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Interesting Web Sites

All links tested in November 2007 and should work

Old medical terms: http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/Index.htm

About emigration through Hamburg, Germany: http://www.ballinstadt.com/en/index.php

Some digitized issues of the San Francisco Call: http://cdnc.ucr.edu/

Online death certificates for Utah before 1956: http://historyresearch.utah.gov/indexes/index.html

Digital archives of Washington State: http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx

If you know an address in Chicago, this might help: http://www.chicagoancestors.org/

Searchable newspaper articles in Oklahoma: http://okhistory.cuadra.com/star/public.html

Swedish Council of St. Louis: http://www.swedishcouncilstlouis.org/

Article by Emory Lindquist about the Swedes in Kansas:

http://www.kancoll.org/khq/1963/63_1_lindquist.htm

Swenson Center's Genealogical Links: http://www.augustana.edu/swenson/Links.html

Roots Television (works with IE): http://rootstelevision.com/index.html

Index to Skarstedts "California och dess svenska befolkning":

http://www.augustana.edu/swenson/book110.htm

Preparing flax: http://www.mainlesson.com/display.php?author=otis&book=boston&story=flax2

Murders in Chicago 1870–1930: http://homicide.northwestern.edu/

Kip Sperry's Internet links: http://home.byu.net/ks4/?sssdmh=dm13.150380

New and Noteworthy

(short notes on interesting books and articles)

One thing that is important in genealogy is to evaluate the sources you are working with. Is this record true or false? Can I believe this family tradition? A useful, but not too serious, way of learning more about this is to read *The Daughter of Time*, by Josephine Tey, first published in 1952. The story in this book is the investigation of the old problem of Richard III, king of England. Did he, or did he not, kill his nephews? The detective is a trained policeman who is not willing to accept history, written long after the event. This book is available on Amazon.com.

For those of us who are interested in mining and the history of the miners and their dangerous jobs, it might be valuable to look for *Ancestry Magazine*, the September/October issue for 2007. This issue has a couple of articles on the miners and some illustrative photos. In a sidebar one can read that in 1848 there were 5,000 miners in California, just two years later the number had grown to 50,000. The mines were often the proverbial melting pot, where Swedes worked with Poles, Czechs, Italians, and many other nationalities.

The new *Svenska Släktkalendern* 2007 (Swedish Family Register 2007) has come from the printers. It contains 79 family genealogies, following the families from ancient times until today. 25 of those have been presented in earlier volumes, and 54 are totally new. The thirty volumes in the series (from 1912-) now covers a total of 1,992 different families. A list of the families presented can be found at http://www.etgenealogy.se/slkalreg.htm

The more one digs into life in the old days, the more one realizes that many things were not so different, even though the geographic areas were far away. Currently I am reading *A Little Commonwealth*. Family Life in Plymouth Colony, by John Demos, printed by Oxford University Press (2000). Life in Plymouth Colony was in many ways similar to life in Vadstena, Skänninge, Filipstad, and other Swedish small towns in the 1600s.