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## 1911 Census: All English counties Now Complete

**FindMyPast.com** (a pay site) has now added the remaining English Counties (Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland) and the missing Gateshead district records into the county of Durham. Therefore all English counties are now complete and online.

Scanning of Welsh records is well underway and data from Wales should be available before the end of May.

*(Dick Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter 12 Apr. 2009).*

## Agneta Nilsson – Honorary Swedish Woman of the Year

At the SWEA World Meeting in Washington, D.C., on April 20, 2009, *Agneta Nilsson*, SWEA's founder, was named Honorary Swedish Woman of the Year. This is SWEA's most prestigious yearly award, given to a Swedish woman who has made a significant impact on spreading knowledge about Sweden in the world. *(SCA web site 20 May 2009).*

## Titanic Exhibition in Stockholm

A huge exhibition on the *RMS Titanic* opened in Stockholm on 29 May, with lots of material never shown before. The exhibition is close to the Vasa Museum on Djurgården. You can buy a combination ticket for 200 SEK for adults, 420 SEK for families.

The ticket is also valid for the *Sjöhistoriska museet* (Maritime museum) nearby with many interesting items to study. The *Titanic* exhibition closes on 1 November.

## History Goes Digital

Library of Congress 2.0: The Library of Congress is the world's largest library. It houses more than 138 million items on approximately 650 miles of book shelves. Its collections include more than 32 million print materials, 2.9 million recordings, 12.5 million photographs, 5.3 million maps, and 5.5 million manuscripts.

The national library recently began moving its collection online through a scanning project with the San Francisco based internet archive that so far has placed approximately 25,000 books online for anyone to read or download. The project is focusing on fragile books that are at least 75 years old – thus out of copyright protection and in the public domain – in the areas of American history, genealogy, and some rare books.

*(The History Channel Magazine May/June 2009)*

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## The “Swedes in Canada” Project

According to her latest information, from January 2009, Elinor Barr has by now completed her major book on Swedes in Canada, and it is now being reviewed by her peers before going to print.

The schedule for publication points to the spring of 2010. SAG will keep the SAG readers informed of the progress.



## Anne Charlotte Hanes Harvey is the Swedish American of 2009!

The two Swedish District Lodges of the Vasa Order of America have named *Anne-Charlotte Hanes Harvey*, Professor Emerita of Theatre Arts, the Swedish American of the Year 2009, the 50th to earn that distinction.

Throughout the years, Anne-Charlotte Hanes Harvey has presented a number of singing tours and lectures on Swedish-American and Scandinavian-American themes, based on research undertaken at the Swedish Emigrant Institute in Växjö, Uppsala University, and Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center. She has also worked as dramaturg and translator.

SAG joins in the congratulations! *(SCA web site 20 May 2009).*

## Anbytarforum is Now Free Again!

The Swedish message board *Anbytarforum*, which for about a year has been a pay site, is now open for free for everyone that gets a user's account (*användarkonto*).

This was decided after a survey, conducted by a committee, that found that the number of domestic and especially foreign participants had dwindled, which was seen as being a drawback for all researchers.

As the income was needed by the Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies (*Sveriges Släktforskarförbund*), which owns the site, it is hoped that voluntary gifts will replace the former fee, which was 100 SEK.

<http://aforum.genealogi.se/discus/>