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Canadian Censuses

Ancestry.com has now added more Canadian censuses to their databases. They now have 1901 (the fourth census), the 1906 census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, and the 1911 census (the fifth) of the whole country.

The first census of Canada was not taken until 1871. Manitoba and British Columbia did not join Canada until later, and are thus missing from the 1871 census.

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Royalty?

The president of the Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies (*Sve-ri- ges Släktforskarförbund*), Mr. *Ted Rosvall*, is a very diligent man. Having been deeply interested in royal genealogy since childhood, he recently started *Royalty Digest Quarterly*, which is filled with genealogies, articles, and pictures. More information from <ted.rosvall@telia.com>

Kyrkhult microfiche now in Lund

The microfiche of the church records for all Sweden that used to be available at the Research Center in Kyrkhult, which closed down in the spring, are now placed at the Regional Archives in Lund. It is in a special branch, called *Arkivcentrum Syd* at Porfyrvägen 16, 224 78 Lund. They are also the repository for the archives of Lund University, and various other institutions.

They have a web site at www.arkivcentrumsyd.se/ but no information in English, sorry!

Swedish Silver Coin in Jamestown, VA

Recently an old Swedish silver coin was found during excavations on the site of Jamestown, Virginia, founded in 1607. But the coin was older than that; it was a 1 öre, and had been minted in 1576 during the reign of King Johan III, second son of Gustaf I [Vasa].

In those days it was the value of the metal that was the important thing, not where it came from, so all over Europe you could find coins from any country. This one had probably ended up with some Englishman going to the colonies and then lost.



A Johan III ½ öre from 1578; the 1 öre looks the same.

Ockelbo reconstruction

The church records for Ockelbo (Gäst.) burned in 1904, which means that the records for that parish start in 1896. The lack of the older records has long been a serious problem for all researchers with Ockelbo roots. Now the former schoolteacher *Elsa Lagevik* has compiled a CD with information on older Ockelbo residents. She has been through tax records, probates, and many other types of records to gather this information. The price of the CD is said to be 450 SEK + postage. Contact Elsa Lagevik at Rödhakev. 2, S-175 64 Järfälla, Sweden.

Genealogy meeting in Philadelphia 28 Oct.

The Swedish genealogy club at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia will meet on Saturday 28 October at 1:30 pm. The speaker will be *Elisabeth Thorsell*, SAG editor, recently awarded the 2006 Victor Örnberg Memorial Prize by the Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies. The topic will be *Swedish databases on CD*.

The easy way to get Swedish things

The *American Swedish Institute* in Minneapolis now has a nice e-shop on their web site, where you can find many Swedish items, books, CDs, and even lingonberry preserves.

The web address is to be found on page 30.

9 October is Leifur Eriksson Day!

As we all know, *Leifur* (Leif in Swedish) *Eriksson* landed first in America, centuries before Christopher Columbus.

"To honor Leif Erikson, son of Iceland and grandson of Norway, and to celebrate our citizens of Nordic American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution (Public Law 88 566) approved on September 2, 1964, has authorized and requested the President to proclaim October 9 of each year as 'Leif Erikson Day.'

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2006, as Leif Erikson Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to honor our rich Nordic American heritage."

(*Icelandic Embassy web site*)