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Inventory database

This database has indexes to probates in the counties of Norrbotten, Södermanland, Uppsala, and Västmanland. The indexes are searchable in many ways. Once you find that a person has a probate, you get the full citation to obtain a copy, either on microfiche or from the archive.

Seamen’s houses (also Seamen’s registries) Sjömanshus

This database has information on thousands of merchant seamen from Sweden and one in Finland. The seamen’s houses in the database are the following: Härnösand, Gamlakarleby (Finland), Västervik, Hudiksvall, Söderhamn, Gävle, Karlskrona, Oskarshamn, Visby, and Örnsköldsvik. The information is uneven, but you usually get place and date of birth, maybe the father’s name, the ship the man sailed on, etc. If he ran away or left his ship in some other irregular way that is also recorded in these rolls.

Village and farm database

This database contains information on place names within a parish, and it also gives the page and the microfiche number for the place you are looking for. Unfortunately it does not cover the whole country, but it does cover the counties of Blekinge, Gävleborg, Halland, Jämtland, Kronoberg, and Västerbotten.

There are many other interesting things to find on the SVAR web site, but mainly in Swedish. However, SVAR has a good online bookstore with a number of books on Swedish history and culture in English which you can easily browse.

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The Dagmar and Nils William Olsson Fellowship

This annual fellowship is designed to help defray costs for one person doing research for an extended period of time at the Center and was established by Nils William Olsson, a leading authority in the field of Swedish-American studies (and founding editor of SAG), and his wife Dagmar.

The fellowship, which is in the amount of $1,500 (taxable income), is open to anyone doing academic research on any aspect of Swedish-American history. It is not intended to be used for research on a person’s individual family history. We particularly encourage graduate students and younger scholars to apply. The minimum stay required at the Swenson Center is three weeks, and the fellowship must be used within one year of notification.

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