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Dear friends,

This winter has been long and tedious. In the Stockholm area there has been continuous cold weather since the 15th of December, which only happens around every 20 years or so.

In one of the daily papers it was told that this has been the longest and coldest winter since 1829. I am glad I did not live then, but in a modern, warm house, where we do not need the maids to get up very early and start the fires in the *kakelugnar* (tiled ovens), especially as maids are rare these days.

Really, with all the sources that are available on the internet now, you do not need to go to the archives as much as just a few years ago. Most of the church records are there, and now even up to 1939 for births,

deaths, and marriages. When I realized that was possible, I looked up my older brother, who turned 70 last year, and found out that he was recorded as being born at the maternity hospital in the nearby town, not in the parish where our parents lived. This can be tricky to find out, when it became much more common to not be born at home, but in a hospital. The rules were later changed, and the baby recorded in his parents' home parish. The 1900s are not easy!

But how can my brother be 70, when I feel no older than I did 25 years ago? One of the little mysteries of life.

Recently I also was present at the 60th anniversary of the *Östgöta Genealogical Society*, which I helped

to revive in 1978, another of those things that make you realize that time passes.

One thing that has kept me occupied lately has been the copying of the death records for my special parish of Nordmark (Värm.), for the period of 1901–1946. This information is going to end up in a new version of the *Swedish Death Index*, covering 1901–2009 for most of the country. This database will hopefully be released by the end of the summer. At the same time we hope to see the *1880 Swedish Census* on a CD/DVD, which will be very useful. So things are moving!

Till next time!

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The Genealogy Days in Örebro

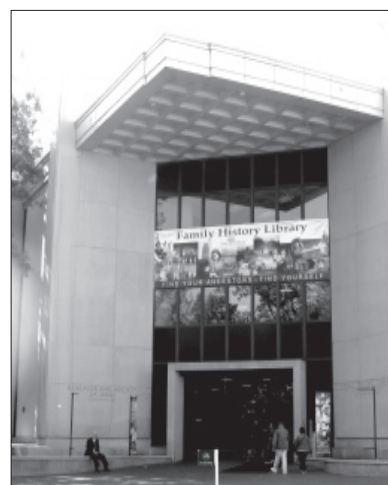
The annual Swedish Genealogy Days will take place on **27–29 August** in Örebro.

Örebro is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the meeting of the Swedish parliament in 1810 that elected Fieldmarshal Jean Baptiste Bernadotte to become the Swedish Crown Prince Karl Johan.

There will be festivities all year round, and the Genealogy Days are filled with lectures, exhibitions and demonstrations by archives, online companies, societies, booksellers, and much more. It is *the* meeting place for all genealogists, and you are also most welcome!

<http://www.sfd2010.se/>

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Welcome to join our happy group of researchers at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City!

The SAG Workshop is the highlight of the year – a fun learning experience and a chance to do your Swedish genealogy with hands-on help from experienced Swedish and American genealogists.

The social side includes both welcome and farewell receptions, a buffet dinner & entertainment.

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