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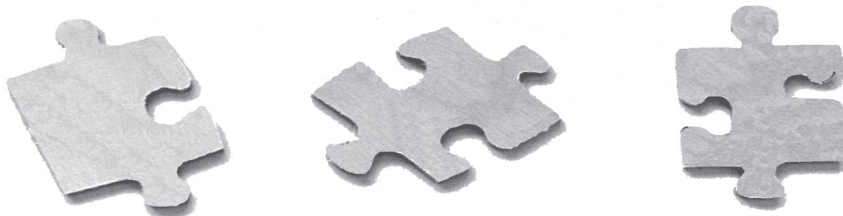
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Canadian immigrants

Ancestry.ca launches Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935. One in three Canadians is descended from immigrants listed in this collection.

* The official records of immigration to Canada by ship and overland from the U.S. are indexed and fully searchable online for the first time.

* Detailed records for all major Canadian ports.

The collection is fully indexed by name, month, year, ship, and port of origin and arrival of more than 4,000 ships, and includes original images for more than 310,000 pages of historical records. It is the first time that these records have been indexed and made available online.

(24/7 Family History Circle 17 Sep. 2008)

End of slavery in the British Empire

The *Slavery Abolition Bill 1833* was passed by the House of Commons and by the House of Lords.

It received the Royal Assent (which means it became law) on 29 August 1833 and came into force on 1 August 1834. On that date slavery was abolished throughout the vast British Empire.

The Act automatically applied as new possessions (principally in Africa) subsequently became part of the British Empire.

(Link on page 30).

Swedish Council website is renewed!

The web site of Swedish Council has been rebuilt, and is still not quite done. One new page is a *discussion forum*, where participants can ask questions, and discuss what is going on in Swedish America!

<http://www.swedishcouncil.org/>

Minnesota marriages online

The *Minnesota Official Marriages System (MOMS)* has just started to put all Minnesota marriages online. It is easy to search and the results are useful. If you want a copy of a certificate, you can order it for just \$9, and pay by check or money order. I did not see that credit cards can be used. However, they have just started doing this, so it is best to first check the link "County Index dates" and see if your county is already there. There is a link on page 30!

The oldest woman in the world dies

There was an interesting news item in this week's news from Shelbyville, Indiana. *Edna Parker*, the world's oldest woman, died. She was 115 years and 220 days old, according to Robert Young, a senior consultant for gerontology for *Guinness World Records*. Mrs. Parker was the 14th oldest validated super-centenarian in history. Maria de Jesus of Portugal, who was born on 10 September 1893, is now the world's oldest living person.

A super-centenarian is defined as someone who has reached the age of 110 or more. Only one in a thousand centenarians achieve this age, and only about 2% of those reach the age of 115. This is an extraordinary physiological achievement indeed!

(*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* 30 Nov. 2008)



A Pietist Conference

A conference on the Pietist Impulse in Christianity will be held March 19-21, 2009, at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

A special feature of this conference will be a panel session of historians representing Swedish-American churches including Augustana, Covenant, Free, and Baptist. For general information about the conference see: <http://www.bethel.edu/special-events/pietist/>

In Memoriam Maja Johansson 1917 – 2008



Maja Johansson, née Ellström, widow of professor Carl-Erik Johansson, author of *Cradled in Sweden*, passed away 17 Sept. 2008 in Salt Lake City. She, Carl-Erik, and their oldest children came in 1948 from Sweden to Utah, where they spent the rest of their lives. Maja is mourned by 7 children, 26 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren, and many friends.

(*Deseret News* 18 Sept. 2008)

A new Swedish CD-database

Just before Christmas the new CD-database *Begravda i Sverige* (Burials in Sweden) with some 5 million posts of burials was released. A review will come in the next issue of SAG.