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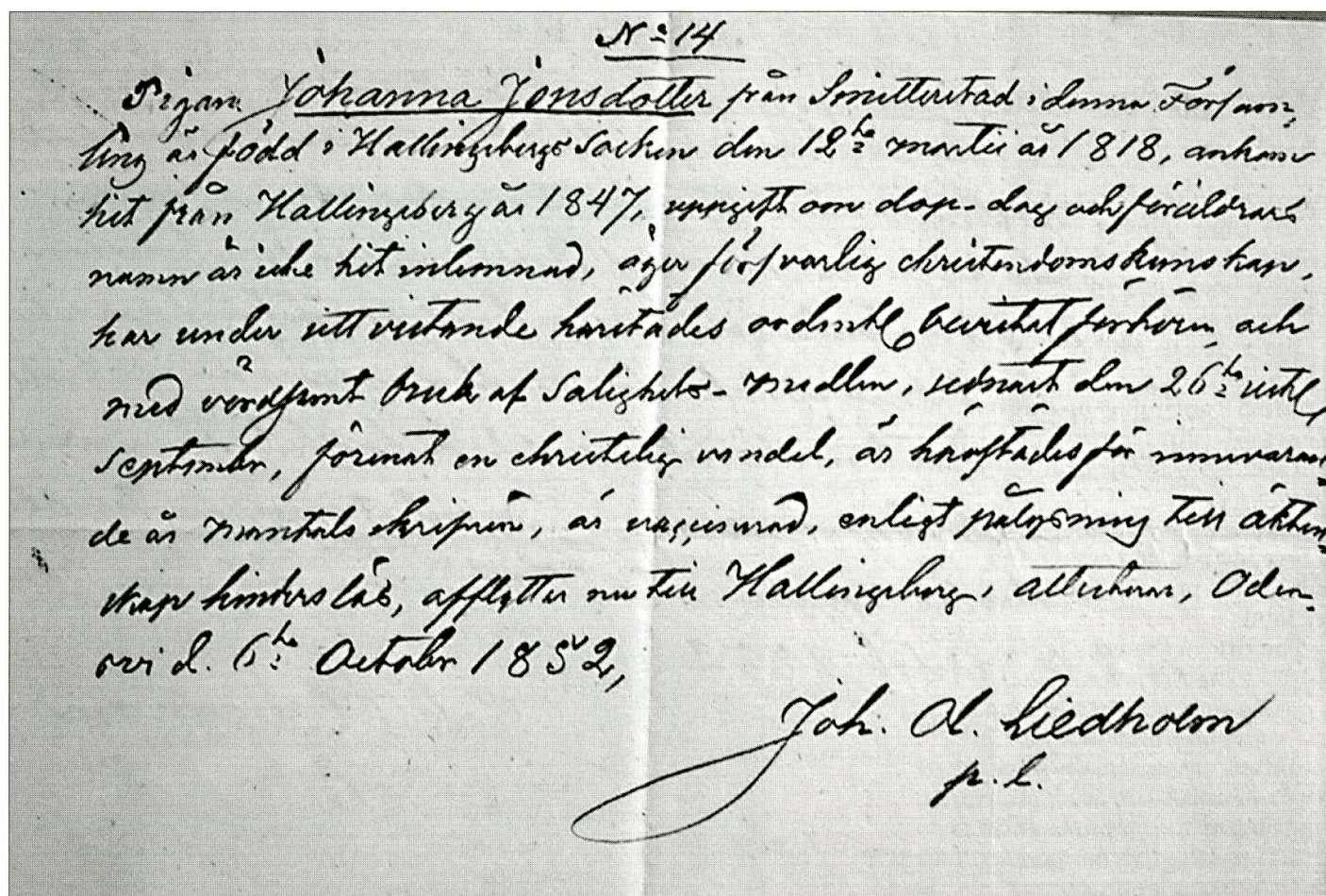
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A Handwriting Example, #V



This is a *flyttningbevis* or *flyttningsbetyg* (removal certificate) that people had to have when they moved from parish to parish.

This one is not on a printed form like the one in SAG 4/04 p. 20, so here the pastor could include things that were not mentioned on the printed forms that existed at this time.

A *flyttningsbetyg* is the very best document you can have to trace your ancestors back to Sweden, as they give an entry into the Swedish church records. You get to know the parish of origin, perhaps even the

page of the clerical survey, and the full name and the place and date of birth for the individual.

Many asked for a *flyttningsbetyg* from the home parish when they emigrated, and then used it to become members of a local Swedish-American church at their destination. This means that they might still be kept in the archives of the church, but most have been lost during the decades.

In the 1990s local Swedish researchers found a binder in the archive of Trinity Lutheran Church

in Worcester, MA, which contained several hundred *flyttningsbetyg*, both from congregations in the U.S., and also from Sweden and Finland.

These valuable records have since been microfilmed and are now for sale on 35 microfiche by the *Swedish Ancestry Research Association* (SARA) of Worcester.

http://www.members.tripod.com/~SARAassociation/sara/SARA_Home_Page.htm

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