nwswdn.html


A website for Upstate New York: http://www.unyg.com/

Family Tree Magazine’s 101 Best web sites for 2007:


*How much is that? The value of money through history*: http://eh.net/hmit/

International civic arms: http://www.ngw.nl/index.htm

New page on Rock Island, Ill.: http://www.illinoisancestors.org/rockisland/index.htm

13th Scandinavian Festival in Atlanta, GA: http://www.scandga.org/ScandinavianFestival/

Dalesburg (SD) Scandinavian Association: http://www.angelfire.com/sd/dalesburg99/

Burials in Göteborg (in Swedish): http://www.svenskakyrkan.se/goteborg/kgf/

Scanned indexes to Stockholm church records (in Swedish):

http://www.ssa.stockholm.se/Forskarsalen/aspdb/ProjOppna/Kyrkobok/kyrkol1.asp

New and Noteworthy

(short notes on interesting books and articles)

*Cornerstones, The Swedish Foundations of an American Family*, by Louise Benson Griffin, Kirk House Publishers, 2004. This is an account of two brothers who migrated from Persbohl, parish of Neyed, in Värmland, Sweden, to St. Cloud, Minnesota, in the 1880’s. Louise Benson Griffin is a granddaughter of one of the brothers, Carl, and the other brother, Nels, is her great-uncle. The book is well organized and documented, and is a good example for others to follow in assembling such a family history. The book describes the brothers’ roots in Sweden, their journey to America, a biography of their own and their Swedish wives, and enumerates their descendants in the U.S. Well written, the book includes many photographs of both families and homes in Sweden and in Minnesota.

*Norwegians, Swedes, and More, Destination Dakota Territory*, Loren H. Amundson, Virtualbookworm.com Publishing, Inc., P.O. Box 9949, College Station, TX 77482, 2006. This is book four of a massive work in four completed volumes (6 planned) detailing the ancestors and descendants of Loren H. Amundson and his wife, Mavis. Dr. Amundson is a fifth-generation native of Colton, South Dakota, and his wife was born and raised in Minnesota. Loren is a retired medical doctor and professor of medicine at the University of South Dakota. Since 1996, he has dedicated most of his time since retirement to writing and publishing his and his wife’s genealogy. His wife is all Norwegian, Loren is half Norwegian, one-quarter Swedish, and one-quarter French/German/English/Canadian. Chapter six of this volume (most of the book) covers his Swedish ancestors and their descendants from the Halmstad area of Sweden.

The book *Family Tree*, by Barbara Delinsky (Doubleday 2007) has a promising title, but there is not much genealogy in the book. It is a novel that instead posts many questions about racial prejudices and honesty in families and what to do with the skeletons in the closets. The heroine, Dana, is a young newly married woman, daughter of an unwed mother (who is now dead), and the problems she and her Yankee husband face, when their new daughter turns out to have a bit of coloring, and nobody knows where it came from. Dana now needs to trace her unknown father, which is done remarkably easy, and also to come to terms with her maternal grandmother, who owns a yarn shop that plays an important role in the story. A book to read on the couch on a rainy day.