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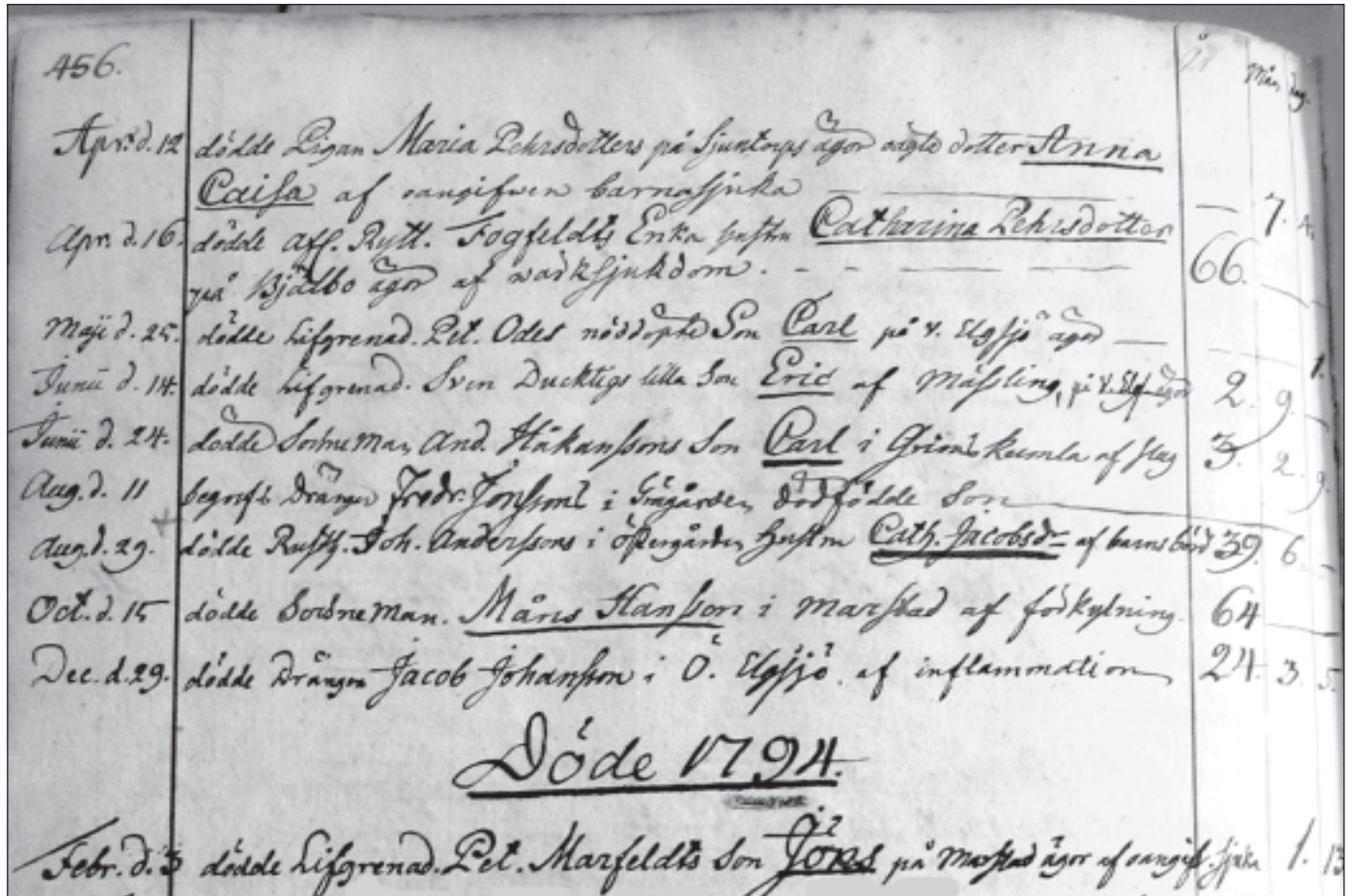
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A Handwriting Example IX



Here is an example of the handwriting of the later 1700s. The gothic style of writing is no longer in use, except for some letters. The writer

here uses the more modern Latin style, but still also uses the long “s” in words with double “s” like Hansson. This example is taken from the

church records of Bjälbo parish in Östergötland.

The transcription will be found on page 26.

Digital photos – a revolution!

In the last few years two companies have started in Sweden that offer genealogists a choice for the first time between the black and white microfilms/fiches and very neat color pictures of the records.

The first company, *HH Digiarkiv AB*, offers high quality photos of church records, probates, and much more for the area of Skåne, Halland, and Blekinge. The pictures are digi-

tal photos, not scans, and you get them on a CD and can then work with them in your picture program.

The other company, *Arkiv Digital*, offers much the same type of documents from the area of Västergötland, Bohuslän, Dalsland, and Värmland. Later this year they will start on Småland and Östergötland. Military records might be in future plans.

I have used their photos for the oldest records for Filipstad from the 1650s, and am amazed at how much easier they are to read than the old microfiche. The possibility of enlarging the photos is a big help, and I can also change the contrasts as I want to. Check out their web sites! The addresses are on page 31.

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