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# The Old Picture

On this page we publish old pictures sent in by our SAG readers. If you have a picture you want to see on this page, either send a digital copy, scanned in at no less than 300 dpi and saved as a jpg or tiff file, or send a good paper copy to the editor at the address shown on the inside cover. Do not send any originals, as we can not accept responsibility for them. Neither can we promise to publish all pictures.



Front row: Ellen Maria (b.1880), Maria (b.1858), Betty Emilia (b.1883). Back row: Lovise Constance (b.1879), Ernst (b.1885) & Pehr Larsson (b.1856). Ellen Maria is our grandmother. Everyone was born in Höganäs.

This picture was sent in by P. Robert Willey, 1504 Steeplechase Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701. His e-mail is <hogworc@comcast.net>.

The photo was taken in Höganäs in 1890. Per Larsson was a bricklayer (*murare*) and worked for the Höganäs Company as worker #91.

The discovery of this photo has its own story; Mr. Willey writes:

“The discovery of it was an interesting adventure in genealogy research. Recently I read that the “Estate Inventories of Sweden” (*bo-uppteckningar*) were a good source for researching one’s ancestors. This prompted me to email an inquiry to RAOGK (Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness) in Sweden, who graciously accepted my request. Within a few days, my contact had identified some possibilities.

I then sent my newly found information to a family relative residing in Höganäs who communicated with previously unknown individuals identified in the estate inventories. Subsequently this new information led to the discovery of several grandchildren of the brother of my grandmother. Interestingly enough is that they had little information of our grandmother who emigrated to America in 1896. We have since been able to share documents, photographs, and family information, as we become more knowledgeable of our mutual ancestors.

## Note:

The organization RAOGK <<http://www.raogk.org>> is a global volunteer organization which do genealogy research and has assisted me in five countries. There may be a reimbursement for expenses.

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# The Swedish Colonial Society celebrates its 100 years!



The Swedish Colonial Society, founded in 1909, is the oldest Swedish historical organization in the United States dedicated to preserving the legacy of the New Sweden Colony in America.

At the turn of the century few descendants of the early Swedes and Finns knew much about their ancestors or the history of the New Sweden Colony. In 1906, Dr. Amandus Johnson returned from study in Europe with a wealth of material concerning New Sweden on the Delaware and a determination that the history of the first colonial Swedish settlement in America should be recorded. In 1907, Dr. Johnson met with Swedish officials in the United States to generate support for the creation of a nation-

al organization and, during 1908, several informal meetings were held at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania with prominent individuals who shared Dr. Johnson's vision.

On January 20, 1909, the organizational meeting of the Swedish Colonial Society took place. On July 13, 1909, H.M. Gustaf V, King of Sweden, accepted the invitation to become the first High Patron of the Society. The present King, Carl XIV Gustaf is now the High Patron.

The 100th anniversary will be celebrated by a new exhibition at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia, and a conference in late October, also in Philadelphia.

The exhibition is called *Colony to*

*Community: The story of New Sweden*. It opens on 7 June and runs to 22 November. Through rare collection objects, historic documents, and images, this traveling exhibition explores the origins of the New Sweden Colony, the cultural endurance of the settlement that made it possible for Swedes and Finns to continue to immigrate to the area in the 18th and 19th centuries and how we preserve the past by commemorating New Sweden's legacy today.

The conference (22–25 October) is a joint project, organized by the Swedish Colonial Society, Swedish Council of America, and the American Swedish Historical Museum.

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## The SwedGen Tour comes back!

The *Swedgen Tour 2009* is in the planning stages, and will be in the U.S. in the fall.

What is the SwedGen Tour? It is a group of Swedish genealogists with an intense interest in the old immigrants from Sweden. The core group consists of *Olof Cronberg*, Växjö, *Anna-Lena Hultman*, Ulricehamn, *Charlotte Börjesson*, Göteborg, *Annelie Andersson*, Mellerud, and *Kathy Meade* from Genline U.S.A.

In August 2002, SwedGen Tour visited Ontario (CA), Kingsburg (CA) and Salt Lake City (UT). The next tour took place in 2005, when they visited Salt Lake City, Seattle (WA), and Vancouver in Canada. That year they were joined by other research-

ers from The Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies and SVAR, a branch of the Swedish *Riksarkivet*.

In 2007 they visited Minneapolis (MN), Cambridge (MN), Rockford (IL), and Jamestown (NY).

In 2008 they held a special workshop in Washington, D.C. (see SAG 2/08).

Now in 2009 the core group also includes *Jan Eurenus* of Genline Sweden. They plan the following itinerary:

*Worcester (MA) 3 October*

*Berlin (CT) 7 October*

*Cambridge (MN) 15 October*

*St Paul (MN) 16-17 October*

The workshop in St. Paul will be

held at the Minnesota Genealogical Building, 1185 Concord Street North, South St. Paul. Perhaps you will also see the SAG editor there.

A link to more information on the St. Paul workshop will be found on page 30 in this issue of SAG.

More information on the SwedGen Tour 2009 will probably be found at [www.dis.se/english](http://www.dis.se/english).

That page is not yet updated with information on the 2009 tour, but look at it anyway, and learn about the previous workshops, and see what you may expect of the 2009 workshop.